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OKFB members set policy resolutions to be considered at 2023 annual meeting

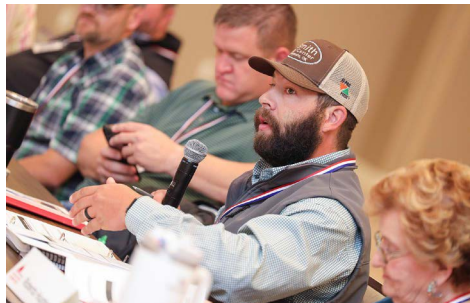
Nearly 40 Oklahoma Farm Bureau members gathered in Oklahoma City for the OKFB state resolutions committee meeting Oct. 24-25.

Members spent two days reviewing, discussing and voting on county-submitted policy resolutions that will ultimately guide OKFB's advocacy efforts in the coming years.

More than 300 resolutions were sent in for consideration and covered a wide swath of topics, including improvements in the Commissioners of the Land Office management, ad valorem taxes and farm bill programs.

The committee also considered resolutions on supporting agriculture education and CareerTech programs, EMS funding strategies and electric car tax incentives.

The 75 policy proposals that advanced through the committee process will now be presented for consideration by the full delegate body at the OKFB Annual Meeting Nov. 10-12 in Oklahoma City.



Get ready for OKFB's annual meeting, Nov. 10-12 in OKC!



Friday game night



Saturday evening awards



Sunday morning worship



Grassroots policy development

See the latest convention schedule inside ...

OKFB foundation for ag to host silent auction, rifle raffle fundraisers at OKFB annual meeting



The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture will host two fundraising activities for OKFB members to support the foundation during the 2023 OKFB Annual Meeting Nov. 10-12 in Oklahoma City.

The foundation will host their annual silent auction in the Oklahoma Station 1-3 rooms and the Pinion Room at the Oklahoma City Omni Hotel and Convention Center.

The auction will feature numerous donated items that OKFB members can place bids on from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10, and from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11. Silent auction items must be paid for and picked up by no later than 4 p.m. on Saturday.

OKFB members will also have a final opportunity to purchase foundation raffle tickets for a chance to win a Weatherby Vanguard S2 Sporter rifle chambered in 6.5 Creedmoor, valued at \$929 MSRP.

Tickets are available for a donation of \$20 each, and will be available for purchase at the annual meeting. The drawing for the rifle will take place at Saturday night's dinner and awards banquet, and ticket holders do not have to be present to win. By purchasing a ticket, the ticket holder is bound to the terms and conditions of the drawing, which are available on the reverse side of each ticket stub. The ticket purchase price is not tax deductible.

Funds raised from the silent auction and the raffle will support the foundation's ongoing efforts to support the agriculture community and rural Oklahoma. For more information about the foundation, contact Holly Carroll at (405) 530-2640.

OKFB to host final Cultivating Healthy Minds events of the year at OKFB annual meeting



Dr. Tobin Redwine

Oklahoma Farm Bureau will wrap up the 2023 Cultivating Healthy Minds mental wellbeing series with a luncheon and breakout session at the 2023 OKFB annual meeting in Oklahoma City on Friday, Nov. 10.

Dr. Tobin Redwine will speak at the Cultivating Healthy Minds luncheon at 11 a.m. Redwine will also speak in the opening general session and again at a 3:15 p.m. breakout session. All OKFB members are invited to attend.

Cultivating Healthy minds is a joint project between the OKFB Women's Leadership Committee and the Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee that aims to bring awareness about mental wellbeing in our agriculture and rural communities while providing resources to support Oklahoma's communities. Learn more online at okfb.news/CHM23.

Be sure to visit OKFB Expo vendors at annual meeting

More than 20 booths will be featured at the OKFB Expo trade show held during the 2023 OKFB Annual Meeting at the Omni Hotel and Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

OKFB members will have the opportunity to browse the Expo from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Check out our full list of OKFB Expo vendors shown to the right and be sure to visit the show in Oklahoma City.

Cutco Cutlery
Larry & Valerie Naumann
Primary Vision Care Services
Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma
Oklahoma Beef Council
Great Hearing Benefits
Oklahoma Beef Council
Oklahoma DHS
Makes Scents w/Baylee (Scentsy)
Sure Crop Fertilizers
Women's Leadership Committee

OKFB Safety
OSU Extension/OKFB ATV Safety
Susterre
John Vance Auto Group
Farm Service Agency
Renegade Supplies
Better Farm Crops
Noble Foundation
OKFB County Awards
Okmulgee County Farm Bureau
OKFB Store

Breakout sessions to provide agricultural, rural updates at OKFB annual meeting

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members will have three unique opportunities to learn, grow and expand their agricultural horizons with breakout sessions on Friday, Nov. 10, during the 2023 OKFB annual meeting.

The breakout sessions will begin at 3:15 p.m., shortly after the close of the opening general session. The breakout sessions will not repeat.

Reports from OKFB's AFBF Issue Advisory Committee members

OKFB members who served at the 2023 American Farm Bureau Issue Advisory Committee meeting in Washington, D.C., earlier this year will share the issues discussed during the national meetings and host a discussion of agriculture issues. The IAC members served on committees tasked with addressing both current and emerging issues, and the breakout session will serve as an opportunity to share what they learned and discuss the challenges and opportunities that agriculture will encounter in 2024.

Cultivating Healthy Minds

A session featuring Dr. Tobin Redwine will serve as the capstone for OKFB's Cultivating Healthy Minds program. A Texas native and past Texas FFA president, Redwine will help OKFB members cultivate an awareness of the effects mental wellbeing plays on our state's agriculturalists and rural communities.

Oklahoma Rural & Ag Business Accelerators program update

The third breakout session will feature an update on OKFB's Oklahoma Grassroots Rural and Ag Business Accelerators program, which hosted its first rural and agricultural innovation cohorts. OKFB's Rural Economic Development Coordinator, Amarie Bartel, will share the progress the program has made in 2023 and the ways the accelerators program is making a difference in our rural communities.

2023 OKFB Annual Meeting schedule

Plan your 2023 annual meeting experience with the schedule below

Friday, November 10

- 8 a.m. Credentials Committee Breakfast
- 8 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Orientation
- 9 a.m. Registration, OKFB Expo and Silent Auction Open
- 9 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Round One
- 10 a.m. County Board Member Training
- 10 a.m. County Staff Training
- 10 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Round Two
- 11 a.m. Cultivating Healthy Minds Meeting & Luncheon
- 11:30 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Finals Luncheon
- 12:15 p.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Finals
- 1:30 p.m. Opening General Session**
- 3:15 p.m. Breakout: AFBF Issue Advisory Committee Reports
- 3:15 p.m. Breakout: Oklahoma Grassroots Rural & Ag Business Accelerators
- 3:15 p.m. Breakout: Cultivating Healthy Minds with Dr. Tobin Redwine
- 4:30 p.m. Women's Leadership Committee Business Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. YF&R Dinner and Caucus
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Leadership Committee Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. OKFB Game Night/Entertainment**

Saturday, November 11

- 7:30 a.m. Credentials Committee Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m. Financial Committee Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m. Resolutions Committee Breakfast
- 8 a.m. Registration Opens
- 8:45 a.m. OKFBMIC Policyholders Meeting
- 9 a.m. Trade Show and Silent Auction Opens
- 9:30 a.m. General Session**
- 11:30 a.m. WLC Advocacy Luncheon
- 12 p.m. Lunch available from food trucks
- 12 p.m. Credentials Committee Luncheon
- 1 p.m. OKFB District Caucuses (Districts 1, 4 and 7)
- 1:30 p.m. General Session**
- 5 p.m. County Presidents Reception
- 5 p.m. Farm & Ranch Family Recognition Reception
- 5:30 p.m. Ag Community Reception
- 7 p.m. Dinner and Awards Program**

Sunday, November 12

- 7:30 a.m. County Presidents Coffee Talk
- 7:30 a.m. WLC Coffee Talk
- 7:30 a.m. Public Policy Coffee Talk
- 8:45 a.m. Worship Service and Group Breakfast**

Schedule is current as of press time. The final schedule will be published in the meeting program, and any program changes that may occur during the event will be announced at the main sessions.

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Oklahoma Water Resources Board to host second round of stakeholder input meetings in December

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members are invited to attend the Oklahoma Water Resources Board's second round of stakeholder input meetings in December. As the largest user of water in Oklahoma, it is crucial for agriculture to have a voice in these meetings.

The stakeholder meetings will center on the impending updates to Oklahoma's Comprehensive Water Plan with discussions on water policy, future water supply and demand, water challenges and more.

Check out the full list of the December stakeholder meetings to the right.

The OWRB is also gathering public input through a OCWP Public Outreach Survey. OKFB members can complete the online survey to share their input and perspective on Oklahoma's water resources as part of the OCWP process at okfb.news/WaterSurvey23.

For more information about the OWRB's water planning activities and other water-focused programs, visit the OWRB website at oklahoma.gov/owrb.

Upcoming OWRB in-person meetings

All meetings are scheduled for 1 to 4 p.m.

December 5 • Goodwell

Panhandle State University
Student Union Ballroom
323 Eagle Blvd., Goodwell

December 13 • Tahlequah

Cherokee Chota Center
3307 Seven Clans Ave., Tahlequah

December 11 • Lawton

Cameron University
McMahon Centennial Complex,
McAsland Ballroom
2800 West Gore Blvd., Lawton

December 14 • Oklahoma City

Francis Tuttle Technology Center
Portland Campus
3500 NW 150th St., Oklahoma City

December 12 • Talihina

Kiamichi Technology Center
Conference Room A/B
13739 SE 202nd Rd., Talihina

OKFB members are also encouraged to complete the OCWP online survey at

okfb.news/WaterSurvey23