



Oregon State Board of Agriculture Minutes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
04/29/2024	Wilsonville, OR and hybrid	9:00 AM	12:00 PM

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Monday, April 29, 2024

Agenda Item 01 – Welcome and Introductions

Chair Elin Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Introductions of board members followed.

- Board members present: Chair Elin Miller, Barbara Boyer, Bryan Harper, Miguel Lopez, Eric Orem, Luisa Santamaria, ODA Director Lisa Charpilloz Hanson, Dean Staci Simonich
- Board members remote: Chad Allen
- Board members absent: Josh Zielinski
- Others present in-person/remote: Lauren Henderson, Jonathan Sandau, Isaak Stapleton, Jess Paulson, Rusty Rock, Karla Valness, Andrea Cantu-Schomus, Victoria Binning, James Fraser, Amanda Hoey, Helle Ruddenklau, Megan Chuinard, Christina Higby, Janet Hou, Bee Easy Farm LLC, Maria Snodgress, Ashley, Lauren Link, Megan Kemple, Dalton Advocacy, Inc., Ryan Scholz, Erin Lockett, Jinyun Duan, Becky Berger, Gilbert Uribe, Toby Primbs, Ryan Schluz

Director’s report

Director Lisa Charpilloz Hanson reported she started back with the agency in December after two years leading the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) and she is thrilled to be back at the ODA. She received Senate confirmation in early February. In the two years away from the agency, there has been a tremendous amount of change in the agency and she is looking forward to the conversation today looking at the strategic plan and talking about our charter and setting our course for the next couple of years. You will hear much about rebuilding the ODA infrastructure and a focus on our core work, and core service delivery and customer service. The Director shared that she has had the opportunity to meet with many industry groups since she has been back at ODA and has focused on many subjects including spending time at OSU, participating in local town hall meetings in the Hermiston area related to the lower Umatilla Groundwater Management work.

Agenda Item 02 – Discussion on the 2024 ODA Strategic Plan update

Assistant Director Jonathan Sandau shared with the board the Strategic Plan Outline the ODA team has been working on and talked through the work that has been done and is being done to complete a final 2024-27 Strategic Plan by the end of May.

The process began by looking at the previous strategic plan and the details and work that had gone into that plan. The update started with a review of the agency mission, vision and core values. The workplan was set-up in three phases 1) Jan-Feb included getting organized, building out our processes and timelines and working to capture all our internal processes. Phase 2 Feb-March was a time to get focused on our internal and external conversations to conduct our SWOT and PESTLE analysis. Phase 3 April-May is where we are today gathering feedback on the work that has been done, analyzing the information and bringing it all together, building goals to complete the plan by the end of May. The agency IT strategic plan and the DEIB plan will be incorporated into the overall ODA Strategic Plan. Discussion continued during the presentation. Chair Miller thanked the ODA team for the efforts and great work. Updates will be shared with the Board at the June meeting.

Resource:

- 2024 ODA Strategic Plan outline
- 2024 ODA Strategic Plan presentation

Break

The Board recessed for a 15-minute break and reconvened.

Agenda Item 03 – Public Comment

Board members received no written public comments.

The Board received verbal comments from Becky Berger regarding the ODA Strategic Plan suggesting adding “T” for transparency to the ODA core values and creating AGGIESTs.

Agenda Item 09 – Board Business

Nominating Committee for Vice-Chair

At the request of Chair Miller, board member Luisa Santamaria reported that she along with the nominating committee of Barbara Boyer and Bryan Harper met and would like to nominate Eric Orem to serve as the vice-chair for the board.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Luisa Santamaria to nominate Eric Orem to serve as vice-chair for the board. Seconded by Bryan Harper. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously by: Elin Miller, Barbara Boyer, Chad Allen, Bryan Harper, Miguel Lopez, Eric Orem, Luisa Santamaria.

Other Business

Director Chapilloz Hanson was asked to provide an update on the two partial board vacancies. We are hopeful the Governor’s office will act on the appointments in May and we hope to have new members announced in June. We will conduct another recruitment again in the fall for two more open positions. We had a significant response in terms of applications coming in this time. The appointments for the Board of Agriculture members are made by the Governor and not the Director of Agriculture.

ODA State Veterinarian Ryan Scholz provide a brief update to the board on the HPAI in cattle situation. Since early February we began hearing about an issue affecting cattle in Texas. USDA announced in March the had detected HPAI virus in cattle from Texas and Kansas. Since that time, it has been reported n 34 farms in nine states. The situation is changing daily. At this point we have no cases in Oregon. The FDA released last week that none of milk samples tested contained any active virus confirming pasteurization does work to kill the virus. ODA will continue to monitor the situation. Director Charpilloz Hanson thanked Dr. Scholz and his team for their work on this issue and getting information out to producers.

The next scheduled meeting will be June 4-6, 2024, in SE Oregon. The board discussed meeting in the Burns area to learn about local groundwater management projects and tour and learn about the precision agriculture and livestock work at OSU’s Burns Experiment Station. Location and agenda details will be posted on the ODA website when finalized.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Afternoon site visit

A site visit of the ODA laboratories at the state of Oregon, North Valley Complex was provided for board members and ODA staff.

Next meeting: June 4-6, 2024
In-person – SE Oregon and virtual option will be available.