

Eaton County Farm Bureau  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2008

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Farm Bureau Board was called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday the 19th of February 2008 by President Jim Orr.

Board Members in attendance: Chris Densmore, Mike McManus, Jim Orr, Henry Pray, Holly Schaeffer, Sheryl Smith, Duane Smuts, Ben Tirrell, Steve Tennes, and Scott Wilson.

Special guest included: Joe Solitro, Agency Manager, Lisa Pruden, Michigan Farm Bureau *and Nikki Dotson.*

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Chris Densmore made a motion to accept the minutes from the January meeting as amended. Holly Schaeffer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Steve Tennes made a motion to receive the January financial report as printed and placed on file. Duane Smuts seconded the motion. Motion passed. Request was made for ALL Executive Committee board members to also receive a copy of the Bank Statement each month.

Holly Schaeffer made a motion to accept the January membership list. Chris Densmore seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Insurance Report:**

Joe Solitro reported. He gave an update on health of Carl Seestadt.

**Executive Committee:**

Jim Orr introduced new County Administrative Manager, Nikki Dotson to the board. Nikki will begin her first day with Farm Bureau on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, with the 26<sup>th</sup> being her first day within the county office. Lisa Pruden is to send copies of New Hire Letter to all board members.

Promotion and Education: Holly Schaeffer reported. At this time no posters have been received for the contest. The posters are due to MFB within the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March. The board will judge at their March board meeting. If the posters are due prior to the next meeting Holly asked for permission to make the decision on her own. Ag Educator award applications were passed around.

Young Farmer Report: Jim Orr and Leyna Miller reported. Two individuals are slated to attend the Leaders Conference in Big Rapids in late February. Jim mentioned the Fair Oaks Farm trip and passed out additional flyers.

**Unfinished Business:**

Legislative Breakfast: Date to be held remains April 14<sup>th</sup> at the MSU Extension Office, work is continuing on gathering speakers. Breakfast is scheduled to be served @ 7:00a.m.

Lansing Legislative: Fred Marquardt, Jim & Carrie Orr, Dave Roberts, Duane Smuts and Ben Tirrell are reserved to attend this event. Jim invited any other interested board members to join in.

Bylaw Review: Discussion was held in regards to updating the county bylaws. It was noted that this discussion would be tabled until the April board meeting.

**New Business:**

Membership Party & Kickoff dates were corrected as noted on Agenda. The Membership Kickoff is scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup> @ the Eaton Area Senior Center, a reminder was given to bring a picnic style dish to pass. The Membership Party is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> at Don Tequilas Restaurant, Lansing Rd. Request was made for an Excel list of all regular/active members to be sent to all board members prior to the kickoff.

Regional Representative Report:

Written report on file at county office. Highlights included needing people to attend Project Team and the Campaign Management Workshop. Note was made the Fred Marquardt was attending Washington Legislative Seminar.

Motion to adjourn made by Chris Densmore, supported by Sheryl Smith. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned:  
8:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Pruden  
Michigan Farm Bureau

*\*Italicized sections are revisions approved by the Board of Directors.*