

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

Ben Huber welcomed members to the Green County Farm Bureau annual meeting. He thanked Shirley and the PepperCorn staff for the delicious meal.

Arch Morton Jr., District 2 Director, gave the invocation.

Ben Huber, Green County Farm Bureau President, called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stephanie Wyss

Ben Huber introduced the Green County Farm Bureau Board of Directors including: Vice President Carmen Montgomery, Secretary/Treasurer and Promotion & Education Chair Alissa Grenawalt, Young Farmer and Agriculturist Chair Josh Schenk, Jerry Daniels, Danielle Hagen, Devan Klopfenstein, J.D. Leonard, Kelsi Mayer, Scott Timm, Dustin Williams and Stephanie Wyss. He also introduced Arch Morton Jr (*District 2 Director*), Megan Rebout (*WFBF Director of Member Relations*) and Steve Boe (*Director of Local Affairs*).

Also in attendance were the Green County Dairy Queens: Eva Van Dyk (*2018 Monroe Dairy Queen*), Emily Makos (*2018 Green County Dairy Princess*), Rileigh Powers (*2018 Brodhead Dairy Queen*), Averey Marean (*2018 Albany Dairy Queen*) and Ivy Horn (*2018 Brooklyn Dairy Queen*).

Legislator Introductions- Senator Janis Ringhand and Senator Howard Marklein

Rural Mutual Insurance Company Introductions- Kurt Johnson, RMIC Capitol District Manager, introduced Mark Shuster (*HR Director*) and the Rural agents in attendance: Craig Kamholz, Mike Hutchinson and Sara Novotny.

Insight FS Introduction- Ben Huber introduced allied company Insight FS employees in attendance: Brianna Reynolds and himself.

New members stood and introduced themselves.

Notice of Call: Alissa Grenawalt gave the notice of call.

There were 76 people in attendance, 40 voting members.

Minutes- Jeff Ditzenberger moved to accept the 2017 Green County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting minutes. Rob Ready second. Motion carried.

Financials- Devon Klopfenstein moved to accept the 2017-2018 Green County Farm Bureau Financial Report. Jeff Ditzenberger second. Motion carried.

Adoption of Restated Bylaws- Scott Timm moved to adopt the "Restated Bylaws of Green County Farm Bureau" as presented. Carmen Montgomery second. Motion carried.

Appointment of Tellers- Alissa Grenawalt appointed Rural agents as the tellers.

Board Directors- Josh Schenk announced the following board members were up for re-election: Ben Huber, Devan Klopfenstein, Kelsi Mayer, Carmen Montgomery and Dustin Williams. There were three open seats on the board with the following nominations: Jeff Ditzenberger, Ben Huber, Karly Ready, Brianna Reynolds, Amy Silver and Dustin Williams.

James Drafall moved to close nominations. Devon Klopfenstein second. Motion carried.

Elected were: Ben Huber, Dustin Williams and Brianna Reynolds

Jeff Ditzenberger moved to approve Tess Zettle as the Promotion and Education (P&E) Chair nominee to serve on the board of directors for a 1-year term. Devan Klopfenstein second. Motion carried.

Sara Sacker moved to approve Travis Skattum as the Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) Chair nominee to serve on the board of directors for a 1-year term. Jerry Daniels second. Motion carried.

Delegates- Josh Schenk announced the following as delegate nominations to the WFBF Annual Meeting: Jerry Daniels, Jeff Ditzenberger, Alissa Grenawalt, Ben Huber, Carmen Montgomery, Josh Schenk, Scott Timm, Dustin Williams and Stephanie Wyss. Additional nominees from the floor include: Tess Zettle.

Devan Klopfenstein moved to close nominations. Sara Sacker second. Motion carried

Elected were: Jerry Daniels, Ben Huber, Carmen Montgomery, Josh Schenk, Scott Timm and Dustin Williams

Alternates: Alissa Grenawalt, Jeff Ditzenberger, Tess Zettle and Stephanie Wyss

Policy Resolutions- Josh Schenk presented the following resolutions:

State Policy Resolutions

1. _____ We support delisting industrial hemp as a narcotic. **Marketing – Labeling**
2. _____ We support county level mental health and addiction service programs that specifically target rural residents and farmers. **Health & Safety – Health Care**
3. _____ We support legislation that will restrict state or federally licensed utility providers from requiring nondisclosure agreements between plaintiffs upon settlement or judgement of lawsuits. A licensed utility has a social license with consumers and should not be allowed to hide information from the public. **Energy – Electrical Transmission & Distribution System**
4. _____ We support legislation that restricts the designation of blighted property to actively farmed land that has not been annexed into a municipality. **Land Use – Eminent Domain**

Devan Klopfenstein moved to close resolutions. Carmen Montgomery second. Motion carried.

All Resolutions Passed.

County Committee Reports- Ben Huber introduced Green County Farm Bureau Committee chairpersons and had committee members talk about special projects they worked on. He thanked all committee members for another successful year and encouraged members to get involved.

- Promotion and Education Committee – Alissa Grenawalt, Devan Klopfenstein and Carmen Montgomery
 - Ag Photo Contest –This was held during March National Agriculture week. Winners were chosen by the most likes on Facebook. There were over 11,000 views on the Facebook page. There will be another photo contest during cheese days in September.
 - Essay Contest – The top three were Anna Zentner, Alessandra Inclan-Peterson and Megan Deprez. Thank you to Insight FS for donations and 83 local entries from four Green County classrooms participated.
 - Rural Safety Day – Carmen applauded the whole committee for making it happen. It targeted 5th graders during September 2017 with nine different stations ranging from ATV to grain safety. Looking to have it again September 19, 2018 with over 150 youth.
 - Family Farm Adventure – Green CFB will host the tent at the Green County Cheese Days Festival held September 14-16, 2018 to connect to the non-farm public.

- Generosity Days – Thank you to those who filled over 800 bags ready for distribution during fall harvest. Farm Bureau partnered with a suicide awareness group, Jacob's SWAG foundation, which stands for Support With Awareness & Giving
- Tractor Safety – Dustin Williams thanked all the businesses who participated.
- Local Affairs – Josh Schenk gave an update on the fencing resolution from last year. He reported on Ag Day at the Capitol, spring policy development meeting and current issues.
- YFA – Scott Timm talked about the YFA accomplishments, focusing on making stories Visible, Valuable and Viable.

Allied/Affiliate Company Reports

- Rural Mutual Insurance Company- Kurt Johnson, Capitol District Manager, gave an update on the company and their new A+ rating. He thanked the members for what they do.

WFBF Staff and District Reports-

- District 2 Director, Arch Morton, Jr. talked about the newsletter pilot and the work the board has done the past year.
- Senator Janis Ringhand addressed the membership. She was recently appointed to the Governor's commission on the Dairy Task Force. She thanked Farm Bureau for their support.
- WFBF Director of Member Relations, Megan Rebout, presented a Farm Bureau Proud fleece to Ben Huber for achieving the WFBF "Carry it Forward" Touchdown incentive by signing 7 new members by July 31. She also recognized Ben Huber for making the Final Four in the Excellence in Ag award.

Friend of Agriculture Award Presentation- Ben Huber presented the 2018 Friend of Agriculture Award to Cal and Sandy Wassentrass. They were awarded a plaque and flowers.

Outgoing Board of Directors – Ben Huber recognized Carmen Montgomery and Devan Klopfenstein as outgoing Board of Directors.

Election Results- Scott Timm shared the election results for board of directors, delegates and policy resolutions.

Jerry Daniels moved to destroy the ballots. Carmen Montgomery second. Motion carried.

Live Auction- Dave Koning auctioneered the live auction.

Closing Remarks- Ben Huber thanked everyone for attending and thanked those who donated items for the live auction and silent auction.

Adjournment- Jerry Daniels moved to adjourn. Stephanie Wyss second. Meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Silent auction and door prizes followed adjournment.

Following adjournment, a reorganizational meeting was held:

- President- Ben Huber
- Vice President- Dustin Williams
- Secretary/Treasurer- Alissa Grenawalt