

EATON COUNTY FARM BUREAU
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2008

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Farm Bureau Board of Directors was called to order at 7:10 pm by Jim Orr, President.

Board Members in attendance were Bobbie Garnant, Fred Marquardt, Jeremy McKay, Mike McManus, Jim Orr, Holly Schaeffer, Sheryl Smith, Duane Smuts, Lynn Stanke, Ben Tirrell, Steve Tennes and Scott Wilson.

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

Lynn Stanke moved to adopt the agenda as printed. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Duane Smuts made a motion to accept the minutes from the April meeting. Lynn Stanke seconded. Motion passed.

Financials for April were reviewed and discussed. Duane Smuts moved to accept the financial report with addendum to overspent accounts (4453 and 4500). Bobbie Garnant seconded. Motion passed.

The new member applications were reviewed. Holly Schaeffer moved to accept the new regular and associate members for April 2008. Steve Tennes seconded. Steve Tennes moved to amend the motion to include the two regular members tabled from March 2008, Ray Ashley and Richard Milbourne. Ben Tirrell seconded. Amendment passed. The amended motion read to accept the new regular and associate members for April 2008 and the two regular members tables from March 2008, Ray Ashley and Richard Milbourne. Motion passed.

Bobbie Garnant led the board in the CAG Discussion for the month regarding GAAMPS.

Committee Reports:

A written executive committee report was submitted and remains on file in the county office.

Holly Schaeffer reported on the Promotion & Education Committee. She is currently working on information regarding a Rural Rescue class. Ben Tirrell also proposed getting involved with a Project Red program in Eaton County.

Jeremy McKay reported on the Young Farmer Committee. He announced that the pizza part is taking place at the end of June and the state Young Farmer Golf Outing will take place in August.

Bobbie Garnant reported on the Nomination Committee. She advised that she and Leyna Miller, Regional Representative, will be contacting individuals in the coming weeks.

Steve Tennes reported on the Ag Promotion Campaign. He advised that Dennis Rudat sent him information regarding the project and the other counties are going to continue their campaign even if Eaton County decides not to participate. The committees recommendation was to focus energy on the county's needs and determine if that actually included advertising of such nature.

Nikki Dotson submitted a written office report on file at the county office. Duane Smuts moved to adopt the payroll controls portion of the Financial Policy as updated through the new agreements with Michigan Farm Bureau. Bobbie Garnant seconded. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Nikki Dotson reported that fair premiums were sent to the fair board with a letter directing their disbursement per the minutes from June 2007.

Star Awards will be completed during the June meeting.

The bylaw revision process continued as the policies adopted from 2005 to present in board meetings were presented to the board for review.

New Business:

Regional Representative Report: Written report on file at county office.

Motion to adjourn made by Holly Schaeffer, supported by Sheryl Smith. Motion Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki Dotson
Secretary / Administrative Manager