

**Seneca County Farm Bureau
Annual Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2015**

President Gene Daniel called the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Seneca County Farm Bureau to order with the Pledge of Allegiance being said. He thanked Seneca County Soil and Water for having the joint meeting with us. The buffet dinner was catered by Bar-B-Que Traveler of Lacarne, OH. He then introduced the board members of the Farm Bureau and special guests. The minutes were reviewed from last year's Annual Meeting. Stacy Kiesel moved to accept the minutes and Alice Luhring 2nd the motion. Motion carried. The Financial Statement was reviewed and David Ziegler moved to accept the statement with Gerald Senn 2nd. Motion carried.

Gene Daniel presented the proposed code changes amending Article 3 and 4 – Membership Classes and Rights of our county code of regulations. The amendments to the OFBF Code of Regulations expanded the definition of an Active Member, created a new class of membership called Young Active Member, changed the name of Associate Member to Community Member, created a new non-member class called Our Ohio Supporters, and established a statewide dues rate of \$25.00 for Young Active members and Our Ohio Supporters. Currently Seneca County annual dues are \$70 for Active and Community members, this proposes an increase to \$80, \$60 of that going to Ohio FB and we retain \$20. When no questions or discussion were raised Chris Snavelly presented a motion to accept the proposed code change, David Ziegler seconded the motion and upon a voice vote the motion carried.

Gene Daniel then explained the proposed local, state and national policies to be voted on by the members. Kurt Dunn moved to accept the proposed policies and Paul Snavelly 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

The members voted on the vacancies for the board, and renewing those board members whose terms expired. There were no nominations from the floor. Stacy Kiesel moved to close nominations. Chris Snavelly 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Next was the vote for the delegates for State Annual meeting in December 2016. There were no nominations from the floor. Blanche Lange moved to close nominations, and Gerald Senn 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

There was no old business to come before the members and no new concerns or new business.

Paul Harrison then gave everyone an update of how things were going on the State Board of Trustees along with thanking everyone for trusting him to represent Seneca County Farm Bureau members on the OFBF State Board.

Kristin Flowers, Organization Director then thanked and recognized all the Action Team Leaders and membership chairs. She also mentioned some of the county activities during the year.

Stacy Kiesel presented the scholarship winners of the year. Deon Morter and Thomas Hoover each received \$500 scholarship.

The speaker for the evening was Laura Johnson, research scientist with Heidelberg University National Center for Water Quality. She presented a slide show explaining some of the effects and causes of the algal blooms in and around Lake Erie. The entertainment for the evening was the Jeopardy Game prepared by Beth Dietsch of Seneca Conservation District.

Gene Daniel announced that all the policies passed, trustee and delegates were selected. Delegates for the 2016 OFBF Annual Meeting are: Kurt Dunn, Roger Lange, Derek Rowe, Roshelle Rowe and Chris Snavelly. The alternate delegate is Alice Luhring.

Gene then entertained a motion to adjourn from Chris Snavelly and a 2nd by Alice Luhring. Motion carried.

Gene Daniel, President

Roshelle Rowe, Secretary