

EBA Meeting Minutes September 25, 2025

Meeting called to order at 4pm by Jaimie McFarlin.

Thank you to Autum Jones of Woodford County Farm Bureau for hosting our September meeting at the Woodford County Farm Park!

Meeting Minutes August 2025 – Meeting minutes reviewed and motions were made by Sue Knepp and Autum Jones to accept.

August 2025 EBA Meeting Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report -Cindy O'Neill

5 new memberships!

General Fund-1 Market Day vendor deposit of \$40.

Old Gift Check Fund-\$6,195.74

\$295 EBA Gift Checks sold in September.

See detailed August 2025 Treasurer's Report emailed to EBA members.

This report was reviewed and motions to accept were made by Sue Knepp and Connie Davis. *August 2025 Treasurer's Report accepted.*

Current Business -

Mural Update - Connie Davis shared preliminary insight into the mural project and where the project stands at this point. Heartland Bank has agreed to a mural. Cost assessments have not been made at this point. Suggestions were given by attending members. More details to come!

Experience Eureka – Jaimie stated 268 tickets (out of 300 total) were sold! Thank you to all of our Experience Eureka 2025 participating business for making Experience Eureka a success! A big thank you to Kirby Foods & Eureka Public Library District for selling tickets for this fundraiser! Autum Jones stated that Touch a Truck had a lot of extra space at the Methodist Church parking lot! Child Safety Car Seats Checks went well and was held on the blocked off street next to the library for the seat checks.

It was mentioned that EBA could make yard signs for our next Experience Eureka and place around the community:)

Another idea was to give 2 free tickets to each participating business for Experience Eureka for a giveaway at their business to help promote the event.

New Business -

EBA will be featured as a story in October for Eureka Hometown Voice!

EBA is seeking a Treasurer!

Cindy O'Neill spoke to the members and gave some insight into her decision to step down as our Treasurer this December. Cindy has been our Treasurer for over 5 years. Cindy stated that a fresh set of eyes would be good for EBA and encouraged all EBA members to step forward with new ideas and help keep our local economy strong while using their own ideas of what is next for the EBA! Now is the perfect time! Cindy gave a big thank you to all the members that have stepped forward and supported EBA through the many changes over the years. Cindy stated that she is absolutely willing to train a new Treasurer and will be available for any questions that may arise.

Jaimie thanked Cindy for her amazing dedication to the EBA. Jaimie stated that Cindy has a true heart for supporting local business and that Cindy is truly the backbone that has held the EBA together during some tough times especially these last 5 years!

EBA is seeking a President!

Jaimie McFarlin stated that she agrees with Cindy that it is time for a fresh start and will leave her position as President in December. Jaimie believes that new board members will be great for the growth of EBA! Jaimie is a longtime EBA member, holding the positions of Vice President and then President. Jaimie thanked the members for the many opportunities, their support and encouragement! She stated that now is the time for members with fresh EBA ideas to step forward and create a new path for EBA!

Connie Davis offered to help document individual titled EBA positions to clarify what is role of each officer. Connie was thanked for her offer.

Business Announcements-

Autum Jones stated there will be a Holiday Kid's Shopping Event on Sat. Dec. 5 from 9-11am at the Eureka City Hall.

Autum Jones reminded us that Harvest is here and it's important to watch for slow or stopped farm trucks and equipment.

Heartland Bank will be closed on Columbus Day.

Mitch Davis of Kaufman Park shared that Member's Appreciation Day is Oct. 5. Also, on Sat., October 25, the 1st Annual Whitey Hershberger Annual Outing will be held.

Sue Knepp invited everyone to stop and see the Eureka Pumpkin Festival display in their front window on North Main Street across from the courthouse. Sue said WCHS will not host a Christmas Home Tour this year. There will be a 3 day Lincoln Suitcase Tour which is already booked up!

Cindy O'Neill stated that there is lots going on at the library! There are 3 Full Moon Celebrations with telescopes that will be happening during the next 3 months (Oct. thru Dec.) at the Upper Lake Pavilion at Eureka Lake.

Everyone is invited to stop by! Lots of children & adult classes, events and programs.

Look for a November program with Don Sanford as the speaker.

Jaimie McFarlin stated that both the Eureka Et Cetera Shop & The Store Next Door are in full Fall & Halloween mode right now! The shops are open on Columbus Day. The shops will be closed October 27-29 for a Christmas reset and then Christmas arrives on Thursday, Oct. 30th at 10am at both stores!

Our next meeting will be held at 4pm, October 16, at Wendy Puff Pizzeria + Pub. Cindy reminded members that Wendy Puff is offering free garlic knots & soft drinks for attending members:)

Meeting adjourned at 4:28pm.

Autum Jones shared great information as well as some history about the Woodford County Farm Park & the Farm Bureau! This park is so much more than the 4H Show!! Did you know that you can rent the Farm Park? Did you know you can enjoy the benefits of a Friend membership even if you don't have a farm? Get to know your Woodford County Farm Bureau! Call 467-2347 and ask Autum any questions you may have about the park or bureau! A big thank you to Autum for hosting us outside on one of the most beautiful days of the month! We enjoyed good

company, beautiful scenery, and hearing about the history, growth, and importance of the Farm Bureau to our community!