

## WE ARE OPEN!

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. The RICFB office is now open for our normal walk-in hours, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For the safety of our staff and members, we ask that you follow these guidelines:

- ▶ Membership payments can be taken over the phone at 309-736-7432, left in our drop box, or paid online at myifb.org
- ▶ If you are experiencing ANY symptoms, we ask that you stay home and call us. We'll be happy to assist you in any way we can!
- ▶ Please wear a mask upon entering. Don't have one? We have some available!
- ▶ If you have any questions or concerns, please direct those to Tara at tmayhew@ricofarmbureau.org or by calling 309-736-7432.

## 105th Annual Meeting

of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau

will be held on Monday, Aug. 17, 2020, at the Rock Island County Farm Bureau office at 1601 52nd Ave., Suite 3, Moline, IL, and will start promptly at 6:30 p.m.

*No meal will be served. Only a business meeting and official business will take place.*

## Election process underway

With the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting approaching on Aug. 17, 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 Mike Saddoris were appointed at the June 2020 Board meeting 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 15.

▶ 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.

## 104th Annual Meeting of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau

AUG. 19, 2019

The 104th Annual Meeting of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau was held on Monday, Aug. 19, 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 104th Annual Meeting was printed in the July issue of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau News, which was mailed to all members in July 2019, and certified that a quorum of members was present at the meeting. President McManus called the meeting to order.

President McManus stated the 103rd Annual Meeting minutes and the audited financial statements for the year ending May 31, 2019, 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, 2019, reported total assets of \$832,181 – liabilities of \$43,159 and a profit

of \$14,436. A motion was made to approve the 103rd Annual Meeting minutes as printed and accept the financial report as of May 31, 2019. 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 2019, and any other meetings that may be called. Motion carried.

President McManus then called on Bradley Erickson to report on the nomination and election of directors. Bradley reported that the Nominating Committee, comprised of Phil Fuhr, Bradley Erickson 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	District 2	District 3
Brian Brown	Andy DeKeyrel	Scott Bohnert
David Mueller	Fred Nightingale	Brent Riewerst
Kevin Oak	Dennis VanDaele	Michael Saddoris

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. 19, 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 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Van Daele, Secretary



### Hand sanitizer given to farmers

The Mercer/Rock Island Young Leaders partnered with Illinois Corn Growers Association to provide free hand sanitizer (made with corn-based ethanol!) to our farmers! Please stop in our office during regular business hours to pick up your complimentary bottle! Pictured is Rock Island Young Leader Chair Jenna Preston filling and labeling bottles.

**We will be posting for our Ag Literacy Coordinator position soon. Check our website, social media for updates!**

## Calendar of Events

### JULY 2020

6-10	AITC Summer Ag Institute – CANCELED
9	Region 1 Manager's Meeting; Zoom
9	Market Outlook with Al Kluis; Lavender Crest Winery; TWO SESSIONS: noon and 6:15 p.m.
10	Grain Bin Safety Program Committee Planning Meeting; 10 a.m.
10	IFB Policy Resolutions submittals due
20	RICFB Board Meeting – 7 p.m.
14-18	Rock Island County Fair - CANCELED

### AUGUST 2020

6	Region 1 Manager's Meeting; Zoom
12	IB Policy Resolutions Committee Meeting
17	County Annual Meeting and Board Meeting
26	RICFB Foundation Board Meeting; 5:30 p.m.

### WHAT'S GOING ON THIS SUMMER?

Want to stay up to date with upcoming events? Send us your email to [accounts@ricofarmbureau.org](mailto:accounts@ricofarmbureau.org) and like us on Facebook!

### AG IN THE CLASSROOM COORDINATOR

## 12 years in it's hard to say goodbye

I've been working on what to say as a goodbye/ thank you for three weeks, and I still have no idea what to say. And now that I'm down to my last day, I HAVE to put something down, even if I still don't know what to say. First, to the students, teachers, administration, volunteers, board members, and community members who have participated in an Ag in the Classroom program at some point since 2008 -- THANK YOU!

Thank you for taking a chance on an activity that you may not have known much about. Thank you for being willing to learn something, try something, and do something. It may not have always worked the way we envisioned, but success can still be found in failure. My goal as Ag Literacy coordinator has been to educate EVERYONE about agriculture, both inside and outside the classroom.

I've believed for a long time that not only do students need to learn about where their food comes from but that students could also be our biggest advocates and educate their parents about agriculture from the things they learned through



Sheryl

agriculture in the classroom. Everyone could use a refresher on where their food, fiber, and fuel comes from, once in a while. I also believe that learning outside of the classroom is just as important as learning inside the classroom. I think this spring's school closures due to COVID-19 prove that point.

Please continue to learn about agriculture -- from the agriculture experts, not the latest or greatest celebrity fad. Ask questions to real people, don't just ask Google. Even if you are not in school anymore, don't stop learning. There's always a new or different way to do something beyond the way you've always done it. Become a better consumer by learning about the better production practices available. Again, thank you for the past 12+ years. I've liked most of it, loved some of it, and rolled my eyes in exasperation at a very small amount of it! Consider that a win! The Farm Bureau is keeping the Ag in the Classroom program active, so please continue to use it!

-- Sheryl