

**STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE
February 12-14, 2019
DLCD Hearings Room
Oregon Department of Agriculture
635 Capitol St NE
Salem, OR 97301**

Minutes (Audio time stamp for reference)

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Tuesday, February 12, 2019 (Audio = 0:00)

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm by Chair Tyson Raymond. Introductions of members followed by ODA staff and guest introductions.

Board members present: Tyson Raymond, Bryan Harper, Grant Kitamura, Marty Myers, Pete Brentano, Stephanie Hallock, Luisa Santamaria, Director Alexis Taylor, Dean Alan Sams.

Board members absent: Barbara Boyer, Shantae Johnson, Sharon Livingston

Others present: Casey Prentiss, Elizabeth Savory, Susanna Pearlstein, Lauren Henderson, Isaak Stapleton, Jim Johnson, Karla Valness, Regan Coordes.

ODA Market Access Program Area Produce Safety trainings, K-31 update (Audio = 0:45)

Casey Prentiss, Interim Program Area Director for the ODA Market Access and Certification Programs, Elizabeth Savory, Plant Health Program Manager and Susanna Pearlstein, Produce Safety Program Manager provided the board an overview of the services Plant Health and Seed Regulatory Programs and the Produce Safety Program offer.

The presentation on the Plant Health Program included current staffing and budget levels, a list of services including seed sampling, seed verification, seed testing, field inspections , phytosanitary certification, export assistance, seed law enforcement.

Produce Safety Program Manager Susanna Pearlstein presented an overview of services. Oregon's program includes education and outreach, technical assistance and creating Oregon's farm inventory. The Produce Safety program works with other ODA programs as well as OSU, industry and producers. The grower trainings in 2018 reached 316 growers and they anticipate reaching over 450 growers in 2019 trainings.

Resources:

- ODA Market Access Update presentation

The Board recessed at 5:35 pm and reconvened at 6:15 pm.

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Role of Board of Agriculture subcommittees (Audio = 1:06)

Board members Tyson Raymond, Barbara Boyer, Luisa Santamaria and Stephanie Hallock met to discuss the role of Board of Agriculture subcommittees and prepared a memo dated November 29, 2018 which detail options for consideration. Stephanie reviewed the memo from November which included the following:

Board meetings should continue to include two evenings, with the first evening being devoted to in depth discussion of “hot topics” and/or policy issues or education information for the Board. The first evening can be for full Board or for subcommittees when needed, per options below.

Option 1: Retain subcommittees as standing committees that meet only when there are policy issues and/or resolutions requiring more discussion than time allows at Board meetings.

Option 2: Dissolve subcommittees and have Board members volunteer to work on issues as the arise.

Under either option, full Board discussion and/or subcommittee discussions at Board meetings would be open to the public.

Discussion followed on the options outlined.

A motion was made by Marty Myers to adopt option 2 to dissolve standing subcommittees and create working groups as need to work on issued presented from ODA or Board members and built in to Board meeting agendas as necessary. Working group meetings will be noticed as required by Oregon Public Meeting Law. Seconded by Stephanie Hallock. Motion passed unanimously.

Resources:

- Memo from November meeting

Director Taylor highlighted two additional items for the board members.

A draft letter regarding the federal West Coast Trawl Buyback efforts has been included in your meeting packets for review and further discussion during Board business on Thursday.

On the agenda for Wednesday is a discussion on Cap & Trade due to scheduling challenges we are unable to have the entire panel present at the same time so we will have a short break between presenters. We will also have two industry panel presentations one before lunch and one after lunch due to mandatory training scheduled at the Capitol for industry representatives.

The meeting recessed at 7:15 pm until Wednesday, February 13.

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Wednesday, February 13, 2019 (Audio = 0:00)

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Chair Tyson Raymond. Introduction of members followed by ODA staff and guest introductions.

Board members present: Tyson Raymond, Bryan Harper, Grant Kitamura, Marty Myers, Pete Brentano, Stephanie Hallock, Luisa Santamaria, Director Alexis Taylor, Dean Alan Sams, Barbara Boyer joined the meeting at 10:00 am.

Board members absent: Shantae Johnson, Sharon Livingston

Others present: Dave Losh, Renee Davis, Stephanie Page, Isaak Stapleton, Casey Prentiss, Jason Barber, Andrea Cantu-Schomus, Karen Lewotsky, Lisa Hanson, Lauren Henderson, Helmuth Rogg, Jeff Stone, Jan Lee, Anna Freitas, Gabrielle Roesch-McNally, Ivan Maluski, Jonathan Sandau, Peggy Lunch, April Snell, Anna Scharf, Jen Moore-Kucera, Tammy Dennee, Morgan Gratz-Weiser, Jim Johnson, Karla Valness, Regan Coordes

Approval of minutes (Audio = 0:04)

Draft minutes from the November 27-29, 2018 board meeting held in McMinnville, Oregon were presented for review and approval. A correction was requested on page 2 in the last paragraph regarding the Lost Valley update. The last sentence should read “We continue to conduct routine **inspections** of the facility”.

A motion was made by Stephanie Hallock to approve the minutes with the noted correction. Marty Myers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Director’s report (Audio = 1:16)

Director Taylor provided the board on the following topics:

- ODA was the second agency to give the its budget presentation to the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Natural Resources. This committee has some new members and the first day of the budget presentation was an overview of ODA programs and the second day discussed funding streams for programs. Committee had interest in co-existence within agriculture and the third day was for public testimony regarding the ODA’s budget.
- Director Taylor will attend the upcoming NASDA Foundation and Winter Policy meeting later this month where the Women Farm to Food Business Competition presentations and awards will be given. Seventy of the over 170 applications were received from Oregon. As part of the NASDA Marketing sub-committee, Director Taylor has been working with the group to update the trade policy statement.
- Director Taylor has been appointed to the Oregon Food Bank Board and will work to support and strengthen the relationship between farmers and the Oregon Food Bank.

- ODA will welcome Jess Paulson as the new Market Access and Certification Program Area Director in early June. Mr. Paulson is currently stationed in Toyko as part of the USDA Foreign Agriculture Service.
- The Department has established a Canola rules advisory committee and Director Taylor has asked Pete Brentano to represent the Board on this committee.

2019-21 ODA Proposed budget, legislative concepts, and policy option packages discussion (Audio = 8:05)

Director Taylor discussed the ODA budget one-pager handout and highlights from the Governor’s Recommended Budget. Significant changes and a review of policy packages and statewide adjustments were discussed.

Specifically, the Analysts Adjustments package 090 includes reductions in services & supplies (S &S) funding, personal services reductions for vacancy savings, elimination of special payments to fund the Predator Control Program and the establishment of a State Natural Resource Agency Grants Coordinator position that would be housed at ODA but would work for Natural Resource agencies to assist in finding opportunities to leverage federal funds in Oregon.

Other recommended budget policy packages discussed included:

110 – Internal Audit Function; 260 – Agency Lab Consolidation; 310 – Strategic Implementation Area; 330 – Klamath Ag Water Quality Monitoring; 350 – Lower Umatilla Groundwater Monitoring and Coordination; 410 – Market Development & International Marketing position; 320 – Japanese Beetle Eradication Funding; 380 – Invasive Species Council Base Funding

Assistant Director Lauren Henderson addressed comments on other not recommended budget policy packages specifically package 360 – Strengthening State Noxious Weed Program; 130 – Administrative Overhead Parity and 120 – IT Security & Investments.

Deputy Director Lisa Hanson walked through the six Legislative concepts which included fee increases, one concept in the Food Safety Program on how to deal firms that won’t pay license fees, one concept in the Pesticides Program to remove an antiquated fee no longer necessary and one concept related to the Oregon Invasive Species Council.

Assistant Director Henderson commented on the recent article in The Oregonian regarding cannabis work in Oregon and how the efforts impacts or doesn’t impact ODA’s budget.

Other topics of discussion at the Capitol include co-existence, canola, cannabis co-existence, cap & invest and labor.

Resources:

- ODA 2019-21 Governor’s Recommended Budget handout

The Board recessed at 9:10 am and reconvened at 9:20 am.

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Climate change/Cap and Invest discussion (Audio = 0:27)

Senator Michael Dembrow Chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Chair on the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction and Kristen Sheeran, Energy and Climate Change Policy Advisor to Governor Kate Brown spoke with the Board on the topic of the Climate Action program as outlined in HB2020. They talked about the program and the series of public hearings being held throughout the state to gather input. The goal of the program is to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions over the next 30 years but to do it in a way that is beneficial to all parts of the state and moving us towards a greener economy and counter the devastation effects of climate change and work to develop revenue streams to adapt to those effects through a series of strategies that will be beneficial to rural Oregon and agriculture in general.

Kristen Sheeran reviewed additional details of the proposed program with the Board. Sectors under the cap include electricity natural gas, transportation fuels, large single source industrial emitters with on-sight greenhouse gases emissions of more than 25,000 metric tons. Does not include forest or agriculture practices directly, however agriculture is implicated in other ways. Discussion followed.

Climate change/Cap and Invest discussion (Audio = 33:38)

Senator Cliff Bentz member of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Vice-Chair on the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction spoke with the Board about the Climate change/Cap and Invest program proposed in HB2020. He suggested attending the public hearings throughout the State to provide input to the program. It is important that the program that is developed is done in the most appropriate and careful way possible. Senator Bentz discussed elements of the program implemented in Alberta Canada. Discussion followed.

The Board recessed at 10:10 am and reconvened at 10:14 am

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Possible framework for a voluntary agriculture and climate change incentive program (Audio = 0:58)

Stephanie Page, ODA Natural Resources Program Director and Renee Davis, Deputy Director, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) reported on the work that was done last Summer and Fall with one of the workgroups that led to the development of the proposed legislation introduced this session.

The ODA, OWEB and Oregon Department of Forestry provided technical support to the Natural and Working lands workgroup and looked at existing incentives that are available to support activities in agriculture, forestry and on natural landscapes to promote either sequestration, emissions reduction, or adaptation types of activities. Additionally, they looked at what are the

gaps, what opportunities exist to leverage existing incentives that are available and what types of additional activities can be looked at going forward.

The workgroup looked at how to structure an incentive program that would be highly functional at the local level and identified possible activities such as soil health and vegetation management, nutrient management activities, water management practices and investments to help reduce intensive fuel usage that could be part a future program.

It is important to create a farmer friendly program that is as flexible as possible to encourage the use of the program.

Discussion followed.

Resources:

- Designing Working Lands Incentives for Oregon Agriculture

Industry legislative priorities and updates panel (session 1) (Audio = 27:33)

The Board received updates from the following organizations regarding legislative issues and concerns.

Roger Beyer, Oregon Lobbyist **(Audio = 27:54)**

Ivan Maluski, Friends of Family Farmers **(Audio = 33:11)**

Peggy Lynch, League of Women Voters of Oregon **(Audio = 40:18)**

Jan Lee, Oregon Association of Conservation Districts **(Audio = 48:24)**

April Snell, Oregon Water Resources Congress **(Audio = 54:10)**

Jeff Stone, Oregon Association of Nurseries **(Audio = 1:00:14)**

Resources:

- Roger Beyer – HB 2264
- Roger Beyer – HB 2020
- Roger Beyer – SB 726
- Peggy Lynch – League of Women Voters of Oregon
- April Snell – Oregon Water Resources Congress – ppt presentation
- Jeff Stone – OAN Stone HB2020
- Jeff Stone – OAN Fessler HB2020
- Threemile Canyon Farms – submitted written comments only

Public comment (Audio = 1:05:02)

Three speakers provided public comment to the Board: Dave Losh, NASS; Jen Moore-Kucera, American Farmland Trust; Anna Scharf, Willamette Valley Oilseed Producers Association (WVOPA).

Resources:

- Willamette Valley Oilseed Producers Association (WVOPA)

Update on Solar Facilities on High-value Farmland rulemaking (Audio = 1:15:51)

Jim Johnson, ODA's Land Use and Water Planning Coordinator, provided an update to the Board on the siting of solar facilities on farmland after the recent LCDC rulemaking and the temporary rule that was put in place January 25, 2019. The adopted temporary rule addressed four items 1) clarified definitions 2) addressed the concept of dual use 3) addressed solar may not be sited on high value soils vs high value farm land and 4) continued the wildlife protection elements that are in the current rule scheduled to sunset. Discussion followed. Stephanie Hallock suggested a follow-up letter be written to LCDC for the work that has been done.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:30 am. Following lunch Board members separated into groups to meet with Legislators at the Capitol or toured the ODA building to meet ODA program area staff.

The Board meeting reconvened at 1:55 pm at the ODA building.

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Industry legislative priorities and updates panel (session 2) (Audio = 0:35)

The Board received updates from the following organizations regarding legislative issues and concerns.

Jerome Rosa, Oregon Cattlemen's Association (Audio = 0:35)

Mary Ann Cooper, Oregon Farm Bureau (Audio = 13:44)

Justin Freeman, Oregon Winegrowers Association (Audio = 23:35)

Morgan Gratz-Weiser, Oregon Environmental Council (Audio = 26:03)

Tami Kerr and Tammy Dennee, Oregon Dairy Farmers Association (Audio = 31:58)

Katie Fast, Oregonians for Food and Shelter (Audio = 40:18)

Resources:

Tammy Dennee – ODFA Map of Oregon Dairy Farmers

Tammy Dennee – ODFA List of Organizations

Tammy Dennee – ODFA 2019 Energy Usage

Katie Fast – OFS HB 5002

Following the industry updates, the meeting recessed at 2:45 pm and the Board separated into groups to meet with Legislators at the Capitol.

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Thursday, February 14, 2019 (Audio = 0:59)

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Chair Tyson Raymond. Introductions of members followed by ODA staff and guest introductions.

Board members present: Tyson Raymond, Bryan Harper, Grant Kitamura, Marty Myers, Barbara Boyer, Pete Brentano, Stephanie Hallock, Luisa Santamaria, Director Alexis Taylor, Dean Alan Sams.

Board members absent: Shantae Johnson, Sharon Livingston

Others present: Helmuth Rogg, Lisa Hanson, Lauren Henderson, Jason Barber, Isaak Stapleton, Karen Lewotsky, Jake Bodart, Andrea Cantu-Schomus, Mateusz Perkowski, Karla Valness, Regan Coordes.

ODA Plant Protection & Conservation Programs Update (Audio = 02:09)

Helmuth Rogg, Program Area Director discussed with the board program efforts to protect Oregon’s agricultural economy and natural resources from invasive pests; protect market access due to pest-free status; enhance value and marketability of exported agricultural products and further the conservation of native threatened and endangered plants. The presentation included information on how risk factors such as global climate change, population movement and the increase in trade increase the risk for invasive species to impact Oregon economy and natural resources. An example was provided with an overview of the approach and eradication efforts for Japanese Beetle between 2017 and 2019.

The presentation included an update on the Hemp acreage registration numbers. As of February 13, 17,437 acres has been registered. Additional program information and highlights can be found in the 2018 Plant Protection & Conservation Programs Annual Report.

Resources:

- ODA Plant Programs Update presentation

Salem Keizer Career Technology Education Center Workforce Development and Ambassador Program (Audio = 46:50)

Chuck Lee, President Mountain West Career Technical Institute; Rhonda Rhodes and Nichole Eskelsen, Salem Keizer School District spoke to the Board about Salem’s Career Technical Education Center which is a public-private partnership between Mountain West Career Technical Institute and the Salem Keizer School District established in 2014. CTEC’s 10 programs serve about 1,000 students from the Salem-Keizer School District to help them meld core academic subjects (English, Math, Social Studies and Science) with specialized training and an emphasis on professional skills. The group shared with the Board a curriculum outline of the newest Agri-science program scheduled to begin this Fall. The group invited the Board to visit and tour the Center to see the programs in action.

Resources:

- Career Technical Education Center CTEC video
- CTEC AgriScience Program overview

Animal Disaster Response-EMAC California Camp Fire Deployment (Audio = 01:24:00)

ODA's Dr. Brad LeaMaster, DVM, State Veterinarian and Dr. Ryan Scholz, DVM, District Veterinarian reviewed with the Board ODA's role in Disaster Preparedness for Animals and the December 2018 request for assistance as a result of the Butte County Fires in California. Dr. LeaMaster spoke to the Board about the two main areas for governments role in animal disaster preparedness. The first area is Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) disaster response and the second area is natural disaster preparedness. All emergency responses follow a tiered response starting with the local government, state government followed by federal government resources. Counties bear the primary burden in animal disaster preparedness and response. The ODA role is to assist with the development of evacuation plans for pets and livestock and serve as subject matter experts as necessary.

Dr. Scholz talked with the Board about the December 2018 deployment to Butte County California to take over the operations of the small animal full care shelter established as a result of the devastating fires. The request for assistance from the state of California was made through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), a national state-to-state mutual aid system. The EMAC request was sent to Oregon's Office of Emergency Management who then coordinated with ODA. Dr. Scholz worked to organized a 22-member team of 5 veterinarians, 6 veterinary technicians and 11 shelter management experts from all over the state. The 9-day deployment was a learning experience for everyone involved and brought back valuable experience that Oregon can use to respond in the event of a future disaster.

The Board thanked the staff and everyone involved in the deployment efforts.

Resources:

- ODA Animal Disaster Preparedness presentation

The Board recessed at 10:30 am and reconvened at 10:40 am.

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Oregon Regional Solutions Teams (Audio = 0:40)

James LaBar who serves as the Regional Solutions and Housing Policy Advisor to Governor Kate Brown spoke to the Board about the Oregon Regional Solutions Teams in Oregon. The purpose of the teams is to support community and economic development through coordinating inter-government and interagency projects and leveraging private, public and philanthropic resources.

Five of the 11 regions in Oregon include agriculture priorities in the region. Mr. LaBar walked through highlights of the agricultural priorities and projects in the regions. The Mid-Valley regional priorities include becoming a center for agri-business innovation and agri-tourism, promoting regional workforce development opportunities (e.g. CTEC), enhancing programs that encourage business retention and expansion. Southern Oregon example includes assistance with the Rogue Valley's lack of a processing/aggregation facility for organic project. In Eastern

Oregon the regional solutions team provided technical assistance to establish a wine production facility. In the North Central region, the ODA was part of the working group pulled together to work on fire recovery efforts in Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam counties. The group helped distribute information to make sure farmers were receiving information on crop insurance, federal programs and other consideration post fire.

Mr. LaBar thanked ODA's Director Taylor, Jim Johnson and ODA marketing staff representatives who participate and provide technical assistance to the regional solutions teams.

Resources:

- Oregon Regional Solutions presentation

Public Comment (Audio = 25:18)

No members of the public requested time to comment.

Board Business (Audio = 25:58)

Director Taylor introduced Judith Callens to the Board. Ms. Callens will serve as the Government Relations and Legislative contact for the ODA Director's office. The position was previously held by Kathryn Walker and restructured to focus on Government Relations.

The Board recessed at 11:15 am and reconvened at 11:20 am.

Draft letter from the Board regarding the federal West Coast Trawl Buyback Loan (Audio = 34:32)

The Board reviewed the draft letter and provided grammatical corrections with no additional changes to the draft letter. We will be confirming who the letter should be addressed to with the Oregon office in Washington, DC.

A motion by Marty Myers to approve sending the draft letter with suggested edits once recipients of the letter have been confirmed. Seconded by Pete Brentano. The motion passed unanimously.

OWEB report (Audio = 36:42)

Barbara Boyer attended her first OWEB meeting in Canon Beach as the new Board of Agriculture representative. OWEB meetings very well organized. Received an update on OWEB strategic plan, reviewed projects that were funded by the OWEB Board, selected five projects for the 2019-21 grants.

Draft letter from the Board to LCDC (Audio = 40:19)

Based on the discussion yesterday, Director Taylor asked if the Board wanted to pursue sending a letter to LCDC to support the temporary rule being made public and request they continue to monitor the affects to ensure that it is in fact protecting the class one and two prime and unique soils. Discussion followed.

Motion by Stephanie Hallock was made to send a follow up letter to LCDC on issue of solar on ag lands and any additional subjects that need to be included. Seconded by Barbara Boyer.

Discussion followed to ask Jim Johnson to draft a letter for the Board's review and comments and if the subject of dual use should be included in the letter. Director Taylor supported the suggestion to include the topic of dual use in the letter from the Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

Other Board Business - Draft Resolution (Audio = 46:30)

Board members discussed the need to draft a new resolution related to climate change policy considerations and cap and invest. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Pete Brentano to create the working group and draft a new resolution. Seconded by Bryan Harper. The motion passed unanimously.

A working group consisting of Pete Brentano, Grant Kitamura, Marty Myers and Bryan Harper was suggested. ODA's Stephanie Page was asked to work with the group to work on the draft resolution.

Newsletter topics (Audio = 54:45)

Suggestions for the quarterly newsletter include highlighting the Board's legislative meetings, presentations on the Salem-Keizer Career Technology Education Center (CTEC), EMAC Animal Disaster Response deployment, the Board's Biannual Report to the Legislature, changes to the sub-committee procedures and the working group established to draft a resolution on climate change policy considerations.

Next Board meeting agenda topics (Audio = 57:10)

Chair Raymond called for potential agenda items for the June meeting. The June agenda will include a report from the working group on the draft resolution, suggested tour options include the CTEC facility and the Oregon Garden, possible briefing on tide gates and USDA, NASS has requested time on the agenda to present on the 2017 Ag Census data.

Other Board Business (Audio = 59:44)

Chair Raymond asked Barbara Boyer and Pete Brentano to serve with him on a nominating committee for Board of Agriculture officers that will change in September 2019. Recommendations will be presented at the June meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

**Next meeting
June 11-13, 2019
Silverton, OR**