

**EATON COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 15, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Farm Bureau Board of Directors was called to order at 7:05pm by Jim Orr, County President.

Board Members in attendance were Deb Granger, Ryan Hall, Fred Marquardt, Jim Orr, Anne Pease, Derik Rickerd, Brett Roberts, Holly Schaeffer, Duane Smuts, Lynn Stanke, Steve Tennes and Ben Tirrell

Special Guest in attendance was Laura Hamlin, MFB Regional Representative.

Ben Tirrell moved to accept the agenda as printed. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Derik Rickerd moved to accept the November minutes with appropriate wording revisions. Lynn Stanke seconded. Motion passed.

Ben Tirrell moved to accept the November financials. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Duane Smuts moved to accept the November New Members. Steve Tennes seconded. Motion passed.

**Strategic Planning:**

The board discussed the "Ask the Farmer" articles in the County Journal and ideas for the 2010 series. Laura Hamlin will be leading a discussion about goals at the January meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

State Annual – Board members in attendance reviewed policy topics, awards and other highlighted events.

Washington Legislative – Steve Tennes is planning on attending and Brett Roberts may be interested.

Legislative Breakfast – Ben Tirrell was appointed as the chair of this committee by Jim Orr.

Lansing Legislative – Eaton County Farm Bureau has ten CORE program spots to fill for the event in February.

Student of the Month – Ben Tirrell moved to accept Tyler Franks as the December Student of the Month. Holly Schaeffer seconded. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

Ben Tirrell and Ryan Hall will be working together as the coordinators for this year's YPCS programs.

The board brainstormed possible Young Farmers to attend this year's Young Farmer Leaders Conference.

Laura Hamlin gave the regional representative report and announced the NRCS Grants that are being given out.

Steve Tennes moved to adjourn the meeting. Ben Tirrell seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nikki Beattie  
Secretary / Administrative Manager