

# Elgin Federation of Agriculture

## Virtual Meeting Minutes

**August 19, 2020 @ 9:00 pm**

**Present:** M. Schneider, S. Walsh, A. Provoost, P. Ungar, D. Lunn, F. Vandebroek, A. Alblas, M. Wales, G. Fentie, I. Clutterbuck, Heather Derks (OFA MSR), T. Arts (OFA Zone 4 Regional Director)

**Regrets:** K. Pettit

1. Call to Order: **by Melissa @ 9:00pm August 19**
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature There of - **none**
3. Approval of Agenda with additions. **Moved:** Art **Seconded:** Fons **Carried**
4. Approval of July Minutes- **Moved:** Fons **Seconded:** Mark **Carried**

### Business arising from minutes

1. EFA Constitution Update – The committee (Donna, Fons, Art) sent the draft constitution to the Board earlier and walked through the changes. Good discussion and a new addition. Motion to accept the Constitutional changes: **Moved:** Donna **Seconded:** Art **Carried**  
Donna to write up the changes and send to the Board, to the new administrator and to Heather.
2. EFA Website – Garrett reported on the update changes to the website with recommendation of not utilizing our current website creator. Discussion was had concerning who to hire for website.  
Motion for Steve to connect with Hannah ~~Wiebe~~ Weber and Garrett to assist.  
**Moved:** Art **Seconded:** Greg **Carried.**
3. Buy Local, Buy Fresh – Donna reported that the maps were printed and an invoice of \$50 will be sent to EFA. She will leave a box in the office for EFA’s use. A digital map will also be shared with EFA.
4. Long Term Care Devices – Donna was in touch with the County homes and the Recreational Manager in charge of all 3 homes was very excited and touched by this gesture. The recommendation was to have iPads as that is what they have currently. There is a waiting list for the devices in the homes and they are always in use. Donna to pursue the other county organizations to see if they would like to be involved and report back to next meeting.

### New Business

1. .Regional Meeting 2020 discussed. General consensus that the virtual meeting went well
2. Extension of Bookkeeper contract/year-end (Melissa)- Motion to extend bookkeeper contract to end of Dec 2020 with mentorship for new administrator.

**Moved:** Donna **Seconded:** Greg **Carried**

- 3       OFA Office Rent – Motion to pay office rent to County and send invoice to OFA.  
**Moved:** Mark   **Seconded:** Fons       **Carried**
- 4       Creation of a ‘Farm Help’ Directory – Art brought forward an idea to have a database on our website of request for various types of farm help needed or offered. Consensus was a good idea but need to think more about it.
5.       Petty Cash Report (Steve)- nothing to report
6.       Treasurer’s Report as distributed – Steve explained the current treasurer report. Motion to accept the treasurers report + pay outstanding bills       **Moved:** Steve   **Seconded:** Art       **Carried**
7.       Presidents Report – Melissa gave a short update as we have all been updated at the Regional Meeting.
8.       MSR Report – Heather sent her report previously to be read by Directors. No questions.
9.       PAC Report – PAC meeting this coming Tuesday.
10.      Regional Director Report – Tracey updated us on the abattoir issue and our resolution. OFA board had a researcher report and presentation with recommendations by Gen Mgr. of the Meat and Poultry Division. A great presentation and one which we may be interested in having for our AGM meeting. Also, the new RR crossing rules for safety may be ambiguous for landowners... more clarification to come.
11.      Long Point Regional Conservation – Steve reported a level 1 alert and we could put that on our website.

**Correspondence**

Elgin County sent a letter regarding the Centennial Road/Elm Line improvements. Do we have comments. A recommendation was made to ask Bill Walters.

**In Camera**

- Motion to move into camera at 10:46                               **Moved:** Anita   **Seconded:** Steve       **Carried**
- Motion to move out of camera and accept our recommendations at 10:53  
**Moved:** Steve   **Seconded:** Greg       **Carried**
- Motion to adjourn our meeting at 10:58**                               **Moved:** Greg   **Seconded:** Fons       **Carried**