

**EATON COUNTY FARM BUREAU
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Farm Bureau Board of Directors was called to order at 7:03 by Steve Tennes, County President.

Board Members in attendance were Tonya Clough, Duane Eldred, Deb Granger, Ryan Hall, Fred Marquardt, Jim Orr, Holly Schaeffer, Duane Smuts, Lynn Stanke, Steve Tennes and Ben Tirrell.

The special guests in attendance were Hank Choate on behalf of newly elected State Representative, Mike Shirkey and Laura Hamlin, MFB Central Region Representative.

President, Steve Tennes led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lynn Stanke moved to accept the agenda. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Holly Schaeffer moved to place the October meeting minutes on file. Lynn Stanke seconded. Motion passed.

Ben Tirrell moved to place the October financials on file. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Duane Smuts moved to accept the October new members as. Ben Tirrell seconded. Motion passed.

Strategic Planning:

The board further discussed the partnership with Ingham and Clinton counties on production education. They brainstormed possible topics as DOT Regulations, fertility and marketing. They are also considering partnering with the State Young Farmer Committee for their upcoming safety day in March.

Committee Reports:

Promotion & Education—Holly Schaeffer discussed the poster contest idea for 2012. Eaton County Farm Bureau will be hosting their own edition of the contest with suggested lesson plans going out to teachers before the holidays.

Public Policy—Ben Tirrell reported on the campaign results.

Membership—Lynn Stanke gave a written report about ideas the committee is putting together for the kick-off and victory party themes.

Unfinished Business:

Holly Schaeffer moved to support three students to attend the Agriculture Career Conference at a total of \$25 per student from the P&E Budget. Lynn Stanke seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

This year Eaton County is pushing to fill our CORE spots at the Lansing Legislative. Volunteers already committed to attending the February 22, 2011 event are Duane Smuts, Steve Tennes and Ben Tirrell. We would like to somehow get Junior Board members involved as well.

Laura Hamlin gave the Regional Representative report and discussed the member involvement posters home office is printing at a cost to the counties interested.

Holly Schaeffer moved to adjust the Administrative Coordinator's schedule for a trial period of three months to begin and end one hour earlier to allow for a preparation time in the morning before the office opens. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Holly Schaeffer moved to adjourn the meeting. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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