

**STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**  
**June 11-13, 2019**  
**Orchid Ballroom**  
**Oregon Garden Resort**  
**895 W Main Street**  
**Silverton, OR 97381**

\*\*\*\*\*Audio file 2019-06-11\*\*\*\*\*

**Tuesday, June 11, 2019 (Audio = 0:14)**

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm by Vice Chair Marty Myers. Introductions of members followed by ODA staff and guest introductions.

Board members present: Barbara Boyer, Stephanie Hallock, Bryan Harper, Shantae Johnson, Sharon Livingston, Marty Myers, Luisa Santamaria, Director Alexis Taylor.

Board members absent: Tyson Raymond, Pete Brentano, Grant Kitamura

Others present: Stephanie Page, Lauren Henderson, Brena Lopez, Sylvia Vandyke, Lisa Hanson, Jess Paulson, Karla Valness, Allison Cordes, Three Rivers Audio.

**Preventing Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace annual training (Audio = 1:35)**

Brena Lopez, Sr. Assistant Attorney General, Sylvia Vandyke, Sr. Assistant Attorney General Labor & Employment Section, Oregon Department of Justice provided training to the Board related to Preventing Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace as required by Governor Brown for Board and Commission members.

Resource:

- DOJ Preventing Discrimination and Harassment Training (pdf)

**Discuss September joint meeting with Environmental Quality Commission (Audio = 1:08:35)**

Stephanie Hallock and Stephanie Page shared and led a discussion with the Board on possible agenda topics for the September joint Board meeting with DEQ's Environmental Quality Commission (EQC). The proposed agenda will be used to begin dialog with DEQ staff to prioritize agenda items for the September 26, 2019 meeting.

The draft agenda took into consideration of the location of the meeting in Madras and the Deschutes basin where a lot of irrigation modernization work has taken place, issues of mutual interest between the Board of Ag and the EQC and that the meeting will be near the reservation of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs.

After review and discussion of the draft agenda, the Board suggested a focus of the meeting could revolve around irrigation improvements related to water quality and water quantity which are the main areas where DEQ and ODA programs intersect. Other suggestions included additional organizations for the panel discussions, possible tour stops, adding a CAFO presentation, reaching out to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to invite them to participate and/or join the meeting. A goal of the joint meeting is to help EQC members learn more about agriculture. More discussion about the proposed agenda will be covered on Thursday morning during Board Business.

Resource:

- Rough Agenda for Joint BOA and EQC Meeting

The meeting recessed at 6:10 pm until Wednesday, June 12th.

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### **Wednesday, June 12, 2019 (Audio = 0:03)**

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 am by Chair Tyson Raymond. Introductions of members followed by ODA staff and guest introductions.

Board members present: Tyson Raymond, Barbara Boyer, Stephanie Hallock, Bryan Harper, Shantae Johnson, Sharon Livingston, Marty Myers, Luisa Santamaria, Director Alexis Taylor, Dean Alan Sams (joined the meeting at 10:30 am).

Board members absent: Pete Brentano, Grant Kitamura

Others present: Jason Barber, Dave Losh, Polly Owen, Meredith Nagely, Andrea Cantu-Schomus, Stephanie Page, Lisa Hanson, Helmuth Rogg, Mason Atkin, Garry Rodakowski, Karen Lewotsky, Mateusz Perkowski, Lauren Henderson, Stephanie Page, Isaak Stapleton, Jess Paulson, Michael McDaniel, Anna Freitas, Jim Johnson, Sunny Summers, Samantha Bayer, Patrick Gabrish, Juli Jones, Darrin Cline, Anne Johnson, Randy Black, Ivan Maluski, Carson Lord, Casey Grogan, Karla Valness, Allison Coordes (Three Rivers Audio).

### **Approval of minutes (Audio = 02:10)**

Draft minutes from the February 12-14, 2019 board meeting in Salem, Oregon were presented for review and approval.

A motion was made by Barbara Boyer to approve the minutes with no corrections. Seconded by Sharon Livingston. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Director's report (Audio = 02:28)**

Director Taylor shared we have great board meeting planned and the opportunity to meet outside of the Salem area where we will be able to meet with some of the local producers and tour some operations here in the Willamette Valley.

The Legislative session is in the final two weeks of the session. The Legislature must close the session no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>. The agenda today includes a Hemp update and the tour this afternoon will include a Hemp grower/processor in the Woodburn area. Currently ODA has registered just over 50,000 acres and approximately 1500 growers. Finally, the Director introduced Mr. Jess Paulson the new Program Director for the Market Access & Certification programs. Mr. Paulson will fill the position previously held by Lindsay Eng. Director Taylor thanked Casey Prentiss who has been serving as the Interim Program Director.

**2019-21 ODA Proposed budget, legislative concepts, and policy option packages discussion**  
**(Audio = 04:38)**

Lisa Hanson, Deputy Director, and Lauren Henderson, Assistant Director, Oregon Department of Agriculture gave a report on the Legislative session and the status of the ODA policy work and budget packages as outlined on the 2019-21 Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) recommendations one-page summary.

Deputy Director Hanson reported that the agencies five policy bills have all passed both chambers and are awaiting the Governor's signature. The policy bills include three fee increases in the Food Safety, Weights & Measures and CAFO programs, one fee removal in the Pesticides program and one policy bill that will allow the Food Safety program to close facilities that don't renew/pay license fees.

The ODA budget has remained whole during this Legislative session including funding for the Predator Control program. The Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC) funds have been shifted from Lottery Funds to Other Funds and the Noxious Wee Program funds have shifted from General Funds to Lottery Funds. We are waiting to see what other changes in our budget may occur in the end of session bills being considered.

Assistant Director Henderson reviewed the status of select Program Option Packages (POPs) with significant changes from the Governor's Recommended Budget.

**Policy Packages Recommended include:**

- 260 – Agency Lab Consolidation Planning
- 385 – Align Pesticide Stewardship Program Funding
- 280 – Food Safety Fee Ratification
- 290 – Weights & Measures Fee Ratification
- 450 – Certifications Fee Ratification
- 390 – Fertilizer Registration Staffing
- 370 – Worker Protection Standard Training
- 295 – Avian Influenza Limited Duration Position
- 430 – Food Safety Modernization Act

Policy Packages Recommended as Modified include:

320 – Japanese Beetle Eradication Funding  
380 – Invasive Species Council Base Funding  
395 – Plant Program Staffing  
440 – Shipping Point Staffing  
461 – Legal Cost Limitation

Policy Packages – Not Recommended include:

420 – Oregon Promotion and Branding

The ODA budget has passed both chambers and is awaiting the Governor’s signature. Additional adjustments are still possible until the close of the session. For example, multiple agencies have requested water related budget packages and funding has not been determined at this time. Also, package 410 – Market Development & International Marketing position is still being considered. We would anticipate any of these adjustments to our budget will be made at the end of the session. The ODA has received one-new program related to the regulation of animal shelters. This program will begin with General Funds and move to Other Funds based on license fees.

Resource:

- ODA 2019-21 Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) Recommended Budget

**ODA Strategic Plan – OKR review and update (Audio = 22:45)**

Mason Atkin, Internal Communications Specialist, Oregon Department of Agriculture has been working with ODA management and staff to assist with implementation of the ODA’s Strategic Plan.

Strategy for ODA is being able to actualize our mission and vision into the future. Over the past year, the agency focused on two key objectives 1) Foster Employee Excellence and 2) Excellence in Customer Service as well as developed an implementation strategy and tracking system to manage future efforts. Mason reviewed the process and select accomplishments from the 2018-2019 efforts.

Looking forward, strategy discussions have been held to collect feedback from employees on what they consider as important to the agency to focus on next related to the strategic plan. Themes emerged around workforce development, climate change and sustainability and IT and process modernization.

This month additional external and internal discussions will be held to consider what 1-2 agency-wide areas of focus will be for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The new topics will be finalized and shared with staff early this summer.

The ODA strategic plan is considered a living document that will change over time. Progress reports will continue to be shared with the Board.

Resources:

- ODA Strategic Plan Update
- ODA Strategic Plan OKR Review and Update

### **2017 Census of Agriculture Presentation (Audio = 42:20)**

USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS) Oregon State Statistician, Dave Losh, presented Oregon data from the 2017 Census of Agriculture. USDA publishes a new census every five years; the last census was published in 2012. The 2017 data shows the number of farms in Oregon has increased to 37,616 (up from 35,439), however the amount of land (acres) in farms has decreased to 15.9 million acres (down from 16.3 million acres).

In 2017, the total value of agricultural production by county in Oregon is \$5.0 billion with the top five counties listed are 1) Marion 2) Morrow 3) Clackamas 4) Umatilla and 5) Malheur.

The top-ranking market value of ag products sold include: 1) cattle and calves 2) nursery and greenhouse 3) other crops and hay 4) fruits, tree nuts and berries 5) vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes.

The average age of Oregon producers is 57.9 years just slightly higher than the U.S. average of 57.5 years. New and beginning producers, 10 years or less on any farm, represent 28% of Oregon producers slightly higher than the U.S. at 27%. Collected for the first time in the Census of Agriculture was data regarding military service. Twelve percent of Oregon's producers, or 8,227 producers, have military service. Also, Oregon ranks fourth in the U.S. for female producers – 44% of producers are female.

Farm production expenses continue to rise with the top categories reported include 1) hired labor 2) feed 3) depreciation 4) ag services and 5) supplies & repairs. Labor expenses increased 21% from 2012 which was the 6<sup>th</sup> highest in the U.S. in 2017.

All reports and details are available at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>

Resources:

- 2017 Census of Agriculture Oregon Data
- 2017 Census of Agriculture Oregon State Profile
- 2017 Census of Agriculture Summary Sheet

### **Canola Rulemaking Update (Audio = 1:18:17)**

Sunny Summers, Cannabis Policy Coordinator, Oregon Department of Agriculture presented to the Board a Canola rulemaking update. Sunny began her update with a review of the reports due to the Legislature related to canola. At the request of the 2013 Legislature, Oregon State University (OSU) was asked to complete a research study to assess the potential for co-

existence between canola and other Brassicaceae seed crops in the Willamette Valley. The OSU report was completed in 2017. During the 2018 Legislative session ODA was directed to provide a report on recommendations to consider for coexistence between canola and Brassicaceae specialty seed in the Willamette Valley protected district. The ODA report was submitted in 2018. Oregon currently has four protected districts including the Willamette Valley.

Recommendations submitted in the ODA report included two options under current ODA authority and two recommendations that would require Legislative action.

- Under current ODA Authority
  - Advisory board and possible exclusion zones
  - ODA could take no action and there would be no Willamette Valley Protected District and no exclusion zones moving forward
  
- Require legislative action
  - Extend current system in which ODA would continue to pin 500 acres of canola taking in to account where specialty brassica seed crops are being grown and providing a three-mile isolation area.
  - Pinning for all brassica

If the ODA does not adopt new administrative rules, the Willamette Valley Control District ceases July 2019. The ODA convened a rules advisory committee, worked with stakeholders and filed proposed rules on April 29<sup>th</sup>. ODA will accept public comments on the proposed rules until June 21<sup>st</sup>. Proposed rules are to be filed June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Overlaid with the ODA rulemaking process, is Senate Bill 885 that relates to limits on Willamette Valley canola production. SB 885 passed out of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources on June 11<sup>th</sup>. SB 885 would continue the current system of pinning 500 acres for the next four years.

Resources:

- ODA Canola Rulemaking Update
- Willamette Valley Canola Control District Map

The Board recessed at 10:05 am and reconvened at 10:25 am.

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#### **Hazelnut Industry Panel (Audio = 0:30)**

Representatives from the hazelnut industry presented to the board about the Oregon hazelnut industry. Panel members included: Meredith Nagely, Manager, Oregon Hazelnut Industry Office; Polly Owen, Director, Oregon Hazelnut Industry Office; Garry Rodakowski, Chair, Oregon

Hazelnut Commission and Patrick Gabrish, VP of Sales and Marketing, Hazelnut Growers of Oregon representing the Hazelnut Marketing Board and promotion committee.

The Hazelnut industry office includes four organizations the Oregon Hazelnut Commission (production research), Hazelnut Marketing Board (grades, standards, statistics and promotion), Nut Growers Society (trade association and information) and the Associated Oregon Hazelnut Industries (regulatory and legislative issues).

The Willamette Valley is home to 99% of the hazelnut industry. Hazelnut acreage was stagnated at about 29,000 acres, for about 25 years, as a result of Eastern Filbert Blight (EFB) which was found in the mid-1980s. The industry addressed that challenge by working with the Oregon State University (OSU) breeding program to select for EFB resistance. EFB resistant trees were planted in 2007 and today the industry acreage is at 78,603 total hazelnut acres in Oregon as of December 2018. Rapid growth in new plantings continues though not at the peak levels reached in 2017. Marion and Yamhill counties continue have the largest total acreage while Benton and Linn counties are experiencing the fastest growth in new acreage.

Market development work is underway by the industry in both domestic and international markets with the assistance of Oregon Specialty Crop Block grant funds and the Agricultural Trade Promotion (ATP) federal funds. The hazelnut industry worked with the ODA and Senator Merkley's office to supply details of the tree damage as a result of the 2018 snow storm. The industry anticipates receiving federal disaster relief assistance and growers should contact their county Farm Service Agency (FSA) office for information.

Resources:

- Oregon Hazelnut Industry Organizational Chart
- 2018 Oregon Hazelnut Industry Acreage Data Sheet
- Proposed 2019-20 OHC Research
- Oregon Hazelnut Industry Professorship
- Oregon Hazelnut Processors List

**Nursery/Christmas Trees/Industrial Hemp Panel (Audio = 31:10)**

Representatives from the Nursery industry, Christmas Tree industry and the ODA Industrial Hemp program were invited to present the Board.

**Nursery update – Carson Lord, Tree Frog Nursery - (31:10)**

Mr. Lord is the owner of a wholesale nursery operation in Silverton and is former president of the Oregon Association of Nurseries and currently serves on the ODA Noxious Weed Board.

With an estimated \$984 million in sales annually, the Oregon nursery and greenhouse sector is one of the largest commodity group in the State. Oregon is ranked number three in the nation behind Florida and California. Much has changed in the nursery and greenhouse industry in the past 20 years in Oregon. Consolidation has occurred in the industry and the industry has a better understanding of what can be produced in the state and the markets for our products.

Labor is needed year-round and access to labor continues to be a challenge for the industry. Since most employees are year-round, using H2-A labor has not been feasible for this industry. Carbon and gross receipts tax areas of concerns for the industry.

Mr. Lord's wholesale operation is primarily a container grower for the garden center market. Approximately 95% of his production leaves the state. He ships to 22 states and Canada. Expressed thanks for the ODA Nursery Program which has assisted with important pest and disease issues that impact the industry.

#### Christmas Tree Update – Casey Grogan, Silver Bells Tree Farm - (44:21)

Casey Grogan is a Christmas Tree farmer in the Silverton area and serves as President of the Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association and has served on the ODA Christmas Tree Licensing Board.

Oregon currently has 700 growers of Christmas Tree and 42,000 acres. Approximately 92% of all PNW Christmas trees leave the state. Top market domestic markets include California and Hawaii. Top export markets include Mexico, Japan, China, Hong Kong.

Demand is strong for Oregon Christmas trees. With ODA's assistance Mexico continues to be a critical market for Oregon trees. The ODA Nursery Program has assisted with technical assistance to keep the export program to Mexico open. The ODA has assisted with other technical issues related to trees entering Oregon and be translocated to other states.

As part of the ODA Christmas Tree Licensing Board, Mr. Grogan expressed a need for a better understanding of the financial status of the program which would be helpful in funding future NASS surveys.

Oregon leads the nation in production, research and innovation. Would like to thank ODA and the Board for continued support of the Christmas tree industry.

#### Industrial Hemp Program Update – Randy Black, ODA - (55:10)

Randy Black, Industrial Hemp Specialist with the Oregon Department of Agriculture Plant Programs updated the Board on the Hemp Program at ODA. The program started in 2015 with a total of 13 registered growers, 13 handlers and 105 registered acres. Today, the program has 1,539 registered growers, 371 handlers and 51,491+ registered acres and continues to grow.

Hemp and marijuana are all cannabis plants. Plants with 0.3% THC or less are considered hemp. In Oregon marijuana is regulated by the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Jackson, Josephine, Marion, Clackamas and Lane counties are the top five counties with hemp grow sites. Deschutes leads the Central Oregon region and Umatilla county leads Eastern Oregon with registered grow sites.

Resources:

- Pacific NW Christmas Tree Industry Fact Sheet
- ODA Hemp Program Update

**Public comment (Audio = 01:14:30)**

Two speakers provided public comment to the Board: Jerome Rosa, Oregon Cattlemen's Association; Sharon Livingston, private citizen.

Resource:

- Jerome Rosa, Oregon Cattlemen's Association

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:45 am.

The meeting continued in the afternoon with on-site visits and tours of Red Barn Hemp and Woodburn Nursery & Azaleas both operations are located in the Woodburn area.

The meeting recessed at 5:00 pm until Thursday, June 13th.

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**Thursday, June 13, 2019 (Audio = 0:13)**

The 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, Barbara Boyer, Stephanie Hallock, Bryan Harper, Shantae Johnson, Sharon Livingston, Luisa Santamaria, Director Alexis Taylor.

Board members absent: Pete Brentano, Grant Kitamura, Marty Myers, Dean Alan Sams

Others present: Lisa Hanson, Lauren Henderson, Isaak Stapleton, Helmuth Rogg, David Lane, Jess Paulson, Sarah Morrisey, Ericka Palmer, Scott Bricker, Andrea Cantu-Schomus, Matusz Perkowski, Jake Bodart, Jim Johnson, Karen Lewotsky, Ivan Maluski, Katie Fast, Barry Bushue, Jonathan Sandau, Anna Freitas, Karla Valness, Allison Coordes, Three River Audio Visuals.

**ODA Program Area Updates (Audio = 01:49)**

Internal Services and Consumer Protection Program Area Director Jason Barber provided an update to the Board on program activities including the Weights and Measures program, Metrology, Motor Fuel Quality, Laboratory Services, Procurement Unit and the Wolf Grant Program.

Resource:

- ODA Internal Services and Consumer Protection Program Update

Market Access & Certification Program Area Director Jess Paulson introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Jess Paulson comes to ODA from the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, most recently posted in Tokyo, and has worked through international policy negotiations and market access issues across the globe. Mr. Paulson joined the ODA on May 28, 2019.

**Oregon Agritourism (Audio = 33:27)**

Sara Morrissey, Travel Oregon; David Lane, Marketing Program Manager, Oregon Department of Agriculture; Scott Bricker, Director Product Development, Travel Oregon; Ericka Palmer, Travel Oregon provided an overview of the efforts and work being done through the Oregon Agritourism Steering Committee to connect producers with consumers.

Agritourism as defined by the steering committee is the opportunity for consumers to have unique rural cultural and educational experiences that provide producers additional marketing and revenue opportunities.

Current representatives on the Oregon Agritourism Steering Committee include Ag Link, Friends of Family Farmers, Oregon Farmers Market Association, Oregon State University, Marion County Economic Development, Oregon Regional Solutions, Oregon Wine Board, Department of Land Conservation & Development and Oregon Department of Agriculture.

In Oregon Agritourism is implemented through a variety of statutes and regulations. The 2011 SB 960 provided a process by which counties may conditionally approve agritourism activities. Today 17 counties have included agritourism events in their county code.

The Oregon Agritourism Steering Committee has developed the following priorities to advance Agritourism opportunities in Oregon.

- Improve inter-agency and organization coordination to support the sustainable development of agritourism.
- Build a better understanding and increase support for agritourism
- Support agritourism business to improve current, establish new and expand existing operations
- Explore and improve statewide and county-level policy issues and structural barriers and solutions to growing a robust agritourism economy.

The panel extended an invitation for a Board of Agriculture member to attend the next Oregon Agritourism Coordination meeting in July to learn more about the work of the committee.

Resources:

- Oregon AgriTourism Presentation
- Oregon AgriTourism Network
- Oregon AgriTourism Steering Committee Purpose Statement
- Oregon AgriTourism Coordination Steering Committee

**Land Use Update (Audio = 59:25 (partial), recording malfunction mid-presentation)**

Jim Johnson, Land Use & Water Planning Coordinator for the ODA provided an update on the LCDC rulemaking related to siting solar facilities. At the May 23 hearing the LCDC adopted the temporary rule with no changes as a permanent rule. Many of the agricultural issues were not addressed regarding high-value farmland. This rule is a good start however we will continue to monitor the implementation of the rule.

Mr. Johnson also provide an updated on the Legislative bills he is tracking this session related to Land Use including HB2322 related to energy facility siting and HB2329 which would change the definition of an energy facility and who would have the jurisdiction to review the facility.

Mr. Johnson reported about 25% of his time is addressing land use issues related to hemp production.

**Japanese Beetle and Gypsy Moth Eradication Efforts (Audio = recording malfunction, no recording available)**

ODA's Helmuth Rogg, Plant Protection & Conservation Programs Director and Jake Bodart, IPPM Program Manager provided an update to the Board on the recently completed eradication efforts for Japanese Beetle in NW Portland and Gypsy Moth in the Corvallis area.

The Japanese Beetle was first discovered in North Portland in 2016. As a result, ODA has undertaken the largest eradication effort in 80 years. This is the third year of funding for Japanese Beetle eradication efforts and the legislature continued to fund the eradication project for the 2019-2021 biennium. This eradication effort is critical to protect Oregon's greenhouse and nursery, fruit, vegetable, nut, and wine grape industries as the Japanese Beetle likes to eat what we grow in Oregon and protect our natural resources.

The eradication efforts for Gypsy Moth occurred in May 2019 in the Corvallis/Benton County area. It is unknown how the Gypsy Moths were transported to the area, it is presumed to have been transported on a vehicle or by personal belongings from a resident moving to Oregon from an infested state.

Results of these eradication efforts will be available this Fall.

Resources:

- ODA Japanese Beetle and Gypsy Moth Eradication Presentation
- ODA 2019 Gypsy Moth Eradication

The Board recessed at 10:25 am and reconvened at 10:40 am.

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### **USDA 2018 Farm Bill and Disaster Programs Overview (Audio = 0:13)**

Barry Bushue, State Executive Director, USDA Farm Services Agency spoke to the Board regarding the services and programs provided by USDA Farm Services Agency (FSA). FSA currently provides a number of products across Oregon for growers and ranchers to assist with disasters and conservation along with price support and loan programs.

USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue has combined a number of agencies FSA, Risk Management Agency (RMA) and Natural Resources and Conservation Services (NRCS) to serve the customer base and focus on customer service. The combined agencies are known as Farm Production and Conservation or F-pac.

Bushue spoke about the 2018 Farm Bill programs and implementation. There was a major overall to the Dairy program and the dairy margin coverage program. Information about the changes can be found in the printed resource materials.

The 2018 Farm Bill included the declassification of Hemp production which puts this crop in-line to use FSA programs. Much work is to be done on the implementation and it will likely be the 2020 growing season before new programs are available.

Board member Bryan Harper spoke about the situation facing hazelnut growers in Oregon regarding the loss of market issues with China and the access to disaster relief assistance in Lane and Douglas counties. Weather in the south valley has been very challenging in recent years and growers are concerned about the relief programs being based on tree mortality and not loss due to damage.

FSA has established the Market Facilitation Program to offset the loss of markets and the loss of prices due to the lack of trade with China. This program has not yet been implemented, however information is available from FSA.

Regarding the disaster relief programs, FSA has the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) which covers, vineyards, trees and forestry and provides an opportunity to replace trees or vines based on mortality and not damage loss. Weather related damage to hazelnut trees would likely not qualify for assistance under this program since they were not a total loss.

#### Resources:

- USDA FSA Oregon Newsletter
- USDA FAS 2018 Farm Bill What's New
- USDA FSA Farm Loans Overview
- USDA FSA Dairy Premium Fact Sheet
- USDA Dairy Margin Coverage Program
- USDA Disaster and Trade Related Assistance Press Release

- USDA Support for Farmers Impacted by Unjustified Retaliation and Trade Disruption Press Release

### **Public comment (Audio = 20:52)**

Two speakers provided public comment to the Board: Jonathan Sandau, Oregon Farm Bureau; Anna Freitas, Oregon Association of Conservation Districts

Resource:

- Jonathan Sandau, Oregon Farm Bureau

### **Board Business (Audio = 31:13)**

#### OWEB report

Barbara Boyer reported on the recent OWEB meeting in Salem. The focus of the meeting was to review and approve spending plans and grants for the next funding cycle. Barbara also shared that she is now serving as the OWEB representative on the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission. The next OWEB meeting will be July 15<sup>th</sup> in Klamath Falls.

#### Newsletter topics

The Board discussed topics to be included in the Summer edition of the Oregon Ag Briefing Newsletter. Suggested topics include: 2017 Census of Agriculture data, highlights from the meetings and tours with Red Barn Hemp and Woodburn Nursery & Azaleas, profile of Mr. Jess Paulson, ODA Japanese Beetle and Gypsy Moth eradication efforts, continued work on the draft resolution 'Climate Change Policy Consideration'.

#### September meeting agenda topics

Stephanie Page summarized the discussion on Tuesday evening and will continue to work on the draft agenda for the joint Board of Agriculture and Environmental Quality Commission joint September meeting in Madras. Possible agenda topics discussed include: tour of Pelton dam, CAFO presentation, water irrigation modernization and water quality issues. The Board would like to extend an invitation to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs to participate on a panel and/or attend the meeting. It was also suggested that tours be scheduled for the beginning of the day and presentations for the afternoon. Next steps will be for ODA to contact DEQ to discuss the proposed agenda.

#### Working group report on draft climate change resolution

The Board subcommittee presented a draft resolution 'Climate Change Policy Consideration' for review and comments. Board members requested additional work to be done around water issues and transportation impacts. The subcommittee was asked to provide an update at the September Board meeting in Madras.

#### Nominating Committee report and election of officers

The nominating committee of Tyson Raymond, Barbara Boyer and Pete Brentano recommended Marty Myers to serve as Chair and Stephanie Hallock to serve as Vice-Chair for the next year beginning at the September 2019 meeting in Madras.

A motion was made by Barbara Boyer to accept the nominations pending the reappointment of Marty Myers to a serve a second term on the Board. Seconded by Shantae Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Other items

Chair Raymond asked for a volunteer to attend the next Agritourism steering committee meeting in July. Shantae Johnson will consider attending the first meeting and look into further commitment to the committee. Director Taylor shared ODA staff Erick Garman and Jim Johnson can be a resource to assist with the committee.

Karla Valness provided a reminder the September Board meeting dates will be Wednesday to Friday and not the usual Tuesday to Thursday. We will also have meeting time scheduled outside of the joint EQC meeting and tours. Suggestions from the Board for agenda items include: a visit to the OSU Madras Research & Extension station, an update on the Ag Water Quality Program.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.**

**Next meeting  
September 25-27, 2019  
Madras, OR**