

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU

NEWS



July 2024

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109TH ANNUAL MEETING

of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau will be held Monday, Aug. 19, 2024, at the Rock Island County Farm Bureau office, 1601 52nd Ave., Suite 3, Moline, Illinois

The meeting will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. No meal will be served. Only a business meeting and official business will take place.

Directors Elections Underway

It is time once again for members of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau to nominate and elect fellow members to represent them on the Board of Directors of your organization. Please note the change in nomination process this year. We will not be mailing out individual letters and cards. Instead, this notice and highlighted nomination card will serve as the nomination process.

Representatives on the Board of Directors come from three different districts which are as follows:

- ▶ **DISTRICT 1:** Drury, Buffalo Prairie, Andalusia, and Edgington Townships.
- ▶ **DISTRICT 2:** Rock Island, Moline, South Rock Island, South Moline, Blackhawk, Coal Valley, Bowling, and Rural Townships.
- ▶ **DISTRICT 3:** Hampton, Zuma, Port Byron, Coe, Canoe Creek, and Cordova Townships.

The current Farm Bureau board members are:

▶ **DISTRICT 1:** Joe Franks, Tyson Freyermuth, David Mueller, Kevin Oak and Jason Rursch

▶ **DISTRICT 2:** Ethan Coyne, Rod Derrer, Marty McManus, Dennis VanDaele, Jeff Yeater

▶ **DISTRICT 3:** Scott Bohnert, Wes DeClercq, Drew Hohenboken, Andrew Kruckenberg, Vacant

The following Farm Bureau board members are up for re-election:

▶ **DISTRICT 1:** Tyson Freyermuth, Jason Rursch

▶ **DISTRICT 2:** Marty McManus, Jeff Yeater

▶ **DISTRICT 3:** Wes DeClercq, Drew Hohenboken, Vacant

The following directors have indicated that they will not be serving again: Jeff Yeater. You may nominate any farmer-member that you feel would best represent the interest of area farmers.

You should indicate your voting district, and nominate up to four (4) people from that district

on the highlighted card. This card needs to be returned to the Rock Island County Farm Bureau by July 19th, 2024. Once the cards are received, we will contact the nominees, and will prepare an election ballot.

If you have any questions about the nomination process, please feel free to contact any of us on the Nominating Committee, or call Farm Bureau Manager Tara Mayhew at 309-736-7432. Thank you for belonging to the Rock Island County Farm Bureau, and becoming involved in our election process.

Sincerely,

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU NOMINATING COMMITTEE

David Mueller
District 1
630-569-3899

Rod Derrer
District 2
309-314-1492

Andrew Kruckenberg
District 3
309-781-1899

Rock Island County Farm Bureau 108th Annual Meeting

AUGUST 21, 2023

The 108th Annual Meeting of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau was held on Monday, August 21st at the Rock Island County Farm Bureau® office in Moline.

President Marty McManus welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the Pledge to the Flag was said. Secretary Dennis VanDaele certified that the notice of the 108th Annual Meeting was printed in the July issue of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau® News which was mailed to all members in July 2023 and certified that a quorum of members was present at the meeting. President McManus called the meeting to order.

President McManus stated the 107th Annual Meeting minutes printed and handed out. The draft audited financial statements for the year ending May 31, 2023 were printed and handed out. President McManus asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as printed. The Fiscal Year, ending May 31, 2023 reported total assets of \$1,048,300 – liabilities of \$31,658 and a profit of \$ 36,374. A motion was made to approve the 107th Annual Meeting minutes as printed and accept the Financial Report as of May 31, 2023. Motion passed.

Continuing with the business meeting, President McManus entertained a motion to approve the acts and deeds of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau for the past year. Motion was made, seconded and passed.

A motion was made and seconded that the Board of Directors of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau be authorized to appoint the delegates to the Illinois Agricultural Association Annual Meeting to be held in December of 2023, and any other meetings that may be called. Motion carried.

President McManus then called on Dennis VanDaele to report on the nomination and election of Directors. Dennis reported that the Nominating Committee, comprised of Jason Rursch, Jeff Yeater and Drew Hohenboken sent a call for nominations to all members entitled to vote in the election of Directors in the Rock Island County Farm Bureau July newsletter. Everyone who was nominated was contacted, and those who were otherwise qualified and willing to serve were placed in nomination for Director from the appropriate district. Election ballots were prepared and mailed to each voting member of

the Rock Island County Farm Bureau®. He then announced the results of the election, stating the following individuals received the highest number of votes in each district:

District 1
Joe Franks
David Mueller
Kevin Oak

District 2
Ethan Coyne
Rod Derrer
Dennis VanDaele

District 3
Scott Bohnert
Andrew Kruckenberg

Secretary Dennis Van Daele certified the results of the Election of Directors, and declared each of the individuals elected to a two-year term on the Board of Directors.

President McManus declared that the Board of Directors would hold their monthly meeting tonight, Monday, August 21st at which time the election of officers for the coming year would be held.

President McManus called for further business. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Van Daele - Secretary

Meet Your Farmer at the Fair

Join us on Wednesday, July 17th at the Rock Island County Fair for a special "Meet Your Farmer" event hosted by the Rock Island County Farm Bureau and Soil & Water Conservation District. The event will run from 10:00am – 4:00pm and will be held under tent next to the Copeland Center on the fairgrounds. A variety of activities are being planned from keynote speakers, roundtable discussions, kids activities, demonstrations on canning, floral arranging, bee keeping, livestock and more! Various stations will be set up for non-ag consumers to visit one-on-one with our farmers about cover crops, dairy, beef and sheep production, and specialty growers. Speaker topics will include regenerative and sustainable agriculture, cover crops, and specialty growers. Raghela Scavuzzo, Associate Director of Food Systems Development with Illinois Farm Bureau will be a featured speaker discussing urban farms, specialty growers and local food markets. The Young Leaders will be hosting a kiddie pedal tractor pull, along with various children's activities and games. Join us for a fun day at the fair as we bring together local farmers and non-ag consumers to learn more about agriculture in Rock Island County!

I hereby certify that I am a voting member of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau and I wish to nominate the following individuals to the Board of Directors.

Please nominate up to four (4) members to represent your district.
My voting district is (circle one): 1 2 3 4(out of county)

Name _____ Name _____

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**THIS CARD MUST BE RETURNED BY JULY 19, 2024 TO THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU OFFICE:
1601 52ND AVE, STE 3
MOLINE, IL 61265**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- JULY**
- 2 Market Outlook seminar with Matthew Kruse, Lavender Crest Winery
 - 4-5 Office closed for 4th of July
 - 15 RICFB Board of Directors meeting
 - 16-20 Rock Island County Fair
 - 17 Meet Your Farmer program at fair
 - 29-30 Presidents Conference
 - 30 Policy Resolutions Committee Meeting during Presidents Conference

- AUGUST**
- 7 District 3 Young Leader Discussion Meet
 - 12 RICFB director election ballots due
 - 15 Organizational Member Strategy subcommittee meeting, IFB
 - 16 QC Regional Advertising & Women in Ag Conference Committee meetings
 - 19 RICFB Annual Meeting, followed by Board of Director meetings
 - 21 RICFB Foundation Board of Director Meeting