

EATON COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 16, 2011

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Farm Bureau Board of Directors was called to order at 7:04 by Steve Tennes, County President.

Board members in attendance were Rosalyn Brummette, Brett Roberts, Lynn Stanke, Claire White, Deb Granger, Steve Tennes, Jaime Curth, Ryan Hall, Jim Orr, Duane Smuts and Ben Tirrell.

The special guest in attendance was Laura Hamlin, MFB Central Regional Representative.

President Steve Tennes led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brett Roberts moved to accept the agenda, Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Lynn Stanke moved to place the July meeting minutes on file. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Duane smuts moved to place the July financials on file. Brett Roberts seconded. Motion passed.

Brett Roberts moved to accept the new members as presented. Carolynn Polhamus will be processed as an associate member. Steve Tennes will call her for more information to decide whether she would qualify as a regular member. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports – No committee reports were presented.

Strategic Planning

Steve presented an article on investors in farmland and the values of farm ground. Steve also reported that George Silva wanted us to be watchful of Commissioner Jeremy Whittum's recent position on budget funding for MSU Extension.

Unfinished Business

Lynn Stanke moved to approve the 2011-2012 budget as printed. Ben Tirrell seconded. Motion passed.

The board reviewed the Jr. Board Member applications of Martin Fabrik and Joe Polhamus. Duane Smuts move to approve the applications. Ben Tirrell seconded. Motion Passed.

The board reviewed quotes from Loy Nash and Berkumpas Construction for the repair of the sidewalk. Ben Tirrell moved to accept the \$275 quote from Loy Nash. Mr. Nash will remove and dispose of the sunken 10" X 60" section, frame, and fill and finish new concrete. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Building maintenance was discussed. Jane will check out the cost of having the carpet reglued behind the insurance desks. Hulinec Lighting will be giving us an estimate on a lighting upgrade through Consumer's Energy Rebate Program.

County Annual Meeting - Setting up for the meeting at 3:00 on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup>. Colleen's Cuisine has contacted the food providers to schedule delivery.

Regional Rep Report

Laura Hamlin reported that we should hit our target goal of 987 new members by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

Congratulations to Steve Tennes, who is a finalist for the Young Farmer Achievement Award.

The Statewide Member Chair Training will take place at the state annual this year. There will only be one training session available.

Laura made everyone aware of a "Tim Walberg for Congress" picnic being held Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 from 12-2pm.

Other Notes

We will have our farm implement in the Frontier Days Parade as usual with members walking along. Jr. Board Members will be walking also.

Brett Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Stanke seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Munson  
County Administrative Manager  
Eaton County Farm Bureau