

**EATON COUNTY FARM BUREAU
COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2010**

The 2010 Annual Meeting of the Eaton County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at the Eaton Area Senior Center, Charlotte, Michigan. Brian Lautzenheiser gave the invocation and the Senior Center served a buffet style meal to approximately 115 Farm Bureau members and guests.

The Michigan Farm Bureau update video was played.

Jim Orr, President, called the meeting to order at 6:58pm and declared quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Aaron Saari, Maple Valley FFA Advisor, was named as the Parliamentarian for the evening and the Rules of Order were presented. Gary Pruden moved to accept the Rules of Order as printed in the book. Roger Harris seconded. Motion passed.

Nikki Beattie, Administrative Coordinator, explained how the notice of the annual meeting was submitted to members.

Derik Rickerd moved to accept the minutes from the 2009 County Annual Meeting. Ben Tirrell seconded. Motion passed.

Ben Tirrell moved to accept the 2009 audited financials and place them on file in the county office. Derik Rickerd seconded. Motion passed.

Lynn Stanke, Policy Development Chair, and the Policy Development Committee presented the County Proposed Resolutions.

Lynn Stanke moved for the adoption of the "Restructuring the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources at MSU" State Resolution. Ed Fox seconded. ADOPTED

Ben Tirrell moved for the adoption of the "Support for Right to use Therapeutic Antibiotics" State Resolution. Derik Rickerd seconded. ADOPTED.

Lynn Stanke moved for the adoption of the "Increase Michigan Farm Bureau Dues" State Resolution. Gary Pruden seconded. ADOPTED.

There were no resolutions from the floor.

Jim Orr, President, introduced the Board of Directors and Special Guests in attendance. He followed the introductions with the President's Report.

Don Currey, Farm Bureau Insurance Managing Partner, introduced the Eaton County Farm Bureau Insurance Agents.

Ben Tirrell, Third Member, presented several door prizes.

Duane Smuts moved to elect the unopposed slate of Board of Director's as presented. Lynn Stanke seconded. Motion passed. The newly elected officers are as follows:

Bellevue-Walton Townships – Tonya Clough
Carmel-Kalamo Townships – Duane Eldred
Eaton-Eaton Rapids Townships – Brett Roberts
Chester-Vermontville Townships – Duane Smuts
SE ¼ Section – Jim Orr
NW ¼ Section – Lynn Stanke
Promotion & Education Chair – Holly Shaeffer
Young Farmer Chair – Derik Rickerd

Jim Orr, President, announced the two Junior Board Members for the 2010-2011 year would be Rosalynn Brummette of Grand Ledge and Jaime Curth of Maple Valley.

Ed Fox moved to receive the list of potential delegates for the 2010 State Annual Meeting as printed. Dave Roberts seconded. Motion passed.

Alan Garner, District 5 Director, presented the Key Club Awards for the 2009-2010 Membership Year.
Brian Lautzenheiser – 4th Year Recipient Jim Fuerstenau – 8th Year Recipient
Dave Simpson – 15th Year Recipient

Ben Tirrell, Third Member, presented the Star Awards.

Gold Awards:

Promotion & Education – Holly Schaeffer
County Issues – Ben Tirrell

Silver Awards:

Young Farmer – Derik Rickerd
Membership – Lynn Stanke
Policy Development – Lynn Stanke
Member Involvement

Jim Orr, President, presented the County Awards. The Student of the Year was presented to Sydney Miller, the Volunteer of the Year award was awarded to Deb Granger, the Educator of the Year award was awarded to Nick Thompson, the Promoter of the Year was presented to Mona Ellard, the Communicator of the Year was presented to the County Journal and the Distinguished Service to Agriculture award was presented to Fred & Jean Marquardt.

Jim Orr, President, recognized the two Eaton County Community Action Groups, Thornapple Special and Maple Valley FFA, and presented them with gifts.

Jim Orr, President, made special thanks to committee chairs, then announced the Dessert Contest Winner, Esther Dunham. Ben Tirrell led the drawing for several final door prizes.

Sheryl Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Derik Rickerd seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nikki Beattie
Secretary/Administrative Coordinator
Eaton County Farm Bureau