

YORK COUNTY FARM BUREAU BOARD WORKS TO DRAFT POLICY FOR MEMBERS' CONSIDERATION

During the June 25, 2019 Director's Policy Development Meeting the following policies were approved for York County Farm Bureau Member's consideration during the Annual Membership Dinner Meeting;

1. We oppose increases in individual and general CAFO permit fees that would make Pennsylvania agriculture less competitive when compared to other states.
2. We recommend that water quality monitoring in local watersheds be used to verify theoretical data in the Chesapeake Bay Model.
3. We oppose low interest loans to fund agricultural conservation practices and instead support grants as a funding resource for implementation of agricultural BMPs.
4. We oppose National Organic Standards Board including requirements regarding animal welfare in the requirements for Organic certification.
5. We oppose Libre's law (Act 10, formerly HB 1238) being applied to production livestock or amended to include applicability to production livestock.
6. We recommend funding for research on how to control the spotted lantern-fly population.

Additional policies will be accepted from the floor during the Annual Membership Meeting August 22, 2019.

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Dear York County Farm Bureau Members:

Over the last year, the York County Board of Directors has undertaken a review of the Constitution and By-laws applicable to York County Farm Bureau to ensure that these incorporating documents reflect the current practices of the County, both by the Board of Directors and the Members the Board serves. The By-laws have not been revised since 2006.

To that end, the By-laws Committee, established by the Board, met on June 20, 2019, and proposed the enclosed changes, which were then approved by the Board on June 25, 2019 at the regular Board of Directors meeting. See page 2 for a summary of the changes for your review and consideration. A full copy of the Constitution and By-laws with the proposed changes will be available to you at our Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for August 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the York County 4-H Center. Pursuant to the By-laws, all changes to the Constitution and By-laws must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the Membership present at a Meeting of the Members.

The Board intends to call for a vote to approve the enclosed changes at our August 22, 2019 Annual Meeting. We look forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,

Corey Grove, President

YORK COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

Save the date for 6 PM Thursday, August 22, 2019 at the 4 H Center, Farm Bureau Annual Members Dinner Meeting. Policies and By-Laws will be reviewed and approved. New policies can be offered from the floor. We are also inviting candidates who are running for the position of York County Commissioner. Questions will be taken from the floor to learn more about their priorities. Dinner is \$20 per person, or \$15 per person with membership renewal. Please contact our Secretary at yorkfarmbureau@gmail.com for registration and tickets.
~ Join us and be the voice for York Agriculture~

The Summary of Proposed By-Law Changes

As Revised June 25, 2019

The York County Farm Bureau Board of Directors proposes that the Constitution be amended by the addition of the Mission Statement adopted by the Board, "Advocating for agriculture in our communities, for our farms and for our future."

Further, the Board of Directors proposes that the By-laws, Article I Section 5, "Membership in Good Standing," be amended by stating as follows: "A member of the Farm Bureau shall be deemed in good standing if his, her or their membership is free from dues delinquency and not otherwise terminated, cancelled or in default of the date as to which the questions of good standing is determined," and eliminating the calculation of delinquency as duplicative. The remainder of the Section is to remain. Further, it is proposed that Section 6, "Meeting," shall be amended by indicating that the annual meeting shall take place within the fiscal year, rather than specified to October. Special meetings are proposed to be called by the President by 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors and upon notification to the Membership, rather than requiring 1/4 of the Membership to approve the special meeting in writing. The Board proposes to amend Section 7, "Notice," by allowing for notice of meetings of the Members either in writing or in digital form by publically accessible format, rather than requiring notice by mail, and by allowing for meetings to be called with no less than five days' notice, rather than ten days' notice. Further, it is proposed that Section 14, "Nomination," be amended to allow for nominations for the Board of Directs up to the annual meeting of each fiscal year, rather than requiring nominations from townships or designated communities.

The Board further proposes that Article II, Section 1 be amended by allowing the Board of Directors to be comprised of twelve (12) members from the various geographic regions of York County, rather than requiring that the Board be comprised of nine (9) members from specified geographic regions, and three (3) members at large. Further the terms are proposed to be amended to allow for two three-year terms, rather than three two-year terms. The Board proposes to eliminate Section 8, "Authorization of Community Organizations," which allowed for local organization in lieu of township representations, and renumber accordingly, as this is no longer in practice.

The Board proposes to amend Article V by eliminating Section 5, "Commercial Activities," and

By-Law Changes(contd.)

Renumbering accordingly, which allowed the York County Farm Bureau to engage in commercial services and activities, as this is no longer in practice.

Lastly, the Board proposes to Amend Article VI, Section 2, "Order of Business," to remove the Reports "Farm Advisor" and "Elections and Appointments," and add Reports entitled, "State Board Report," and "Good of the Order," as well as amending a number of reports to reflect what they are currently named by the Board. The Board also proposes to amend Section 6, "Remuneration," to make clear that remuneration is not available for serving on the Board of Directors, except for secretarial and treasurer duties, and that travel and subsistence expenses are reimbursable for Board members when the expenses directly relate to their service to the York County Farm Bureau.

Please take a moment to contact a Farm Bureau Director below to share your ideas and comments relating to the Policy ideas proposed, or, the Bylaw Changes. Recommendations and new ideas may be offered from the floor during the Annual Membership Dinner Meeting. Be the Voice for York County Agriculture !

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NEXT FARM BUREAU MEETINGS:

PA Farm Bureau Policy Developmt Training July 17, 2019

York County Farm Bureau Mtg Thursday, July 25, 2019

Annual Membership Dinner Mtg Thursday Aug 22, 2019

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7/25 – YORK COUNTY FARM BUREAU MTG- 6:30 PM
8/16 - AG & FARM NIGHT @ REVS STADIUM – 5:30 PM
8/22- ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER 4- H CENTER 5:30 PM

YORK COUNTY MEMBERSHIP STATS

2018 Membership = 1,884

2019 Membership = 1,555

New Members = 95

Renewals = 1,460

York County Farm Bureau reminds all members not to let your membership dues lapse as valuable insurance benefits may be lost if a lapse in membership occurs. Membership dues technically must be received by December 31 of each year to remain current. *Renew membership at the 8/22/19 Annual Dinner and pay only \$15.00 per plate. Thank you.*

Contact Membership Chair. Patty McCandless @ 717-319-8412 or, go to www.pfb.com for more details. Become a part of PA's Voice of Agriculture !

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Member Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

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Name	Mo/Yr	Name	Mo/Yr
_____	____/____	_____	____/____
_____	____/____	_____	____/____

Farm/Business Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Township: _____

Phone Numbers: Home (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Tell Us About Yourself

Political Party (optional) _____

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