



# NFA

**Northumberland Federation of Agriculture**

## Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Jan. 17, 2017, 7:30pm OAFVC in Colborne

Present: Lisa Meekes, Allan Carruthers, Paul Burnham, Ashley Greenly, Ian Sculthorpe, Terry Linton, Lyle Gallagher, Sid Atkinson, John Logel, Denis Orendt

1. **Call to Order:** by Allan at 7:30pm
2. **Agenda:** Motion; Lyle/Sid .....That Amy's proposal is added to the agenda. CARRIED
3. **Delegation/Guests:** Denis Orendt from RS Systems (ON) Inc. did a presentation on his rainwater harvesting systems. He is looking for government program funding so farmers can take advantage of collecting and using rainwater to avoid taxing their wells. He has met with Kim Rudd MP and is contacting Lou Rinaldi MPP for help in this endeavor.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion; Paul/Ian..... Nov. minutes approved as circulated. CARRIED
5. **Financial Report:** Motion; Paul/Ashley ..... To approve financial report as circulated. CARRIED Signing authority changes for Vice Pres. have been made at Edward Jones Investment agency and are in the process of being changed at CIBC.
6. **Business Arising from the minutes/current issues:**
  - 6.1. A meeting was arranged on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> with the finance committee of Northumberland County to propose a reduction in farm property tax rates. Ben LeFort, farm policy researcher from OFA was able to do a presentation and directors Allan, Marty, Bruce and Paul attended as well. A future presentation has been arranged for Feb.15 at the county council meeting. Allan, Marty, Bruce and Lisa have agreed to attend.
7. **Correspondence:**
  - 7.1. Motion; Sid/Lyle ..... To accept Amy's proposal to host a Young Farmers Forum in Northumberland County and use the \$2000 approved for the ag leadership certificate program which was cancelled as seed money for this event. CARRIED
8. **Reports:**
  - 8.1. Allan – Had nothing to report
  - 8.2. Bruce Buttar – Was not at meeting but sent an email report; At an OFA meeting Craig Golding from MOECC did a presentation on cap and trade and what their programs might be like although there is nothing definite yet. OFA is proposing to ask for an exemption to the carbon tax on coloured fuel. OFA approved responses to four environmental bill of rights commentaries on; 1)Species at risk 2)Small game and how they impact ag 3)Crown forests and their impact on Carbon storage 4)Waste free Ontario
  - 8.3. Resi Walt, MSR –Was not at meeting but sent report; Encouraging participation of our Federation at the upcoming workshop on Strategic Planning; FARM 911 officially has a new logo.
  - 8.4. Gene will be attending the upcoming PAC meeting in February.
9. **New and Other Business:**
  - 9.1. Paul had told us that WSIB had denied his daughters horse farm coverage and wondered if anyone was familiar. Ashley had said when she worked on a horse farm she had coverage. Paul is going to investigate further.
  - 9.2. Paul and Anne were contacted by the Student Nutrition Program to be informed that their market would no longer be eligible to donate or supply food to the program for schools. Motion; Paul/Terry ..... That NFA investigate the inspection procedures by the East Central Student Nutrition Program for the school board. CARRIED
  - 9.3. There is going to be a weekly Agriculture talk show on Northumberland Radio 89.7 featuring our own Paul Burnham and Trissia Mellor. Paul is looking for topics and speakers for this new project.
10. **Next Meeting:** Next meeting, Feb.14 at 7:30 pm Snack duty is Sid Atkinson
11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Terry 9:15pm