

September 10, 2020

MEMO

To: State Board of Agriculture (BOA)
From: Alexis Taylor, Director, Oregon Department of Agriculture
Subject: appointments to the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission (OAHC)

Background:

The State Legislature established the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP) in 2017 to help address fragmentation of farmland, conversion of farmland to non-farm uses, complex regulations, and planning for generational transfers. The program provides voluntary incentives to farmers and ranchers to support practices that maintain or enhance both agriculture and natural resources such as fish and wildlife on agricultural lands.

As required by statute ([ORS 541.986](#)) five members of the Oregon Agriculture Heritage Commission shall be recommended by the Board of Agriculture. Specifically:

(2) (a) Four members shall be persons recommended by the State Board of Agriculture who are actively engaged in farming or ranching. The members must represent diverse types of agricultural commodities and be from geographically diverse areas of this state.

(2) (d) One member shall be a person recommended by the State Board of Agriculture who has expertise in agricultural water quality.

Current representatives recommended by the Board of Agriculture serving on the Commission are:

Commissioner	City	Represents
Chad Allen	Tillamook	Farmer/rancher
Ken Bailey	The Dalles	Farmer/rancher
Doug Krahmer	St. Paul	Farmer/rancher
Woody Wolfe	Wallowa	Farmer/rancher
Lois Loop	Salem	Agricultural water quality

Commissioner terms are 4 years with the ability to serve no more than two consecutive terms.

The first terms for Commissioner Woody Wolfe and Commissioner Lois Loop will end January 1, 2021. Both commissioners are interested in serving a second term.

FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION

The BOA will need to 1) recommend Woody Wolfe and Lois Loop for reappointment to a second term (running January 2021 – December 2024); or 2) do a public notification for additional applications for the board to consider at the December meeting.