

**STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**December 3-5, 2019**

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**MINUTES**

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**Wednesday, December 4, 2019 (Audio = 0:00)**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Chair Marty Myers. Introductions of members followed by ODA staff and guest introductions.

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

Board members absent: Shantae Johnson, Sharon Livingston, Tyson Raymond

Others present: Jess Paulson, Jim Johnson, Lauren Henderson, Lisa Hanson, Isaak Stapleton, Stephanie Page, Frank Barcellos, Amy Gilroy, David Lane, Melissa Torres, Andrea Cantu-Schomus, Jonathan Sandau, Jim Johnson, Sunny Summers, Christina DeWitt, Regan Coordes, Karla Valness

**Approval of minutes (Audio = 02:15)**

Draft minutes from the September 25-27, 2019 board meeting in Madras, Oregon were presented for review and approval.

A motion was made by Stephanie Hallock to approve the minutes with no changes or corrections. Seconded by Pete Brentano. Motion passed unanimously.

**Director's report (Audio = 02:40)**

Director Taylor reported on the recent Governor's Trade Mission to South Korea and Japan, November 1-15, 2019. The mission focused on several types of work including foreign direct investment, outdoor and apparel industries and a focus on food and agriculture. The ODA has participants from the wine, beef and berry industries. The wine industry was introducing their wine certification program, the berry industry introduced fruit purees to the craft beer industry and the beef industry explored market opportunities in Japan. Japan is the number one market and South Korea is the number two market for Oregon agriculture and food products.

Planning is underway for a domestic mission to the mid-west with the grass seed sector to explore planting grass seed as cover crops during the summer and an international mission this fall to Singapore and Taiwan. A possible trade mission to Canada is being planned for 2021.

The Director highlighted a couple of items from the ODA program area reports, Dr. Helmuth Rogg has been appointed by the Governor as Oregon's representative to the Western Governors Association Invasive Species Council. Congratulations Helmuth. As previously discussed, the Pesticide Stewardship Partnership (PSP) Program has had its first advisory committee meeting as well as the chlorpyrifos advisory committee is planned for mid-December.

ODA gave several presentations on hemp at the November Legislative Day's. The USDA has issued the federal regulations and ODA is working on submitting a State Plan to address the federal regulations. There will be a discussion in the 2020 Legislative session regarding ODA authority in the hemp program to implement the 2018 USDA Farm Bill.

Work is being done to prepare for the 2020 Legislative short session. We anticipate legislative asks for funding related to the Governor's 100-year water vision along with other agencies. Two of our POPs that did not get funded in the 2019 session may be included for partial funding to include SIA funding and funding for the lower Umatilla Groundwater Management Area work.

Also, for the 2020 session, ODA has filed a letter of intent to request Other funds limitation for positions in the hemp program. ODA has the cash to support the positions, however we need limitation authority to spend the dollars. In addition, we have a request to reverse the fund shift in our threatened and endangered species program from Federal funds to General funds. The final item will be ODA has a report due to Ways & Means committee on cannabis and the laboratory expense related to the testing work being done.

In light of the recent Governor's trade mission, Stephanie Hallock asked the Director to comment on what is happening to Oregon in general related to tariffs. During the September Legislative Day's Director Taylor and Jess Paulson gave a presentation on the Global impacts of tariffs on Oregon producers. During the recent Governor's trade mission, the US has a free trade agreement with South Korea and the US has just concluded a tariff reduction agreement with Japan. The first phase will be implemented in January 2020. Japan was in the process of voting on the agreement while the Governor's trade mission was in Japan. The Japan agreement is good news for Oregon's high value and value-added items exported to Japan.

Barbara Boyer commented on the planned domestic trade mission to the mid-west and understand it is to promote the grass seed industry. Currently cover crops are not covered by any NRCS programs as the don't like to cover temporary vegetative practices. She will be interested in hearing about what you learn about the yield lag issues they are dealing with and how cover crops may address those issues. The practice may also help with ag water quality issues.

#### **ODA Food Safety and Animal Health Program Area Update (Audio = 16:30)**

Isaak Stapleton, Program Area Director; Alex Manderson, Field Inspector; and Frank Barcellos, Program Manager provided overviews on the Food Safety/Animal Health, Shellfish and Dairy programs for the Board.

Isaak Stapleton began by talking about the ODA Food Safety program. The mission of the program is to prevent the spread of food borne illnesses. They do this based on the robust laws and rules around food safety in our state and across the nation, with a proactive approach to

enforcement through education and compliance and with a dedicated highly trained staff. The program has approximately 12,000 licenses facilities they inspect. They license and inspect nearly all aspects of the food system except for restaurants in most cases and have a limited involvement with USDA meat plants. He also spoke briefly about the challenges facing the program including the implementation of FSMA, routine inspection workload and program funding.

The Animal Health programs have a similar mission to protect Oregon livestock from disease and prevent the spread of animal diseases. The program also manages the commercial feeds program and the animal health lab is a fee for service lab that provides testing by request and the testing supports market access, facilitates animal movement and the prevention of disease transmission. Challenges for the program include program funding, and the implementation of the new Animal Rescue licensing program.

The Livestock Identification/Brands program performs ownership inspections on over 1 million cattle annually and voluntary brand inspections on approximately 500 equines annually. They also investigate stray animal cases to determine ownership on cattle and horses and assist law enforcement with theft investigations and education.

Shellfish specialist Alex Manderson gave the board an overview of the ODA Shellfish program. The program monitors risks of bacterial pathogens, viral pathogens, marine biotoxins and chemical contaminants to ensure safe crab and shellfish harvesting. Monitoring is done in commercial growing areas in Oregon. ODA collects and analyzes at least 660 growing area water samples, 576 shellfish marine biotoxin samples and performs more than 120 shellfish plant and distributor inspections each year.

Dairy Program Manager Frank Barcellos spoke to the board about the ODA Dairy program. This program has the statutory authority to enforce the Interstate Milk Shippers program in Oregon. The ODA complies with reciprocity agreements which designate ODA the authority to permit the entry and use of fluid milk and milk products produced outside of Oregon. It also allows ODA to investigate and survey fluid milk supplies to ensure that they are produced under a system that will have the quality equal to the milk produced within the state.

Mr. Barcellos also spoke to the testing procedures related to the Appendix N program which tracks antibiotics in milk. Under the program each milk tanker is tested and if antibiotics are found in the milk, the milk does not enter the processing facility.

Currently Oregon has 212 Grade A dairies (197 cow milk, 12 goat milk and 3 sheep milk). We continue to lose dairies in Oregon however milk production continues to stay up.

Congratulations to Rogue Creamery in Central Point whose Rogue River Blue cheese was recognized as the World's Best Cheese beating a record breaking 3,804 entries from 42 countries.

Resource:

- ODA Food Safety Animal ID Program Area Update

### **Hemp Rules and State Plan Update (Audio = 1:12:30)**

ODA's Cannabis Policy Coordinator Sunny Summers and Assistant Director Lauren Henderson provided an overview of the ODA hemp program. Mr. Henderson shared that cannabis will continue to be a crop that you will hear more and more about and that ODA treats cannabis, either marijuana or hemp like any other crop in Oregon. We are closely aligned with our state agency partners, Oregon Health Authority, the Governor's office and OLCC around cannabis. Mr. Henderson, thanked Dean Sams for the research and work being done at OSU's Global Hemp Center.

Sunny Summers, talked about the requirements of the Oregon hemp program. ODA continues to have an annual grower registration. Slight changes have been made for the 2020 registration season in an effort to make it a more equitable fee structure. Pre-harvest testing requirements have change for 2020 as well.

Oregon will be moving from a Delta 9 TCH only on preharvest requirement to a total TCH standard for preharvest testing requirement in 2020 as part of the 2018 Farm Bill.

New requirements will be implemented on January 1, 2020 for the 2020 crop harvest.

The ODA program also registers initial processors of hemp. ODA has a handler registration, if you are handling raw hemp you are required to have a handler registration. We also have an agricultural hemp seed registration.

The program started in 2015 with 13 growers and 105 registered acres, we are ending 2019 with 1961 registered growers and approximately 64,000 registered acres. This rate of growth has been a surprise and has resulted in resource issues at the ODA. Most registered acres are located along the I-5 corridor, Klamath county, Deschutes county and in some eastern Oregon counties.

The 2014 Farm Bill allowed states to operate a hemp research pilot program either through the state department of agriculture or through a land grant university. The ODA has had a law on the books since 2009. OSU did not participate in the pilot program and risk other federal funding.

The 2018 Farm Bill established a hemp program at USDA to regulate hemp and removed hemp and its derivatives from the control substances act if the derivatives come from hemp.

Under the federal program USDA will create rules that will meet the farm bill requirements and states will be allowed to submit a plan to describe how the state will regulate hemp in their state. USDA issued draft interim rules on October 31, 2019 that they could operate under for 2-years. Public comment will be accepted on the USDA rules through December 31, 2019.

ODA has been working with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) and partners at USDA to review the rules. The USDA draft interim rules require:

tracking where hemp is grown; sampling and testing; disposal procedures; compliance provisions; procedures to share with law enforcement; certify resources/personnel to carry out required activities and an implementation timeline.

One of the requirements of the USDA rules will be to conduct background checks on registered growers. ODA does not have this authority and will be requesting authority in the upcoming 2020 Legislative session. ODA will also seek additional positions during the Legislative session to support the hemp program.

ODA will be submitting comments on USDA's interim rules to establish a domestic hemp production program.

Hemp is a crop that may get more people interested in farming and agriculture. Programs for new and beginning farmers in Oregon and could provide basic farming knowledge and practices that could teach how to be good farmers. As a result of the 2018 Farm Bill Oregon State University has started to work with this crop and more research is being done on best practices that should be very helpful to growers.

Sunny continues to work with growers and agency partners to increase communication to ensure issues are being addressed by the agency who has the appropriate authority to address the issues.

Resource:

- ODA Hemp Presentation Dec 2019
- ODA website <https://oda.direct/hemp>

**Public comment (Audio = 1:49:30)**

Two speakers provided public comment to the Board: Ryan Bond, Oregon Sweet Cherry Commission; and Jonathan Sandau, Oregon Farm Bureau.

The Board recessed at 10:15 am and reconvened at 10:30 am

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**Farm to School update (Audio = 0:00)**

Amy Gilroy, MPH, Farm to School Program, Oregon Department of Agriculture presented to the board an overview of the Oregon Farm to School Program. The presentation included elements and history of the program, program expansion and new grants for FY19-21, how ODA supports the program and return on investment. In addition, she was joined by Christina DeWitt, Director and Professor, OSU Seafood and Research & Education Center in Astoria to talk briefly about the USDA Local Food Promotion Program Grant to develop supply chain for local proteins.

Core Elements of the Farm to School Program include: education, school gardens and procurement. This work happens in the cafeteria, community, classroom, home & family and outdoor learning spaces & school gardens.

The Oregon Farm to School program was established in 2007 with one full time position at the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) established a position in 2008. Both agencies work cooperatively on the Farm to School Programs in Oregon. The ODE focuses primarily on the 130+ school districts in the procurement reimbursement program, 24 education grants and the more than 600 school gardens. The ODA program focuses on introducing producers to schools and schools to producers, assist producers to enter the school marketplace, assist with value added product development to create “school ready products” and participate in the annual Oregon State Nutrition Association Farm to School showcase to highlight Oregon producers and processors.

In 2019, HB 2579 expanded program funding from \$4.5 million to \$15 million for the biennium for this work by both agencies. The Bill also added three new grant programs and added more eligible partners in the program.

As part of the expanded funding, the ODA received funding to implement the Farm to School Equipment and Infrastructure competitive grant program. The grant program will fund projects that aim to increase sales of Oregon agricultural products by increasing the production and/or processing capacity to meet school market demand. To learn more about the grant program contact ODA or visit the ODA website.

The Oregon Farm to School Program reports that Oregon foods are served in more than 90% of all school meals. The top five Oregon foods purchased with Farm to School procurement funds include: apples, tortillas, Oregon beef, pears, pizza based on the 2017-2018 school year. The program has more than 300 Oregon vendors, in the more than 130 school districts funded schools have spent 25 % of food budget on Oregon foods and the program reaches about one-half of all kids in public schools.

Challenges for schools and producers include – operate on slim margins, school food service directors have approximately \$3.40 to spend per meal/per child including labor costs, without the labor cost included that leaves about \$1.40 to \$1.70 to spend on food per meal/per child. Additional challenges include, labor and infrastructure challenges, product delivery and form, and navigating procurement rules.

Amy and Christina DeWitt introduced the local food promotion project that is being led by Ecotrust. The focus of the protein forward project will be to look at helping smaller producers of grass fed beef, groundfish and plant-based proteins to develop products and build the capacity for producers to sell more local products to institutional facilities like schools and hospitals. Partners on the project include ODA, OSU Seafood Lab and the Food Innovation Center.

Resource:

- ODA Farm to School Program

The meeting continued in the afternoon with on-site visits and tours to Lewis & Clark Elementary School in Astoria to have lunch with elementary students and learn about the school’s farm to school lunch program. Following the school visit, Board members and staff

gathered at the Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank to learn about hunger issues in the region and the programs of the CCA Food Bank. While on-site, Board members and staff assisted in re-packing over 2,000 pounds of potatoes and sweet potatoes that will be distributed the next day.

The meeting recessed at 5:00 pm until Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

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**Thursday, December 5, 2019 (Audio = 0:00)**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Chair Marty Myers. Introductions of members followed by ODA staff and guest introductions.

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

Board members absent: Shantae Johnson, Sharon Livingston, Tyson Raymond

Others present: Jess Paulson, Jim Johnson, Lauren Henderson, Lisa Hanson, Isaak Stapleton, Stephanie Page, Gabrielle Redhead, Melissa Torres, Misty Ogier, Jerome Rosa, Mary Anne Cooper, Regan Coordes, Karla Valness

**Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Update and Outreach (Audio = 01:45)**

Gabrielle Redhead, ODA's SCBGP Coordinator shared with the board information about the FY2020 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) and changes from previous grant periods.

Outreach for the FY2020 program is currently being conducted around the state to talk about the program, the application process and discuss what types of project qualify for funding.

As defined by USDA, the purpose of the SCBGP funding is to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined as fruits, vegetable, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, floriculture and nursery crops. Information and details about the program can be found on the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program website including a full list of crops that are considered specialty crops.

As a result of the 2018 Farm Bill, one significant change was made to the definition. The program will accept applications that include specialty crops and non-specialty crops and may be considered for funding. It is unknown how USDA will implement this change and therefore, it is recommended the focus of the project be at least 51% specialty crops vs non-specialty crops.

Oregon's program is allocated about \$1.5 to 2 million dollars annually. Grant applications are reviewed by a 26-member advisory committee that will make recommendations to the Director of Agriculture for funding. Barbara Boyer represents the Board of Agriculture on the advisory committee. Funding priorities were established in 2012 and are reviewed and updated each year.

Two new priorities were added in 2019 – cross-commodity collaboration and addressing regulatory burden.

Applications for the FY2020 funding will be accepted between December 2, 2019 and January 31, 2020. The advisory board will review the grant applications and the Director will select subgrantee partners in April 2020. Selected projects will be submitted to USDA for approval with grant funds available sometime in the Fall 2020 to begin approved projects.

The SCBGP outreach workshops have been scheduled across the state during the month of December and will address eligibility requirements for project applicants, policies and requirements and restrictions and limitations to the program. The goal of the workshops will be to encourage more statewide applicants, to share the changes made by the 2018 Farm Bill to the program.

Oregon receives approximately \$1.5 to \$2 million in funds each year. Over the past 10 years the ODA has funded on average 48% of the grant applications received. On average we receive 35-40 grant applications and fund 14-16 projects annually.

Resource:

- ODA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Outreach
- ODA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program general information 2020

### **Land Use Update (Audio = 22:00)**

Jim Johnson, ODA's Land Use & Water Planning Coordinator reported to the Board on several land use topics.

Energy:

Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) rules advisory committee has held one meeting on the proposed rules related to the green energy corridor siting project in the north central part of Oregon. The proposed rules would establish rules to allow a transmission corridor to be pre-sited on a predetermined location considering all the compatibility issues related to agriculture. Then in affect offer incentives for future transmission facilities to locate on that site.

Issues that remain for agriculture would be to encourage LCDC to look at lands for added protection other than high value farm land that is based on soils and look at other lands that are highly productive agricultural lands that are based on other characteristics such as irrigation and lands that produce high value crops in that part of the state.

One additional committee meeting will be held before the comments are reviewed by the hearings officer and then to the LCDC for consideration.

Jim reported on an inquiry from an East Coast researcher regarding the issue of siting solar facilities and dual use. Dual use defined as agriculture underneath the solar panels or between rows. The answer is yes you can use dual use, however of concern is what are the implications to all agriculture. Oregon State University continues to research dual use. Research is showing that for certain crops the temperature increase under the panels could be good for some crops and

not for other crops. Jim shared the Board's concerns as stated in Board Resolution 318 with the researcher.

ODA has been contacted as part of a stakeholder group of agencies by US Dept of Defense to try to map the variations and factors that should go in to play when determining the location to site energy facilities and transmission facilities. The US Dept of Defense is trying to develop a database with as many of the variables included. The location of energy facilities have an impact to them as it relates to maintaining clear air corridors.

#### Drought:

As of December 2, the Federal Drought Monitor report shows that November was the 5<sup>th</sup> driest month in history. Precipitation content for the state is at 47% of normal. As of two weeks ago, Oregon had no drought areas listed. As of the December 2 report, about one-half of the state is now declared in a drought situation on the drought monitor report.

#### Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) annual meeting:

The meeting is next week and Jim will attend to follow land use issues. The OFB has the following proposed resolutions that will be discussed at the meeting 1) location of paths and trails on agricultural land and the compatibility issues 2) oppose the use of urban renewal districts outside of urban growth boundaries on lands zoned for farm use 3) related to hemp and what constitutes the definition of hemp and THC levels 4) siting of solar facilities on farmland.

#### Additional items:

LCDC Commissioner Jerry Litz's term has ended on the Commission. Governor Brown has appointed Dr. Geraldo Sandoval to the Commission. Jim will be meeting with Dr. Sandoval to discuss land use issues. At the last LCDC meeting, the Commission adopted their workplan for the next biennium and will include climate change and wildfire protection. LCDC has also expressed interest in scheduling a joint meeting with the Board of Agriculture over the next two years.

Jim also reported on land use issues in Marion county related to hemp and hemp processing. Yamhill and Josephine counties also are working on hemp processing related questions. Land use and right to farm questions related to growing and processing hemp are treated like any other agricultural crop in the state. Co-existence issues related to odor, cross pollination, feral hemp concerns and water use issues have been expressed.

Jim continues to monitor the Aurora airport management plan. The issue has been appealed to LUBA stating the management plan did not go through the existing land use process and that it would be inconsistent with statewide land use planning process if allowed to go forward.

Farmers recently won a court decision on the Rails to Trails project in Yamhill County, however they have decided to appeal the decision based on the implications to agriculture.

ODA has provided comments on an application in Polk County to re-zone 230 acres of exclusive farm use land to rural residential. ODA's comments outline why the land is considered to be zoned exclusive farm use.

## **Integrated Water Resources Planning Grants (Audio = 45:00)**

Steve Parrett, Planning Coordinator, Oregon Water Resources Department; Margaret Matter, Agricultural Water Resource Specialist, Oregon Department of Agriculture

The Integrated Water Resources planning grant program is operated within the Water Resources Development program at the Oregon Water Resources Department. The purpose of the program is to help address Oregon's instream and out-of-stream water needs. The program has three main areas: 1) place-based planning 2) feasibility study grants and 3) water project grants & loans.

Place-based planning is one of the recommended actions from Oregon's 2012 Integrated Water Resources Strategy. The recommendation was to implement a program similar to the State's integrated water strategy at the local level by gathering a variety of people and organizations to look at water resources, discuss issues and work together to solve those issues.

In 2015 the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) received authority to develop a pilot place-based planning grant program and provide focused technical assistance to support this type of work.

As a result, the OWRD created draft planning guidelines and implemented a pilot program with the goals to test the draft planning guidelines, develop two plans by 2019, gain experience, inspire collaboration & integration, build local capacity and support and to leverage funding and maximize investments.

The guidelines have five planning steps: 1) build a collaborative and inclusive process; 2) characterize current conditions and identify knowledge gaps 3) determine current and future needs and vulnerabilities; 4) identify integrated solutions to meet needs and 5) develop an integrated water resources plan.

Four groups were selected for funding under the pilot program: Upper mid-coast, lower John Day, Upper Grande Ronde and Malheur Lake. Groups were selected based on geographic diversity and the water issues in each of the areas.

OWRD has a roll in all aspects of the planning process including program coordination, planning partner, technical assistance and financial assistance.

Margaret Matter, Agricultural Water Resource Specialist, Oregon Department of Agriculture talked about ODA's roll with the pilot program. The ODA is fully supportive of the stakeholder driven place-based planning process and the communities ability to effectively resolve their challenges. The ODA has participated in each of the local planning groups to provide support as well as provided technical assistance to the projects.

Examples of ODA assistance include conducting a Harney basin precipitation and temperature study to assist with the study of current and future water demands. The ODA has also been working, along with other agencies and partners, to develop a collaboration with NASA to gain access to 40 years of high-resolution satellite data. With access to this data more research can be done to potentially solve some of the western water issues. The technical group is actively

working with two of the pilot groups to see how this data could provide information for their projects. Access to the data could also lead to research that may tell us what has happened over time in terms of forest expansion and density, and how has that impacted surface water and ground water hydrology and what can we learn about water quality.

Mr. Parrett reported that 3 of the 4 pilot groups have identified issues such as inadequate water supply, inadequate data, water quality issues that impact the use of the water supply and are working to develop solutions. The fourth group is still working to identify local issues.

Looking forward to 2020, the goal is to have two plans ready for review by the Oregon Water Resources Commission and if approved may be included in the update to Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy plan. They anticipate the Upper Grand Ronde plan to be completed in summer/fall and the Lower John Day plan to be completed by winter.

Also, in 2020 the OWRD staff will conduct an evaluation of the pilot program to see if it is meeting the needs of the water planning needs across the state. Discussion followed.

Resource:

- Water Resources Department Integrated Water Resources Planning Grants

The Board recessed at 10:00 am and reconvened at 10:15 am.

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### **Public comment (Audio = 0:30)**

Three speakers provided public comment to the Board: Melissa Torres, Heart plus Grit, LLC; Jerome Rosa, Oregon Cattlemen's Association; and Mary Anne Cooper, Oregon Farm Bureau.

Resource:

- Melissa Torres, Heart plus Grit, LLC
- Jerome Rosa, Oregon Cattlemen's Association

### **Board Business**

#### **OWEB report (Audio = 15:50)**

Barbara Boyer provided an OWEB report to the Board. The most recent meeting was in Condon Oregon where they approved about \$29 million in grant funds including restoration, technical assistance, monitoring and stakeholder engagement projects. The OWEB board works to fund grants in all parts of the state not all in one area. Barbara also shared some of the key performance measures OWEB uses to track progress of the program. The next OWEB meeting will be in January in Jacksonville.

#### **Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Council Representative (Audio = 21:00)**

As outlined in the November 19, 2019 memo to the Board of Agriculture, there is a current opening on the Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia (OAH) Council. The OAH Council has 13 members and the Board is responsible for making one of the appointments, in consultation with

the Governor's office, representing the shellfish mariculture industry to the Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Council.

Discussion followed regarding the process to solicit public interest to identify possible candidates for the Board's consideration. The Board requested ODA to create an application/interest form and announce the position opening. During the February 2020 meeting, the Board will review the application/interest forms, select a candidate and work with ODA to consult with the Governor's office to appoint a new member to the Council.

Resources:

- Appointment to the Oregon Coordinated Council on Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia (OAH) memo to the Board

### **Resolutions (Audio = 24:00)**

Stephanie Page, Program Director, ODA Natural Resources Programs reviewed with the Board two resolutions that are included in the resolution packet. The new resolution on 'Climate Change Policy Considerations' is recommended to adopt updated language as presented.

A motion was made by Pete Brentano to adopt the resolution as written. Seconded by Stephanie Hallock. The motion passed unanimously.

The second resolution 308 'Adoption of Rules of Inland Rogue Water Quality Management Area' was recommended in September 2018 to change the status from active to inactive. No vote was taken at that time.

A motion was made by Barbara Boyer to change the status of Resolution 308 from active to inactive status. Pete Brentano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie Hallock presented to the Board edits to resolution 000 'Board of Agriculture Policy and Procedures for Resolutions' as requested in September 2019. Discussion followed. No edits were suggested to the amended resolution. The recommendation was to present the revised resolution at the February 2020 meeting for recommended approval.

Also included in the resolution packet are a list of resolutions that are scheduled for review in 2020. The resolutions have been divided in to two groups for review. ODA staff members Stephanie Page will assist Board members in the review of Group A and Jim Johnson will assist Board members in the review of Group B. Board members may volunteer or be assigned a work group for the reviews. Work sessions will be held at the February 2020 meeting to begin the reviews.

### **Working Group A will review the following resolutions:**

029 – Reservation of Columbia River Water for Irrigation Purposes

124 – Fair Trade

269 – Board of Agriculture Supports Development of a Biofuel industry in Oregon

275 – Cougar Management Plan

305 – The Native Plant Conservation Program

Working Group B will review the following resolutions:

155 – Board of Agriculture exposition on Farm Tax Deferral and Urban Growth Boundaries

162 – Buildable Lands inside Urban Growth Boundaries

271 – 30-year Land Use Review

295 – Viability of Oregon Agriculture

300 – Siting of Aggregate Mining Operations in the Willamette Valley

310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands

Stephanie Hallock raised a question regarding the Public Comment periods on the agenda. Should Board members ask questions and address comments during the comment period? Discussion followed. Yes, the Public Comment period is a time for Board members to ask questions and provide comments to the presenter. Board members may choose to address comments at future meetings or ask for additional information to be addressed a later time. It was suggested the Board prepare public comment procedures.

Resources:

- Resolution packet December 2019

**Newsletter topics (Audio = 51:20)**

Suggested topics for the quarterly newsletter include: ODA Farm to School Program, Board tours/visits to Lewis & Clark Elementary School for school lunch and Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank, Hemp program update, ODA's role with water-based planning grants, adoption of climate change resolution.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.**

**Next meeting  
February 11-13, 2020  
Salem, OR**