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Dear Okanogan County Farm Bureau Member(s),

My name is Sheilah Delfeld and I am privileged and humbled to introduce myself as your newly elected Okanogan County Farm Bureau President. I believe Okanogan County Farm Bureau (OCFB) is one of the few remaining local groups fighting for you and our natural resources; two crucial elements that are the lifeblood of our county. Okanogan County Farm Bureau's credibility is built on your local membership with its integrity! Your Board's history of making a difference in Okanogan County is long, and I am proud to be a part of this group.

Some of you know me, so it should not be surprising that my main goal is to do my best to work as hard as I can for you and be a strong leader for our membership. We can easily accomplish this through communication and working together. I am looking forward to meeting all of our members that I have not yet had the pleasure to meet personally and reconnecting with those I have in the upcoming year out on your farms, ranches and job sites!

I want to personally invite you to attend our monthly meetings the 3rd Monday of every month, usually at the Omak Elks Lodge. Board members usually arrive around 5:30 to order dinner if they choose and business begins at 6:00. We post meeting reminders and other important events/information on the Okanogan County Farm Bureau's Facebook page, so please follow us!

One of my initial priorities is building our Voting Membership and Business Membership numbers, which have started to decline during critical times we all are facing as agriculture producers. We are in the process of building strong committees and a process focusing on providing easily accessible informational resources directly to you. Your support, allows us to fight the fight for you, while you are busy making a living. We have plans to support and showcase our local excellence of generations of producers putting food on the table for the world, the challenges and dedication it takes to continue be in business.

I understand firsthand the issues we all face in agriculture. They are serious. It will take all of us communicating and working together to fight the many challenges; not only to stay in business, but to prosper. You have my commitment to do the work and to do what it takes to get the job done.

Expect to receive follow up information regarding Committee Chairs, Communications Director, training, issues, and our goals we plan on achieving over the next 12 months.

Respectfully,

Sheilah

Sheilah Delfeld, President
Okanogan County Farm Bureau