

September 10, 2019

MEMO

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

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.

During the 2019 legislative session, HB 2729 was introduced to provide \$10 million in funding for the OAHP, however, it did not advance past the Joint Ways and Means Committee.

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.

At the November 2017, BOA meeting the Board recommended the following four individuals actively engaged in farming or ranching:

- Doug Krahmer (St. Paul)
- Woody Wolfe (Wallowa)
- Chad Allen (Tillamook)
- Ken Bailey (The Dalles)

And Lois Loop for the position with expertise in agricultural water quality.

Commissioner terms are 4 years with the ability to serve no more than two consecutive terms. Since this was a new commission, initial appointments were staggered.

In November 2018, the BOA recommended reappointment of Ken Bailey for a second term from January 2019 – December 2022 (initial term ended January 1, 2019).

Chad Allen's first term will end January 1, 2020.

FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION

The BOA will need to 1) reappoint Chad Allen for a second term (running January 2020 – December 2023); 2) consider the other candidates who applied for the Commission in 2017 and were not selected (after reaffirming their continued interest); or 3) do a public notification for additional applications for the board to consider at the December meeting.

Attachment: list of applicants from 2017 for initial BOA OAHC recommendations

Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission: Applicants (2017)

Ag water quality position:

First Name	Last Name	Title	Employer	Ag operation type	City	County	Notes
Lois	Loop*	Retired/SWCD	Former USDA/FSA	Grass seed, small grains, clover (seed & hay)	Salem	Polk	Also applied for the farmer/rancher position.
Kenneth	Bierly	Retired	Former OWEB		Salem	Polk	
Peter	Kenagy	Farmer	Kenagy Family Farm Inc.	Grains, over crop	Albany	Benton	Also applied for the farmer/rancher position.
Ken	Bailey	Farmer	Orchard View Farms Inc.	Fruit trees	The Dalles	Wasco	Also applied for the farmer/rancher position.

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Farmer and ranching position:

First Name	Last Name	Title	Employer	Ag operation type	City	County	Notes
Lois	Loop	Retired/SWCD	Former USDA/FSA	Grass seed, small grains, clover (seed & hay)	Salem	Polk	Also applied for ag water quality position.
Doug	Krahmer*	Farmer	Family farm	Blueberries, hazelnuts	St. Paul	Marion	
Laura	Masterson	Farmer/Board of Agriculture/EMSWCD	47 th Avenue Farm	Peri-urban vegetable CSA	Portland	Multnomah	
Jennie	London	Farmer/Horticulture Instructor	Clackamas Community College	Urban farming	Portland	Multnomah	
Peter	Kenagy	Farmer	Kenagy Family Farm Inc.	Grains, cover crop	Albany	Linn	Also applied for ag water quality position.

Randy	Bergman	Farmer/SWC D/OACD		Diversified – horses, beef, dairy/dairy products	Clatskanie	Columbia	
Chad	Allen*	Dairy Farmer	Victor Dairy	Dairy	Tillamook	Tillamook	
Ken	Bailey*	Farmer	Orchard View Farms Inc.	Fruit trees	The Dalles	Wasco	Also applied for ag water quality position.
Jeanne	Carver	Rancher	Imperial Stock Ranch	Rancher	Unity	Baker	
Woody	Wolfe*	Farmer/Ranc her	Family farm	Hay, ranching	Wallowa	Wallowa	
Mark	Bennett	Rancher/Co mmissioner/ Sage Grouse Council	Baker County Commission	Rancher	Unity	Baker	
Pat	Holliday	Rancher	Holliday Land & Livestock Inc.	Rancher	John Day	Grant	
Matthew	Smith	Ranch Manager/Re al Estate Development	GI Ranch Corporation – NW Rangeland Trust	Ranch management	Bend	Deschutes	

*BOA recommended for appointment November 2017