

**EATON COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 19, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Farm Bureau Board of Directors was called to order at 7:04 by Steve Tennes, County President.

Board Members in attendance were Rosalyn Brummette, Jaime Curth, Duane Eldred, Deb Granger, Ryan Hall, Jim Orr, Derik Rickerd, Brett Roberts, Holly Schaeffer, Duane Smuts, Lynn Stanke, Steve Tennes, Ben Tirrell and Claire White.

The special guests in attendance were Brian Lautzenheiser, Farm Bureau Insurance agent and Laura Hamlin, MFB Central Region Representative.

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

Ben Tirrell moved to accept the agenda. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

The board did brief introductions for the new members in attendance.

Ben Tirrell moved to place the August, County Annual and Re-Organization meeting minutes on file. Lynn Stanke seconded. Motion passed.

Ben Tirrell moved to place the August and September financials on file. Lynn Stanke seconded. Motion passed.

Duane Smuts moved to accept the August and September new members as categorized with the exception of Erin Wheaton who should be reclassified as a Regular Member. Lynn Stanke seconded. Motion passed.

**Strategic Planning:**

The board discussed the opportunity to partner with Ingham and Clinton county to host educational events for farmers on production agriculture. Each county would be responsible for one event each year and we could host them in the northern Lansing area.

**Committee Reports:**

Written reports were submitted in writing.

**Unfinished Business:**

Duane Smuts moved to accept Brian Lautzenheiser's office expansion plans and pursue the remodel for the total amount of \$1,145 with him being responsible for additional costs. Ben Tirrell seconded. Motion passed.

Derik Rickerd moved to hold the 2011 County Annual on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at the Eaton Area Senior Center. Duane Smuts seconded. Discussion reflected August 23, August 25 and September 15 as possible back-up dates. Motion passed.

Ben Tirrell moved to name Jim Orr the delegate chair for the 2010 Michigan Farm Bureau State Annual Meeting. Derik Rickerd seconded. Motion passed.

The board reviewed the auditor's report for the 2009/2010 financials.

Lynn Stanke moved to name Elaine Minnard as the September 2010 Student of the Month and Jazmine Fletcher as the October 2010 Student of the Month. Derik Rickerd seconded. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

Jim Orr moved to name Carrie Orr as the chair of the Communications Committee, Ben Tirrell as the chair of the Political Action Committee and Lynn Stanke as the chair of the Membership committee. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed.

Deb Granger will be representing Eaton County Farm Bureau at the New Leaders Conference in November.

Board members we requested to complete their annual Conflict of Interest forms.

Laura Hamlin gave the Regional Representative report and touched on the new CORE program books and the county's membership settlement from last year.

Holly Schaeffer moved to adjourn the meeting. Duane Smuts seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Nikki Beattie  
Secretary/Administrative Manager