

**EATON COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 16, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Farm Bureau Board of Directors was called to order at 7:20pm by Jim Orr, President.

Board Members in attendance Jim Orr, Anne Pease, Henry Pray, Derik Rickerd, Holly Schaeffer, Sheryl Smith, Duane Smuts, Lynn Stanke, Steve Tennes and Ben Tirrell.

Special Guests attending were Jeremy Nagel, Manager of County Communications at MFB; Theo Savage, President of the Eaton County Fair Board and Deb Granger of the Eaton County Fair Board.

President Jim Orr led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ben Tirrell moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of the cash register under New Business. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Steve Tennes moved to accept the November minutes. Derik Rickerd seconded. Motion passed.

Ben Tirrell moved to accept the November Financials and place them on file. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Steve Tennes moved to accept the New Member Applications. Ben Tirrell seconded. Motion passed.

**Strategic Planning:**

Theo Savage and Deb Granger reported on the Fair Board partnership for the 2009 Eaton County 4-H Fair. Jim Orr appointed Lynn Stanke as the chair for the Farm Bureau Board, with Sheryl Smith, Anne Pease, Derik Rickerd and Duane Smuts sitting on the committee.

Jeremy Nagel presented information regarding the County Journal article series the board is preparing. The board completed interest surveys and determined topics for the upcoming articles. The first article will be available for approval at the January meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

Duane Smuts moved to accept the committee reports. Steve Tennes seconded. Motion passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

Duane Smuts moved the 2009 Washington Legislative Conference participants be Steve Tennes and Fred Marquardt, allowing spouses to attend at their own cost. Sheryl Smith seconded. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

The board approved to sell the cash register that will no longer be used in the insurance office.

Jim Orr appointed Ben Tirrell to serve as the YPCS Coordinator for Eaton County participants.

The board approved to donate \$300 to the Michigan FFA Foundation as budgeted from the previous year.

Derik Rickerd moved to adjourn the meeting. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nikki Dotson  
Secretary/Administrative Manager