

Calendar of Events

JULY

- 4 4th of July – office closed
- 7 Market Outlook with Ted Seifried; Lavender Crest Winery
- 18 RICFB Board of Directors meeting
- 19-23 Rock Island County Fair
- 26-28 RICFB Summer Ag Institute
- 30 Young Leaders Ethanol Promotion – more info to come!

AUGUST

- 1 District 3 Meeting – Lavender Crest Winery
- 15 RICFB Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting
- 17 RICFB Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
- 25 Cubs/Cardinals bus trip to Wrigley Field

RICFB revamping
committee structure

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau is in the process of revamping all of our committees to ensure we are meeting the wants and needs of our members. We are looking for volunteers to serve who are passionate about issues facing our farmers. Each of the committees will meet once or twice a year to help set program goals and carry out activities for the year.

Women's Leadership – focus on rural physical and mental health and safety.

Public Relations & Consumer Engagement – focus on our messaging to our consumers, associate members

and overall message of agriculture in Rock Island County.

Membership Committee – plan programs and activities to recruit new members and engage our membership.

Legislative and Local Affairs – focus on our legislative programming and issues with our local elected officials.

Marketing & Commodities – plan our marketing and commodities programs to increase farm income and development.

Please email Tara at tmayhew@ricofarmbureau.org if interested in serving on any of these committees.

Teachers: Join us for
Summer Ag Institute

Teachers at all levels, both in traditional and non-traditional classrooms are invited to join us to participate in engaging, hands-on agriculture-based activities that can be implemented in the classroom. You will learn from experts in the field of agriculture and spend time visiting local farms and businesses. Guest speakers from Illinois commodities groups offer fun tips on incorporating their resources into classroom activities. Illinois Ag in the Classroom staff showcase new standards-based lessons that teach math,

science, ELA and social studies. Tours and speakers will demonstrate how to incorporate agriculture into your curriculum by explaining the relationship between agriculture, science, technology, natural resources, the environment, and food production. Educators are treated to great food, time for collaboration, FREE resources for their classrooms and plenty of FUN! For more information, contact Jay Bohnsack, Rock Island County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Coordinator, at aite@ricofarmbureau.org.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU
Summer Ag Institute

July 26-28, 2022
Cost: \$10 per day (\$30 total) / \$10 total if you are a Farm Bureau member

Sprouting Success in the Classroom

Sign up deadline: July 19, 2022

Professional Development hours or Grad Credit (additional fee) are offered.

Included in the 3 days:
Virtual Reality, STEM, Agribusiness Tours, Free Classroom Resources, and Lunch.

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Foundation

OFFICIAL NOTICE

107th Annual Meeting

The 107th Annual Meeting of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau will be Monday, Aug. 15, 2022, at the Rock Island County Farm Bureau office at 1601 52nd Ave., Suite 3, Moline, Illinois, and will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. No meal will be served. Only a business meeting and official business will take place.

RICFB 106th Annual Meeting minutes

AUG. 16, 2021

The 106th Annual Meeting of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau was held on Monday, Aug. 16, 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 106th Annual Meeting was printed in the July issue of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau News, which was mailed to all members in July 2021, and certified that a quorum of members was present at the meeting. President McManus called the meeting to order.

President McManus stated the 105th Annual Meeting minutes and the audited financial statements for the year ending May 31, 2021, 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, 2021, reported total assets of \$999,047 – liabilities of \$49,254 and a profit of \$121,186. A motion was made to approve the 105th Annual Meeting minutes as printed and accept the Financial Report as of May 31, 2021. 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 2021, 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 Phil Fuhr, Jeff Yeater, and Drew Hohenboken sent a call for nominations to all members entitled to vote in the election of Directors on July 1. 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

Jake Coyne
Andy DeKeyrel
Dennis Van Daele

District 3

Scott Bohnert
Brent Riewerts
Travis Smeltzly

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, Aug. 16, 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 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Van Daele, Secretary

Process to elect directors under way

With the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting approaching on Aug. 15, we have begun the process of collecting nominations for members to serve as directors on the Farm Bureau Board.

All voting members of the Farm Bureau are entitled to nominate and elect members to the board.

This year's Nominating Committee of David Mueller, Dennis VanDaele and Brent Riewerts were appointed by

President Marty McManus. They have notified every voting MM member with a letter mailed to all voting members (MMs) of the Farm Bureau inviting them to nominate themselves or fellow members to run for the Farm Bureau Board. Members can list up to four names on their nomination form, and return it to the Farm Bureau office by stated date of July 13.

The committee will contact each eligible person nominated to see if they

are interested in running for a board seat. After everyone nominated has been contacted, the committee will prepare ballots for each district listing the names of the members willing and eligible to run for the board. All ballots need to be returned to the Farm Bureau office by a stated date.

If you have any questions about our election process, you may call a member of the nominating committee or call our office at 309-736-7432.

District 3
plans to meet
on Aug. 1

A district meeting will be held at Lavender Crest Winery on Monday, Aug. 1, beginning with a meal at 5:30 p.m. Following the meal, District Director Jeff Kirwan will give local updates from the district.

The featured speaker, IFB Vice President Brian Duncan, will present on IFB's recent Market Study Tour in Europe. IFB President Rich Guebert will join via Zoom to give statewide updates and discuss policy resolutions.

All members are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Tara at tmayhew@ricofarmbureau.org or call 309-736-7432 by July 25.

Welcome Jay Bohnsack!

Join us in welcoming our new Ag Literacy Coordinator, Jay Bohnsack! Jay and his family have been longtime members of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau, and reside on their farm, Big Oak Farm, outside of Taylor Ridge. Jay comes to us with 35 years of teaching experience and a deep family history in agriculture. For over 20 years, he has been a computer education and business instructor, as well as a computer integration specialist at Moline High School.

His computer and digital skills combined with his background in



Jay Bohnsack

agriculture will make him a great fit for our program as we move toward using virtual reality in our Ag In The Classroom projects. He is currently planning our Summer Ag Institute, during which teachers from across the county will experience hands-on activities and tours that will help them incorporate agriculture into their own lessons.

We are excited to have Jay as part of our team and are looking forward to him bringing Ag In The Classroom back to the forefront in Rock Island County! Jay can be reached at aite@ricofarmbureau.org.