

**EATON COUNTY FARM BUREAU**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 15, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Farm Bureau Board of Directors was called to order at 7:02pm by Jim Orr, County President.

Board Members in attendance were Deb Granger, Jim Orr, Anne Pease, Derik Rickerd, Brett Roberts, Holly Schaeffer, Duane Smuts, Lynn Stanke, Steve Tennes, Ben Tirrell and Claire White.

Special Guests in attendance were Joshua Casler, Mike Shirkey, Bryon Heffron, Laura Hamlin of Michigan Farm Bureau and Mark Thompson of Farm Bureau Insurance.

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

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

Anne Pease moved to place the May financials on file. Brett Roberts seconded. Motion passed.

Duane Smuts moved to accept the May New Members as categorized, and also reclassify John Vandermolen to a Regular Member. Lynn Stanke seconded. Motion passed.

Jim Orr presented Joshua Casler with the April Student of the Month Award.

Mark Thompson, Farm Bureau Insurance Managing Partner, gave the insurance report.

**Strategic Planning:**

Bryon Heffron of Kent County Farm Bureau attended the meeting to discuss Farmland Preservation. He answered questions and discussed how Kent County Farm Bureau went about securing \$275,000 from Kent County in 2009 with a 3 year commitment of \$1 million.

**Committee Reports:**

Duane Smuts moved to purchase a scanner for the office for about \$100. Brett Roberts seconded. Motion passed.

Steve Tened moved to have Brian Lautzenheiser, Farm Bureau Agent, develop a plan for changing the office and submit it to the board for review. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

Lynn Stanke reported on updated for Farm Bureau Day at the Fair. Anyone interested in volunteering needs to get with Nikki Beattie in the membership office for scheduled times. The County Journal has also agreed to advertise for the event for the two weeks before fair again this year with full-color, full-page ads for \$1,000.

The Executive Committee will be meeting to discuss the budget on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and will have it for approval at the next board meeting.

Derik Rickerd discussed Young Farmer awards and asked for nominations. Awards are due to home office by July 1, 2010.

Anne Pease announced that Student of the Month nomination packets can be included in 4-H leader award folders for fair. They are due to the MSU Extension Office by the first of July.

**New Business:**

Jim Orr discussed the Junior Board member program and whether or not it should be continued. Feedback from the current Junior Members was that the program has been a success and should be continued. Interviews for the 2010-2011 Junior Members will be conducted in August.

Steve Tennes moved to nominate Dave Roberts has the Eaton County Farm Bureau Promoter of the Year and submit his information to home office for the state award as well. Derik Rickerd seconded. Motion passed.

Laura Hamlin gave the Regional Rep report.

Meet the Candidate night was discussed in detail. The event is scheduled for July 22, 2010 from 7-9pm at the Country Mill.

The board discussed there would be no July board meeting, but any business can be taken care of at the Meet the Candidate Night.

Holly Schaeffer moved to make the August board meeting a potluck. Lynn Stanke seconded. Motion failed.

Brett Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Derik Rickerd seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nikki Beattie".

Nikki Beattie  
Secretary/Administrative Manager