



**Green County Annual Meeting  
September 27, 2016  
PepperCorn Banquets & Catering  
Monroe, WI  
Attendees: 107 attendees, 44 voting members**

Registration, Food and Silent Auction began at 6:30 p.m.

District 2 Director, Arch Morton Jr gave the invocation.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by President Jeff Ditzenberger and began with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by WFBF CAO Dale Beaty.

Introductions- Jeff Ditzenberger introduced: Green County Board of Directors, District 2 Director Arch Morton, District 2 Coordinator Amy Blakeney, Pam Jahnke, WFBF Chief Administrative Officer Dale Beaty, Green County Dairy Queens and WFBF Executive Director of Public Relations Casey Langan.

- RMIC Vice President & Treasurer Dan Merk introduced the Rural Mutual Insurance agents that were in attendance- Mike Hutchinson, his assistant Julie Mills and Aaron Duecker. Jeff Ditzenberger also introduced Roger Mahlkuch from RMIC and thanked him for getting him started with Green County Farm Bureau.
- Jeff also thanked Insight FS for their support of Farm Bureau and introduced Insight FS employee Ben Huber to say a few words.
- Jeff thanked Shirley and the crew at PepperCorn Banquets and Catering for an excellent meal.
- Jeff introduced Doug Rebut, Rock County Farm Bureau President in attendance.
- Jeff recognized the Monroe FFA members in attendance.

Members Present: Carmen Montgomery gave the notice of call. There were 107 attendees and 44 voting members present.

Minutes- It was moved by Melisa Zettle and second by Alissa Grenawalt to accept the 2015 annual meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Financials- It was moved by Melisa Zettle and second by Ben Huber to accept the 2015-2016 financials subject to audit. Motion carried.

Reports- Jeff announced that all county committee reports as well as district and state reports are printed in the annual meeting booklet.

Appointment of Tellers- Justin appointed the Rural Mutual Insurance agents to be the tellers for the evening.

#### Green County Farm Bureau Board Directors-

Justin gave the report of the nominating committee: Jeff Ditzenberger, John Diekhoff, Alissa Grenawalt and Ken Schlapbach have reached their term. Alissa Grenawalt is seeking re-election. Justin introduced nominations on the ballot and took nominations from the floor for the board of directors: Alissa Grenawalt, Jerry Daniels, Josh Schenk, Brandon Schlapbach and Scott Timm. Jeff Ditzenberger made a motion to close nominations. Carmen Montgomery second. Justin asked voting members to add the new nomination, Scott Timm, to the ballot and vote.

Elected to serve a three-year term: Alissa Grenawalt, Josh Schenk, Jerry Daniels and Scott Timm

WFBF Annual Meeting Delegates- Justin Monson introduced all of the nominees for delegates at the WFBF annual meeting and took nominations from the floor. Nominees for delegates are: Jeff Ditzenberger, Alissa Grenawalt, Kelsi Mayer, Ben Huber, Justin Monson, Carmen Montgomery, Sarah Sacker, Ken Schlapbach, Cal Wasserstrass, and Dustin Williams. Melisa Zettle made a motion to close nominations. Carmen Montgomery second. Justin asked people to vote for 6 people on the ballot.

Elected: Alissa Grenawalt, Ben Huber, Kelsi Mayer, Carmen Montgomery, Sarah Sacker and Dustin Williams

Alternates: Jeff Ditzenberger, Justin Monson and Cal Wasserstrass

Bylaws- Alissa Grenawalt presented the proposed bylaw changes:

**Article IV Board of Directors page 2 (*Changing language to Ag Promotion and Education in two spots.*)**

**Section 4. Territorial Representation:** Directors shall be elected to represent Green County and, one director shall be the chair of the Green County Farm Bureau Ag Promotion and Education Committee and one director shall be the chair of the Green County Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Agriculturist Committee. The chairs of the Ag Promotion and Education Committee and Young Farmers & Agriculturist Committee shall be selected by Board of Directors.

**Article VI Finance: page 4 (*Strike first paragraph and replace with language below*)**

**Section 1. Annual Membership Dues:** ~~Effective July 1, 2012, the annual dues of voting and associate members shall be \$50.00 which the prescribed amount shall be remitted to the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Cooperative in accordance with the by-laws of said Association.~~

**The annual dues of Voting and Associate Members for membership years commencing with July 1, 2012 shall be \$50.00. The Board may increase the annual dues of Voting and Associate Members by an amount equal to or less than an increase the dues of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Cooperative.**

**Article VII Committees: page 5 (*Replace Women's to Promotion and Education in two locations.*)**

**Section 2. Green County Farm Bureau ~~Women's~~ Promotion and Education Committee:** There shall be established a committee to be known as the Green County Farm ~~Women's~~ Bureau Promotion and Education Committee. The Committee shall constitute a standing committee of the Association in a similar manner as any other standing committee. The board shall determine the method of selection of the committee. The committee shall perform and carry out its work under the supervision and direction of the board. The chairman of the committee shall be its nominee for election to the board.

***All Bylaw Changes passed.***

Resolutions- Justin Monson went through the proposed state resolutions.

1. We support the delisting of current prohibited atrazine use areas if they meet the conditions set forth in ATCP 30. **Natural Resources & The Environment – Ag Chemicals**
2. We support farmers and veterinarians deciding appropriate husbandry practices for their farm. We support the farmer's decision with veterinarian oversight on the use of tail docking and dehorning for human and animal, health and safety. **Livestock – Animal Welfare**
3. We support continued installation of rural fiber optic cables because fiber optic broadband is the fastest, most energy efficient, and secure, dependable and safest method for providing rural broadband. We support the expansion of satellite and wireless internet technology into areas where fiber optic is not feasible or can be installed in a way to impact a greater area. We support

expanded cellular and broadband telecommunication coverage for rural areas. **Energy – Telecommunications**

4. We support the current fence law. We oppose any general requirement that all streams, lakes and ponds must be fenced. We urge the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to comply with the state fence law. We support that if adjoining landowners mutually agree to remove a fence that serves no purpose to the landowners, which all beginning and corner post be left to mark boundaries for future use. **General Government – Fences**

### ***All Resolutions passed.***

Speakers- Jeff Ditzenberger invited WFBF CAO, Dale Beaty, to come forward and say a few words. Dale Beaty encouraged everyone to tell their agriculture story. He thanked Farm Bureau members for being members, farmers and agriculturists.

### Presentation of Awards-

Green County Farm Bureau 'Friend of Agriculture Award' was presented by Jeff Ditzenberger to Scott Thompson, Ben Thompson and the stations of Big Radio.

Jeff Ditzenberger recognized Ken Schlapbach and John Diekhoff for their service to Green County Farm Bureau as they are stepping down from the board.

Guest Speaker- Pam Jahnke, the Fabulous Farm Babe, gave a memorable speech recognizing Jeff Ditzenberger's success as the Green CFB President. She invited the following up to share stories about Jeff: Dale Beaty, Doug Rebut (also on behalf of Kelly Pollack), Becky Hurley, Dusty Williams and Alissa Grenawalt on behalf of Bill Bruins. Jeff Ditzenberger thanked Green County and the Farm Bureau organization.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Silent auction ended 15 minutes after adjournment.

### A reorganizational meeting followed adjournment:

*President- Ben Huber*

*Vice President- Carmen Montgomery*

*Secretary/Treasurer- Alissa Grenawalt*