

**EATON COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

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

Board Members in attendance were Chris Densmore, Bobbie Garnant, Fred Marquardt, Jim Orr, Henry Pray, Brett Roberts, Derik Rickerd, Holly Schaeffer, Sheryl Smith, Duane Smuts, Lynn Stanke, Steve Tennes and Ben Tirrell.

Special Guests attending were Mike Wenkel, Manager of Membership & Field Services, Joe Solitro, Agency Manager, and Ashley Hinz, Member Services Intern.

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

Ben Tirrell moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of the Farm Bureau Insurance report. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Sheryl Smith moved to accept the minutes from the October meeting. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Ben Tirrell moved to accept the October Financials and place them on file. Lynn Stanke seconded. Motion passed.

Duane Smuts moved to accept the New Member Applications. Ben Tirrell seconded. Motion passed.

Joe Solitro reported on Farm Bureau Insurance.

**Strategic Planning:**

Steve Tennes moved to amend the county's goals and objectives action item 1 to reflect a deadline date of January 1, 2009 and action item 1a to reflect a deadline date of February 1, 2009 with the Promotion & Education Committee taking over responsibility. Derik Rickerd seconded. Motion passed.

Steve Tennes moved to assign a committee to do preliminary investigations with the Eaton County 4-H Fair about the feasibility of partnering with them for an event at the fair, including dates and costs, and for the committee to report back at the December meeting. Bobbie Garnant seconded. Motion passed. President Jim Orr will appoint the committee.

Steve Tennes moved to amend the county's goals and objectives action item 3, to increase Young Farmer participation from 1.2% to 10% by December 31, 2009. Sheryl Smith seconded. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

Duane Smuts moved to have the drain fixed for \$425 or less before the ground freezes. Fred Marquardt seconded. Motion passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

Steve Tennes moved to have next year's county annual on Wednesday, September 9, 2009. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Bobbie Garnant moved to accept the Promotion & Education Program of Work as submitted. Lynn Stanke seconded. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

Mike Wenkel, Manager of Membership & Field Services, gave the Regional Rep Report which will be placed on file in the office.

Bobbie Garnant moved to remove the CAG Discussion from the agenda and attempt to develop another CAG group. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nikki S. Dotson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Nikki Dotson  
Secretary/Administrative Manager