

# MINUTES OF MO-ARK DISTRICT OF FREEWILL BAPTIST

When convened at Cotton Creek FWB Church on January 15, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Clerk Jeff Honeycutt reading Deut. 32:38 & 39,

Prayer was let by Bro. Johnny Holesapple Jr.

Congregation was led in Song (I'll Fly Away) by Sister Esther Strain with Sister Shelia Mitchner at the piano.

Clerk turned the service over to the Moderator. Welcome was extended and invited visiting brother's and sister's into the Conference.

Church letters were read by the Clerk. MSC to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

BAILEY	1	LINGO	1
COTTON CREEK	3	MT.ZION	3
FIRST FREEWILL	3	SHILOH	0
KOSHKONONG	3	MAMMOTH 1 <sup>ST</sup>	3

The Moderator ask the delegates to stand for prayer and then invited them to take part in the Conference business.

The Koshkonong Church requested that the Ordaining Council examine Brother Lonnie Linson, as to his qualifications for a Deacons Ordination Certificate.

MSC to refer the request to the Ordination Committee

The Ordination Committee was excused to proceed with their work.

The floor was opened for nominations for Speaker of the next meeting. Bro Crenshaw nominated Bro. Ronnie Blanks, MSC to close nominations. Bro. Ronnie Blanks was elected by vote of the Conference.

There were no vacancies to be filled and no petitionary letters. There was no unfinished business.

Brother Darrell Strain gave a report on the General Board Meeting. MSC to receive as information.

The Treasurers report was presented showing a balance of \$5412.70 including todays offereing. MSC to receive the report.

New Business: Motion made(Charles Melton) and Seconded ( )to make a one time donation of \$1500.00 to the MO FWB Youth Camp and \$1500.00 to the FWB Children's Home in TN. Discussion - FOR:15, AGAINST:1 Motion carried.

Heartfelt thanks to Cotton Creek for hosting the meeting.

MSC to accept the invitation of the Lingo Church to host the next meeting.

Meeting recessed in prayer for 10 minutes. Meeting resumed with singing "Manson Over The Hilltop.

The Ordaining Committee reports that they find Bro. Linson to be sound in FWB Doctrine and recommends him for a Certificate and FWB papers. MSC to receive the Ordaining Councils report.

Brother James Lee Reed began the worship service with reading St Luke 24:8  
Sermon titled: "THEN THEY REMEMBERED HIS WORDS"

Adjournment with the singing of pg 8 "He Set Me Free" and prayer by Bro. Craig Hensley.

Refreshments and fellowship to follow in the basement.

Ministers Present: Darrell Strain, John Holseapple, Johnny Holseaple, Ron Blanks, Billy McClintock, Craig Hensley, James Lee Reed

Deacons Present: Charles D. Melton, Lonnie D. Linson

Clerks Present: Wanda Melton, Rosalee Reed

Officers & Standing Comm. Present: Darrell Strain, Matthew Bowers, Charles D. Melton, Craig Hensley



MO-ARK DISTRICT  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST

MINUTES: MAY 21, 2011

The meeting of the MO-ARK District of Free Will Baptist was convened at the Lingo FWB Church on May 21, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk, Jeff Honeycutt.

Prayer was led by Bro. James Lee Reed.

Congregation was led in Song ("Just a Little Talk with Jesus") by Sister Sharron Kelly with Sister Esther Strain at the piano.

Romans 8:33 was read by Clerk Jeff Honeycutt with a short devotion titled "The Hope Christians Have" was given.

The Clerk then turned the service over to Moderator, Bro. Darrell Strain. He welcomed and invited visiting brothers and sisters into the Conference appreciating their attendance.

Minutes from the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting was read by Clerk, Jeff Honeycutt.

Church letters were read by the Clerk. Motion Made, Seconded and Carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

BAILEY	1	LINGO	3
COTTON CREEK	0	MT ZION	0
FIRST FREE WILL	3	SHILOH	0
KOSHKONONG	2	MAMMOTH 1 <sup>ST</sup>	0

The Moderator asks the delegates to stand for prayer. Prayer was offered by Bro. Linson to seat the delegates. Bro. Moderator then invited the delegates to take part in the Conference business.

The floor was opened for nominations for a Speaker at the next meeting. Sister Esther Strain nominated Brother Darrell Strain. Motion Made, Seconded and Carried to close nominations. Bro. Darrell Strain was elected, by vote of the Conference, to speak at the next District Meeting in September.

Petitionary letters and corresponding messengers were called for with none presented.

There was no unfinished business and no committee reports.

The Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$2930.20. Motion Made, Seconded, and Carried to accept the treasurer's report as given.

Motion made Seconded and Carried to add a Member of Choice to state delegate by Bro. Ron Blanks or Bro. Darrell Strain.

New Business:

Heart felt thanks given to the LINGO church for hosting the meeting.

Motion Made, Seconded and Carried to accept Bailey FWB Church's invitation to host the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Motion Made, Seconded and Carried for the Treasure to write an \$800.00 check for the State representation fee.

Motion Made, Seconded, and Carried for Bro. Darrell Strain to be named to the State General Board for the MO-ARK District with Bro. Ron Blanks as his proxy.

10 minute recess with Sister Strain at the piano and Sis Sharron Kelly leading "Victory in Jesus"

Meeting resumed with special singing by a group from the Lingo church.

Brother Ron Blanks began the worship service with reading Matthew 24:24 and Heb. 11:6. Sermon titled "FAITH AND THE BELIEVER" as believers we are SAVED BY FAITH, SUSTAINED BY FAITH.

Meeting adjourned in prayer.

MAY 21, 2011

Ministers Present: Darrell Strain, , Ron Blanks, Billy McClintock, James Lee Reed

Deacons Present: Charles D. Melton, Lonnie D. Linson, Jim Kelly, Dean Bennet

Clerks Present: Wanda Melton, Rosalee Reed

Officers & Standing Comm. Present: Darrell Strain, Matthew Bowers, Charles D. Melton, James Lee Reed, Dean Bennet, Phil Vance, Jim Kelly



**MO-ARK DISTRICT  
OF  
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**MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 17, 2011 Meeting**

The meeting of the MO-ARK District of Free Will Baptist was convened at Bailey FWB Church on September 17, 2011. The service was opened with prayer led by Bro. Don Caruthers. Congregational singing was led by Brother Jeff Holman with Sis. Esther Strain at the piano. Songs sang were "He Set Me Free" and "Mansion Over the Hill Top".

The meeting was then called to order by Clerk Jeff Honeycutt reading scripture found in Matthew 28:1 with a short devotion titled "How real is God to us?" & "What proof is it that God is who He says He is?"

Clerk turned the service over to the Moderator. Moderator then gave the extended a welcome and invited visiting brother's and sister's into the Conference.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Clerk Jeff Honeycutt and a motion was made to accept them as corrected. (The correction was to the treasures report to reflect a balance of \$2935.20 instead of \$2930.20)

Church letters were read by the Clerk. Motion was made and seconded to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Motion carried with the following delegates being represented by each church listed:

BAILEY	3	LINGO	0
COTTON CREEK	2	MT.ZION	2
FIRST FREEWILL	3	SHILOH	0
KOSHKONONG	2	MAMMOTH 1 <sup>ST</sup>	1

The Moderator asks the delegates to stand for prayer and then invited them to take part in the Conference business. Bro. James Lee Reed led prayer to seat the delegates.

There were no church requests for the body or committees to take care of.

The floor was opened for nominations for a Speaker at the next meeting. Bro. Ronnie Blanks was nominated. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations. Bro. Ronnie Blanks was elected by vote of the Conference.

There were no vacancies to be filled and no petitionary letters. There was no unfinished business and there were no committee reports.

Moderator asks for a report of the General Board. Report was given by Bro. Ronnie Blanks. He reported that the location of the State Meeting was moved from the Clarion to the Oasis. He also reported that the Wednesday night offering went to the Joplin FWB Church to help with their work following the aftermath of the tornado disaster. Brother Blanks also reported that Bro. Gary Fry resigned his position as the State Level to accept a position with the National Level. MSC to receive as information. A Heart Felt Thanks to Bro. Blanks for his report.

The Treasurers report was presented showing a balance of \$2420.20 including today's offering. Motion made seconded and carried to receive the report.

There were 2 churches that request the January 21 meeting be held at their location. First Free Will of West Plains withdrew their request. Motion made Seconded and Carried to hold the January 21, 2012 meeting at the Mt. Zion Church.

Elections of Officers were as follows: Bro. Darrell Strain nominated to continue as Moderator of Mo-Ark District. Motion made for nominations to cease and proceed to elect by acclimation. Motion passed to cease nominations and motion carried to elect Darrell Strain as Moderator. Bro Ronnie Blanks was nominated as Asst. Moderator and it was moved that nominations cease and proceed to elect by acclimation. Motion passed to cease nominations and motion carried to elect Ronnie Blanks as Asst. Moderator. Motion made, seconded and carried to retain Jeff Honeycutt as Clerk, and Matthew Bowers as Treasurer. Both were to choose their own assistant.

Election of Standing Committee members: Motion made, seconded and carried to elect Clifford Mitchner to the Auditing Committee with his term to expire in 2014. Motion made, seconded and carried to reelect Phil Vance to the Executive Committee with his term to expire in 2016. Motion made, seconded and carried to reelect Craig Hensley to the Ordaining Credential Committee with his term to expire in 2014.

There was no new business suggested by letter or body and no work for the Ordaining council.

Meeting recessed for 10 minutes.

Meeting resumed with Sister Esther Strain at the Piano & Brother Jeff Holman leading the congregation in singing, "The Sweetest Song I Know" and "A Beautiful Life"



Brother Ronnie Blanks makes a motion to thank the Bailey Church for hosting the meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

The Bailey Singers sang a special song "What Will Your Witness Be" and then Brother Darrell Strain began the worship service with reading Rev. 13:17 for his sermon "What God Promises" We should be more concerned with God Correctness (G.C.) and not Political Correctness (P.C.). Remember God is a God of Holiness. God wants folks to come to Christ, He sent His Son Jesus to die and it is Jesus or Nothing.

Meeting was adjourned

SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

**Ministers Present:** Darrell Strain, Ron Blanks, James Lee Reed

**Deacons Present:** Junior Brown, Lonnie D. Linson,

**Clerks Present:** Donna Caruthers, Rosalee Reed

**Officers and Standing Comm. Present:** Darrell Strain, Matthew Bowers, Phil Vance,  
Tim Bowers