

Elections underway for board directors

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 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:** Jake Coyne, Andy DeKeyrel, Marty McManus, Dennis VanDaele, Jeff Yeater
- ▶ **DISTRICT 3:** Scott Bohnert, Wes DeClercq, Drew Hohenboken, Brent Riewerts, Travis Smeltzly

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

- ▶ **DISTRICT 1:** Joe Franks, David Mueller, Kevin Oak
- ▶ **DISTRICT 2:** Jake Coyne, Andy DeKeyrel, Dennis VanDaele
- ▶ **DISTRICT 3:** Scott Bohnert, Brent Riewerts, Travis Smeltzly

The following directors have indicated that they will not be serving again: Jake Coyne, Andy DeKeyrel, Brent Riewerts and Travis Smeltzly. 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 people from that district on the highlighted card. This card needs to be returned to the Rock Island County Farm Bureau by July 21, 2023. 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

Jason Rursch	Jeff Yeater	Drew Hohenboken
District 1	District 2	District 3
309-791-1146	309-781-6676	309-235-4103

Harvest fun memories at Family Farmapalooza

Get ready for a fun-filled day at our family farm event! Join us at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 29, 2023, for a day of adventure and learning at 10929 300th Street W, Illinois City, IL 61259. This is a free event, but please register for dinner. at <https://farmapalooza.eventbrite.com>

Explore beautiful Gorham Family Farms, situated on the bluffs of the Mississippi River. Have fun with your family through activities, including: archery, fishing, hayrack rides, honeybee demo, nature hike, pollinator scavenger hunt and more! Learn about healthy soil farming practices and local conserva-

tion efforts. Bring your appetite and enjoy our Farm-to-Table Hog Roast and a Pop-up Farmer's Market with locally made goodies and flowers.

The event is perfect for families and friends looking for a unique and memorable outing. Don't miss out on this opportunity to create lasting memories by spending a day on the farm and learning about local farming practices. We can't wait to see you there!

The event is hosted by Rock Island Soil & Water Conservation District and Precision Conservation Management, and co-sponsored by American Farmland Trust.

Calendar of Events

JULY

4	Office closed for Fourth of July
6	Market Outlook featuring Clayton Pope, Clayton Pope Commodities
17-22	Rock Island County Fair
19	Ag Scavenger Hunt at the Fair
24	RICFB Board of Directors meeting
29	Family Farmapalooza

AUGUST

7	District 3 meeting, Lavender Crest Winery; 5:30 p.m.
10	Visit to Adopted Legislator Sen. Edly-Allen's 31st District, Lake County
21	RICFB Annual Meeting and Board of Directors meeting
22	District 3 Young Leaders Discussion Meet
23	RICFB Foundation Board of Directors meeting

108th Annual Meeting

of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau will be held
Monday, Aug. 21, 2023, 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.

Rock Island County Farm Bureau 107th Annual Meeting AUG. 15, 2022

The 107th Annual Meeting of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau was held on Monday, Aug. 15, 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 107th Annual Meeting was printed in the July issue of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau News that was mailed to all members in July 2022 and certified that a quorum of members was present at the meeting. President McManus called the meeting to order.

President McManus stated the 106th Annual Meeting minutes were printed and handed out. The audited financial statements for the year ending May 31, 2022, were not completed at the time of the 107th Annual Meeting. President McManus asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as printed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the audited financial statements for the year ending May 31, 2022, at the monthly board meeting at which CLA would have the audit completed. Motion passed.

The fiscal year, ending May 31, 2022, reported total assets of \$1,009,351, liabilities of \$29,083 and a profit of \$29,417. A motion was made at the Nov. 21, 2022, monthly board meeting to accept the Financial Report as of May 31, 2022. 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 2022, 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 David Mueller, Dennis VanDaele and Brent Riewerts, 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	District 2	District 3
Tyson Freyermuth	Marty McManus	Wes DeClercq
Jason Rursch	Jeff Yeater	Drew Hohenboken

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 Monday, Aug. 15, 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 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Van Daele, Secretary

**We want to wish all of the 4-Hers the best of luck
at the Rock Island County Fair!**

**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 21, 2023 TO THE ROCK
ISLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU OFFICE:
1601 52ND AVE, STE 3
MOLINE, IL 61265**