

**EATON COUNTY FARM BUREAU
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2008**

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

Board Members in attendance were Chris Densmore, Jim Orr, Anne Pease, Derik Rickerd, Sheryl Smith, Duane Smuts, Lynn Stanke, Steve Tennes and Ben Tirrell.

Special Guests attending were Mike Wenkel, Manager of Membership & Field Services, and Laura Hamlin, Central Region Representative.

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

Ben Tirrell moved to adopt the agenda for the evening. Lynn Stanke seconded. Motion passed.

Lynn Stanke moved to accept the minutes from the August meeting, County Annual and September Re-Organization Meeting. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Ben Tirrell moved to accept the August and September Financial Reports and place them on file. Chris Densmore seconded. Motion passed.

Duane Smuts moved to accept the New Member Applications, with the exception of switching Joan Haigh and Gary Roll to regular members. Ben Tirrell seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Ben Tirrell moved to accept the written committee reports as printed. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Steve Tennes moved for the Building Use Committee to pursue further bids for the landscaping and report back to the board in November. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

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

Duane Smuts moved to send letters to previous board members explaining that per diem was voted out of the budget. Ben Tirrell seconded. Motion passed.

Ben Tirrell suggested appointing Lynn Stanke as the delegate chair for the State Annual Meeting. Jim Orr so appointed.

New Business:

Steve Tennes moved to appoint Brett Roberts as the board representative for the Eaton-Eaton Rapids Townships. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed

Ben Tirrell moved to provide \$100 to the Olivet FFA in support of their administrator attending the National FFA Convention. Sheryl Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Duane Smuts moved for the board to request a Program of Work from each committee chair by the November meeting. Derik Rickerd seconded. Motion passed.

Ben Tirrell moved to table the discussion for the 2009 County Annual to the November Meeting. Lynn Stanke seconded. Motion passed.

Laura Hamlin, Central Region Representative, gave the Regional Rep Report which will be placed on file in the office.

Sheryl Smith presented information on Annie's Project and requested a donation in sponsorship of the program. Steve Tennes moved that \$250 be used from the FBI Promotional fund to sponsor the event. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Steve Tennes moved to have Strategic Planning placed on the agenda before Unfinished Business at every meeting. Chris Densmore seconded. Motion passed.

Duane Smuts moved to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Stanke seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Nikki Dotson
Secretary / Administrative Manager