



# Oregon State Board of Agriculture Minutes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
09/03-09/05 2025	Running Y Resort, Klamath Falls, OR	5:00 pm	11:50 AM
FACILITATOR	CONTACT EMAIL	CONTACT PHONE	
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## Meeting Recording:

September 3 – Meeting recording Part 1 – <https://youtu.be/RHfOc7SG3wk>

September 4 – Meeting recording Part 2 – <https://youtu.be/SjCwvKupU3M>

September 5 – Meeting recording Part 3 – <https://youtu.be/yFeKviTGTsc>

## Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

### Agenda Item 01 – Welcome and Introductions (Timestamp: 0:00:20)

Chair Elin Miller called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm. Introductions of board members followed. John Boyes, Board Coordinator, called the roll of board members.

Board Members:	ODA Staff Present:	Others Present:
<b>Present:</b> Elin Miller, Chair Chad Allen, Vice-Chair Director Lisa Charpiloz Hanson Eric Orem Kirk Maag Mike Dill Barbara Boyer Ellie Norris Ty Kliewer Josh Zielinski (Remotely)  <b>Absent:</b> Dean Staci Simonich Miguel Lopez	Lindsay Eng Jonathan Sandau Rusty Rock Casey Prentiss Isaak Stapleton Sherry Kudna Karla Valness John Boyes	Misty Buckley Keri Brookshire Marc Staunton Brooke Boyes Kelley Minty Sue Liskey Tracey Liskey Leslie Druffel (Remotely) Colleen Roberts (Remotely) Dave Henslee Mike McKoen Scott Seus Regan Coordes

Roll call of officers confirmed that a quorum (majority of voting members) was met and that the meeting could continue.

### Agenda Item 02 – Industry Panel (Timestamp: 00:04:35)

The Board heard a facilitated panel discussion about issues facing Klamath Basin agriculture producers. Facilitator Dave Henslee prepared discussion questions centered around four focus areas: workforce

challenges, commodity-specific concerns, market stability and Klamath product competitiveness, and a look toward the future of Klamath Basin agriculture.

The panel consisted of the following members:

- **Dave Henslee (Facilitator)** - Former Klamath County Commissioner, owner/operator of 5-H Cattle Company based in Merrill, OR; Consultant for United Strategies Consulting; serves on the Board of the Klamath Irrigation District
- **Kelley Minty** – Klamath County Commissioner
- **Marc Staunton** – 4<sup>th</sup> generation farmer; President of Cal-Ore Produce and trucking company; Secretary of the Klamath Water Users Association Board; serves on the Klamath County School Board
- **Kerri Brookshire** – President of the Klamath County Cattlewomen; serves on the Fremont-Winema Forest Citizens Advisory Committee
- **Brooke Boyes** – OR/CA Brand Inspector, cattle producer, past Cattlewomen’s president, area VP for OR Cattlemen’s Association
- **Mike McKoen** – Farmer in Merrill, OR; Vice President of the Klamath Water Users Association and serves on the board of the Drought Response Agency, Director of Brimmer Ditch Company, member of ODA’s Shipping Point Advisory Committee
- **Scott Seus** – Farmer on the California side of the Basin; president of the Klamath Water Users Association Board

Chair Elin Miller invited everyone to the reception at the Running Y Hotel across the parking lot.

Chair Elin Miller recessed at 6:37 pm to reconvene at 8:30 am September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Agenda Item 03 – Welcome and Introductions (Timestamp: 00:00:17)**

Chair Elin Miller called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Introductions of board members followed. John Boyes, Board Coordinator called the roll of Board members.

Board Members:	ODA Staff Present:	Others Present:
<b>Present:</b> Elin Miller, Chair Chad Allen, Vice-Chair Director Lisa Charpiloz Hanson Eric Orem Kirk Maag Mike Dill Barbara Boyer Ellie Norris Ty Kliewer Josh Zielinski (Remotely)  <b>Absent:</b> Dean Staci Simonich Miguel Lopez	Lindsay Eng Jonathan Sandau Rusty Rock Casey Prentiss Isaak Stapleton Sherry Kudna Karla Valness John Boyes Andrea Cantu-Schomus (Remotely) Sunny Summers (Remotely) Laura Passage (Remotely) Adam Crawford (Remotely)	Bill Miller Representative Anna Scharf (Remotely) Diana Wirth (Remotely) Gene Souza Paul Poister Susan Topham Virginia Topham Jennifer Detwiler Tonia Henderson Delaney Ryde Dayle Robnett Kerri Brookshire Nell Scott Larry Nicholson Becky Hatfield Hyde Elizabeth Nielsen Regan Coordes

Roll call confirmed that a quorum (majority of voting members) was present, and the meeting could continue.

**Approval of minutes (Timestamp: 00:04:15)**

Draft minutes from the June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, board meeting were presented for review and approval.

**MOTION:**

Barbara Boyer moved to approve the June 2025 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ellie Norris. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously by: Kirk Maag, Ty Kliewer, Chad Allen, Barbara Boyer, Ellie Norris, Mike Dill, Eric Orem, Josh Zielinski, and Chair Elin Miller. No abstentions, recusals, or no votes.

**Director's report (Timestamp: 00:05:12)**

Director Lisa Charpiloz Hanson highlighted work done by the Oregon Department of Agriculture since the June meeting.

- Since the last meeting in La Grande, OR there have been several staffing changes.
  - John Boyes recently joined ODA as the new Board Coordinator and will be housed in the Communications Department within the Director's Office. Andrea Cantu-Schomus is leading the Communications Department.
  - Director Charpiloz Hanson is going to be onboarding a new Executive Assistant in two weeks. Laura Passage, the previous Executive Assistant, promoted to a new role within the Communications Department to help develop an intranet site for ODA and providing a centralized place for internal communications after a year as Executive Assistant. Charlotte Campbell will fill the role as Executive Assistant, coming to ODA with a background at a law firm.

- Sherry Kudna and Karla Valness have been providing important support to the team especially related to Board operations.
- July was a big travel month.
  - Deputy Director Lindsay Eng and Director Charpilloz Hanson attended the Western United States Department of Agriculture regional meeting in Montana. The meeting lasted 4 days.
  - They toured economic development projects related to state-to-state and state-to-providence relations between the US and Canada. It highlighted the importance of strengthening regional food systems. They also spent time with potato farmers who grow for Frito Lay and spent time behind the scenes at the Calgary Stampede learning the economic and cultural contributions that come from the event.
  - To round out the expedition, they spent time at Olds College of Agriculture and Technology which has programs dedicated to developing technical competence in agriculture.
- August moved quickly with a heavier focus on internal business.

Director Charpilloz Hanson highlighted the success of the ODA team in the last legislative session and mentioned that additional information would be presented during the meeting.

It was noted that the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) Farm Stand Rulemaking agenda item was pulled from this Board Meeting due to the process being paused. Director Charpilloz Hanson explained that ODA and DLCD continue to work in tandem together on the farm stand rules, identifying the scope of rules and where administrative actions can be taken and where legislative action may be required. She also explained the complexity of determining which operations need permits for agritourism as the process is highly nuanced. Director Charpilloz Hanson and Deputy Director Lindsay Eng toured Topaz Farms on Sauvie Island recently and were able to hear their specific operational hurdles and how agritourism helps with the overall financial viability of their farming operation. A more detailed discussion is slated to happen at the December 2025 Board of Agriculture meeting, depending on the rulemaking progress at that time.

The governor (Tina Kotek) is doing her first mission overseas to South Korea and Japan October 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. The focus in Japan will have an agriculture delegation accompanying her.

In September, Director Charpilloz Hanson is planning to travel to Arkansas to attend the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture's (NASDA) annual meeting. Over the last year, she has served in an at-large position for NASDA and is looking for additional ways to stay involved with the policy-making functions with NASDA to ensure Oregon can help shape national agricultural policy and protect Oregon's diverse agricultural economy.

Chair Elin Miller asked if NASDA would be more involved in labor and immigration issues. Director Charpilloz Hanson confirmed that there has been more conversation around those topics.

Insect Prevention and Management staff were commended for their work around spotted wing *Drosophila*. The Agriculture Services Division was recently restructured to centralize on-the-ground and fee-for-service programs to optimize efficiency of program delivery. Ontario, OR area staff have been champions for this new approach of integrating Brand Inspectors with Shipping Point Inspectors and CAFO Inspectors. After several

injuries to several personnel in the leadership team of that program in Ontario, staff stepped up to fill gaps in service delivery outside their explicit roles to ensure continuity of service delivery.

Director Charpilloz Hanson provided an update on agency rule making activities, including SB 777 Wolf Depredation Compensation program and the Lower Umatilla Basin Ground Water Management Area (LUBGWMA) rules. Early next year, ODA will be reevaluating the Central Oregon Control District for Rapeseed after determining that there may not be a statewide solution for issues facing the canola industry.

A brief update was provided on current agency proceedings with a seed dealer in Central Oregon who chose not to charge the set price established through the bargaining association for rye grass seed. There are slow pay/no pay actions the Department can take in cases where producers have not been paid according to the set price order from the bargaining association.

The quota for shrimp with the European Union has been increased, which is a big win.

Chair Elin Miller referenced the division update reports and asked Rusty Rock about the services that ODA developed to test for *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* in shellfish intended for raw consumption. ODA is currently working through approval with the Food and Drug Administration and will be sharing protocols and knowledge with Washington and California once finalized.

Barabra Boyer asked how far behind organizations need to be for slow pay/no pay rules to take effect. Deputy Director Lindsay Eng clarified that each contract has a date enumerated where producers can apply to the Department to investigate a slow pay/no pay claim. Typically, this date is May 1<sup>st</sup> following the crop year the seed was harvested. This is guided by statutory language. There is no deadline to apply for slow pay/no pay claims. The Department investigates each claim; if it is determined that producers were not paid correctly, the Department issues a notice of payment demand giving the supplier 30-days to pay. There are also provisions within statute that require interest charges for late payments. Beyond interest, there are no additional penalties. The contested case process as required by the Administrative Procedures Act lengthens the process and adds frustration.

#### **Agenda Item 04 – ODA Budget and Legislative Update ([Timestamp: 00:34:25](#))**

The Board heard updates on ODA's Budget and Legislative efforts from Director Charpilloz Hanson, Deputy Director Jonathan Sandau, and Deputy Director Lindsay Eng. Highlights included:

- \$9.4 million appropriated for information technology modernization efforts at ODA
- Additional funding added to the Wolf Depredation Compensation Grant Program
- Funding loss to the Japanese Beetle eradication program
- Statutory fee increases for several ODA fee-based services including:
  - Food Safety
  - Pesticide
  - Brand Inspection (including added flexibility to contract for brand inspection services)
- ODA's legislative efforts during the 2025 Legislative Session:
  - 3 fee-related bills that increased fee caps or percentages
  - 3 policy bills including:

- Clarification of poultry in the state meat inspection program
- Addition of a civil penalty authority for Animal Health and Feeds program
- Realignment of soil-enhancing product label requirements with current federal guidelines and rules

Deputy Director Jonathan Sandau provided updates on the following bills which were passed in addition to the bills listed above:

- SB 777 – Modifying the Wolf Depredation Grant Program
- SB 1154 – Relating to Ground Water (Modifies provisions of law related to declarations of ground water quality concern areas and ground water quality management areas.)

A brief look ahead at the 2026 short legislative session was provided, too. There is projected to be a statewide budget deficit of around \$373 million, contrary to earlier projections that predicted a budget surplus. There are two key strategies that may be selected – decreasing the state budget commensurately or decoupling from the federal tax code.

Director Charpilloz Hanson shared that the current biennium budget is good, but there are significant risk factors that put that budget at risk, especially with federal funding sources. There have been instances where ODA has walked away from federal program implementation because the dollars offered by the federal agencies do not cover the cost of conducting those programs at the state level. She also shared that Oregon devoted 15% of the lottery funds to natural resource agencies, but there is added vulnerability of those funds as well.

Chief Operating Officer Adam Crawford also added caution around the budget and spoke to the cyclicity with which ODA receives its funds (twice a year). He is regularly monitoring ongoing budget issues.

#### **Agenda Item 05 – Local Food Network ([Timestamp: 01:16:48](#))**

Amy Gilroy, a Trade Manager with ODA, introduced the next group of presenters. She facilitated a panel of local community members engaged with local food systems. The panel consisted of the following members:

- **Delaney Ryde** – Program Coordinator for the Klamath Grown Food Hub
- **Jennifer Detwiler** – Nutrition Services Supervisor for the Klamath County School District
- **Susan Topham** – Owner of Flying T Salers Ranch in Sprague River, Oregon
- **Tonia Henderson**, Registered Dietician and Director of Food, Nutrition, and Diabetes at Sky Lakes Medical Center
- **Katie Swanson** – Owner of Seet Union Farm in Klamath Falls, Oregon

Amy Gilroy facilitated the discussion and asked the panel the following four questions:

- What do you think the benefits are of the work you do?
- What is a milestone or accomplishment that you feel the most proud of?
- What is the hardest part of working in the local food system for you?
- What is one thing that would make it easier for you to overcome a challenge in this work?

The meeting recessed for a five-minute break following the local food panel discussion.

**Agenda Item 06 – Klamath Basin Restoration ([Timestamp: 02:00:30](#))**

Larry Nicholson, Executive Director of the Upper Klamath Basin Agricultural Cooperative (UKBAC) and Becky Hatfield Hyde, Deputy Director of UKBAC and Vice-Chair of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission, shared a presentation highlighting the restoration efforts being undertaken in the Upper Klamath Basin. The UKBAC was formed in 2022 by a group of farmers to help unify efforts in restoration in the Upper Klamath Basin. They focus on the region above Klamath Lake, including the Sprague River, consisting of off-project irrigators. UKBAC is the steward of a grant issued by OWEB to many community partners in 2026. Goal one is to do 26 miles of low process-based restoration on the upper tributaries of the Sprague River. To date, approximately 14 miles have been completed. The second goal is to come up with a concept to restore 80 miles of the Sprague River to promote water quality and retention for agricultural and wildlife uses. Goal three is to develop tools and incentives for agricultural landowners to do restoration work:

- One of those tools was an NRCS RCPP program to simplify the participation process for landowners
- Another tool was to implement conservation leases for agricultural landowners which would allow other federal programs to be utilized on those acres leased for conservation purposes which helps overcome issues with conservation easements
  - Issues identified with this approach included the need for funding matches from the state, which may not be available, and a lower pay out for leases compared to easement agreements
  - The Klamath Tribes have expressed opposition to conservation easements in these areas because they do not want lands acquired by them in the future to be encumbered by conservation easements

**Agenda Item 07 – Klamath Irrigation Project ([Timestamp: 02:31:55](#))**

Gene Souza, Executive Director for the Klamath Irrigation District, Elizabeth Nielsen, Executive Director of the Klamath Water Users Association, and Jaxsen Sikorski, District Manager for the Klamath Irrigation District, presented the history and current happenings on the Klamath Irrigation Project.

**Agenda Item 08 – Public Comment ([Timestamp: 02:52:43](#))**

Chair Elin Miller called for public comment at 11:30 am. However, no requests for public comment were received for this time slot.

The Board received four submissions of written comments prior to the meeting and reviewed them:

Submitter:	Organization/Affiliation:	Topic:
Andrea Kreiner	Oregon Association of Conservation Districts	Land Use and Planning Coordinator Position at ODA
Dani Lightle	Oregonians for Food and Shelter	LUBGWMA Rule Making
Sophie Els	Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network	Resolution 319: Climate Change Policy Considerations
Justin Green	Water for Eastern Oregon	LUBGWMA Rule Making

Sally Compton Colin Reynolds Bethany Cotton Story Warren Joe Liebezeit Amaroq Weiss Brian Posewitz	Think Wild Defenders of Wildlife Cascadia Wildlands Humane World for Animals Bird Alliance of Oregon Center for Biological Diversity Humane Voters Oregon	SB 777 Rule Making and Implementation
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### **Agenda Item 09 – Site Visits**

The meeting recessed at 11:50 am to reconvene at 8:30 am September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The Board toured the following locations, led by Gene Souza and Elizabeth Nielsen:

- Link River Estates to view a panoramic view of Klamath Lake and the dam on the Link River
- Pumping station on the Klamath Drainage District where Manager Scott White explained the flow of water through the KDD and showcased the recirculation process which recycles water during dry years to help meet irrigation needs.
- Active potato harvest at Scott Fenters’ field to observe harvest of fingerling potatoes.
- Lost River High School FFA program where student officers and ag teacher Meghan Miller showcased their school farm which provides meat and eggs to the school cafeteria for the lunch program.
- Oregon State University’s Klamath Basin Research and Extension Center where the Board toured ongoing hemp planting density trials, wheat breeding trials, and potato genetics projects.

The tours concluded and the meeting recessed at 6:00 PM to reconvene at 8:30 AM on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Agenda Item 00 – Welcome and Introductions ([Timestamp: 00:00:03](#))**

Chair Elin Miller called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. John Boyes, Board Coordinator called the roll of Board Members.

Board Members:	ODA Staff Present:	Others Present:
<b>Present:</b> Elin Miller, Chair Chad Allen, Vice-Chair Director Lisa Charpiloz Hanson Eric Orem Kirk Maag Mike Dill Barbara Boyer Ellie Norris Ty Kliewer Josh Zielinski (Remotely)  <b>Absent:</b> Dean Staci Simonich Miguel Lopez	Lindsay Eng Jonathan Sandau Rusty Rock Casey Prentiss Isaak Stapleton Sherry Kudna Karla Valness John Boyes Sunny Summers (Remotely) Sandi Hiatt (Remotely) Amy Gilroy (Remotely) Nick Sirovatka (Remotely) Andrea Cantu-Schomus (Remotely) Sunny Summers (Remotely) Laura Passage (Remotely) Adam Crawford (Remotely)	Ron Anderson Amy Fitzpatrick Dayle Robnett Joseph Vaile Barry Shullanberger Paul Poister Keri Brookshire Ryan Krabill Tom Flynn Rick Crook Wanda Crook Bill Lehman Lee Bradshaw Le Rae Bradshaw Terra Ochsner (Remotely) Una Johnson (Remotely) Lauren Kuenzi (Remotely) Misty (Remotely) Danie Lightle (Remotely) Neil Ferguson (Remotely) Pasigo Ranch (Remotely) Justin Green (Remotely) Nicole Mann (Remotely) Carlos Bonilla (Remotely) Katie Murray (Remotely) Roblyn Brown (Remotely)

Roll call confirmed that a quorum (majority of voting members) was present, and the meeting could continue.

**Agenda Item 10 – SB 777 Wolf Depredation Compensation Program – Implementation ([Timestamp: 00:05:40](#))**

The Board heard a joint presentation between ODA and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) on the Wolf Depredation Compensation Program presented by Deputy Director Jonathan Sandau, Senior Policy Advisor Sunny Summers, and Wolf Coordinator Roblyn Brown (ODFW).

Roblyn Brown provided an overview of the wolf population and status in Oregon as well as management tips and tricks to deter wolf activity on ranches.

Sunny Summers, Senior Policy Advisor for ODA, and Jonathan Sandau, Deputy Director at ODA, provided an overview of the ODA-administered Wolf Depredation Compensation Grant Program. They clarified that ODA is

not involved in the confirmation of a depredation event, but that the program would reimburse ranchers for “confirmed” or “probable” wolf kills according to ODFW’s determination.

SB 777 from the 2025 legislative session changed the compensation model for the wolf depredation program:

- The missing category was eliminated
- A new multiplier for confirmed/probable losses which will pay up to 3x-5x the animal’s market value with a \$25,000 payment cap per animal.
- At least 50% of funds must be used for preventative measures.

The revised rules to implement the changes enacted by SB 777 are scheduled to be posted in November after convening the Rules Advisory Committee.

**Agenda Item 11 – Public Comment ([Timestamp: 00:57:00](#))**

This time was reserved for public comment. The Board received verbal comments from the following people:

Name:	Organization/Affiliation:	Topic:
Dani Lightle	Oregonians for Food and Shelter	LUBGWMA Rule Making
Justin Green	Water for Eastern Oregon	LUBGWMA Rule Making
Paul Poister	Nutrien Ag Solutions; Member of LUBGWMA RAC	LUBGWMA Rule Making
Keri Brookshire & Dayle Robnett	Klamath Co. Cattlewomen’s Association & Diamond S Meat Co.	SB 777 and Wolf Depredation Impacts
Lauran Kuenzi	Oregon Farm Bureau	SB 777 and Wolf Depredation Impacts
Ryan Krabill	Oregon Farm Bureau	General Ag Economic Overview for OR Agriculture
Ron Anderson	Rancher – Butte Falls	SB 777 and Wolf Depredation Impacts
Bill Lehman	Klamath Watershed Partnership	Klamath Basin Water Issues
Joseph Vaile	Defenders of Wildlife	SB 777 and Wolf Depredation Impacts
Lee Bradshaw	Jackson County Farm Bureau, Rancher from Eagle Point	SB 777 and Wolf Depredation Impacts
Le Rae Bradshaw	Rancher	SB 777 and Wolf Depredation Impacts

The meeting paused for a 10-minute break following public comment.

**Agenda Item 12 – Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area (LUBGWMA) Rules ([Timestamp: 01:50:50](#))**

Eric Orem, Board Member, Isaak Stapleton, ODA, and Renee Moulun, ODA, presented an update on the rules being made for the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area. The LUBGWMA has historically had

high nitrate infiltration to ground water sources. In September of 2024, the state published a management plan from ODA, Oregon Department of Water Resources (ODWR), and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to help mitigate these ground water issues.

Monthly Rules Advisory Committee Meetings have been happening in March – September of 2025. The goal is to publish proposed rules in October 2025, hold public hearing and revise rules in November 2025, and rule adoption and finalization in December 2025.

The goal is not to achieve 100% nitrogen utilization but rather minimizing nitrogen leaching. The control strategy consists of adjusting fertilizer application rates according to crop need, reducing nitrate loading in soils at the crop root zone, and preventing or reducing excess nitrate from leaching into groundwater. Rule making was approached with keeping best management measures in mind, including leaving farm management decisions to farmers, ensuring the rules are results oriented, and providing grower assessment tools.

Renee Moulun gave an overview of the draft LUBGWMA rules. There are rules that apply to all landowners and rules that apply to large, irrigated acreages.

Rules for All Landowners:	Large, Irrigated Acreage (1,000 ac +) Rules:
Prohibited acts Application rates/restrictions Irrigation management Animal pasturing	Annual nitrogen plan Post-harvest summary Nitrogen evaluation plan Adaptive management measures

Details of each of these rules were shared by Renee Moulun. Key concerns raised by the Board included considerations for older irrigation infrastructure, issues with controlling infiltration depth during flood irrigation, and ensuring growers were left the authority of making management decisions for their operations.

Isaak Stapleton shared there are data challenges with identifying operations that meet the 1,000 irrigated acre threshold. Renee Moulun explained that the largest component for these larger operations is the annual nitrogen plan that focuses on nitrogen inputs at levels that are reflective of the crop demand and requires end-of-year assessment to determine if the plan was effective.

Under these draft rules, ODA will evaluate the program and be engaged with:

- Determining compliance by way of records auditing and performing on-farm inspections
- Determining the percentage of participants based on submitted proof of certifications
- Monitoring soil nitrate levels to determine program effectiveness

It was clarified that the source waters for irrigation in this project area vary – some draw from shallower alluvial aquifers while others have drilled into the Columbia basalt aquifer.

**Agenda Item 13 – Board Resolutions ([Timestamp: 02:53:30](#))**

Board Resolution 319 – Climate Change Policy Considerations:

The Board reviewed the proposed revisions to Board Resolution 319 as submitted.

#### **MOTION**

Kirk Maag moved to approve the Board Resolution revisions as submitted. Elli Norris seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by: Ty Kliewer, Kirk Maag, Chad Allen, Eric Orem, Mike Dill, Ellie Norris, Josh Zielinski and Elin Miller. No abstentions, recusals, or no-votes were cast.

#### **Agenda Item 14 – Public Comment ([Timestamp: 02:56:54](#))**

This time was reserved for additional public comment. The Board received the following public comments:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Organization/Affiliation:</b>	<b>Topic:</b>
Una Johnson	Member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	SB 777 and Wolf Depredation Program on Reservation Lands
Carlos Bonilla	Oregon State University Faculty; Chair of the LUBGWMA Working Group	LUBGWMA Rule Making

Una Johnson asked how the Wolf Depredation Program on Reservation Lands. Elin Miller permitted responses from the agency. Deputy Director Jonathan Sandau and Senior Policy Advisor Sunny Summers provided clarification that Jefferson or Wasco Counties would need to establish wolf committees. Jefferson County has been in contact with ODA to begin the process of applying for the Wolf Depredation Compensation Program.

#### **Agenda Item 15 – Board Business ([Timestamp: 03:06:00](#))**

##### **Election of Officers:**

##### **MOTION:**

Ty Kliewer moved to nominate Elin Miller to serve as Chair of the Board. Chad Allen seconded the motion. No discussion or further nominations were received. Motion passed unanimously by: Ty Kliewer, Kirk Maag, Chad Allen, Ellie Norris, Mike Dill, Josh Zielinski, and Elin Miller. No abstentions, recusals, or no votes were cast.

##### **MOTION:**

Ty Kliewer moved to nominate Eric Orem for the role of Vice-Chair. Mike Dill seconded the motion. Mike Dill offered comment that having continuity of Board leadership for new members is helpful. Eric Orem added that continuity will help be beneficial. Mike Dill added that the difference in how boards operate can be vast. Elin Miller thanked the Board. The motion was passed unanimously by: Ty Kliewer, Kirk Maag, Chad Allen, Ellie Norris, Mike Dill, Josh Zielinski, and Elin Miller. No abstentions, recusals, or no votes were cast.

#### **Newsletter Topics: ([Timestamp: 03:10:50](#))**

Chair Elin Miller opened the floor for discussion about topics for the Board Newsletter.

The following assignments were made:

Board Member:	Newsletter Topic:
Ellie Norris	Klamath County Farm-to-School
Kirk Maag	SB 777 and Wolf Depredation
Ty Kliewer	Water Issues in the Klamath Basin
Eric Orem	LUBGWMA RAC

**Future Meeting Dates and Locations: ([Timestamp: 03:18:25](#))**

The Board proposed the following locations for the 2026 meetings:

- Redmond in concert with the Oregon FFA Convention (March 17-20, 2026)
- Madras, OR (June 3-5, 2026)
- Southern Oregon Coast (September 2-4, 2026)
- McMinnville, OR/Yamhill County (December 2-4, 2026)

It was recommended that the September 2026 meeting dates be altered to account for back-to-school days.

Elin Miller adjourned the meeting at 12:05 pm

**Next meeting: December 3-5, 2025**  
**In-person – Hood River, OR | Virtual option will be available.**