



Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission

Meeting Minutes: August 5, 2022

The August 5 commission meeting was held virtually.

Commissioners attending: Ken Bailey, Bruce Taylor, Doug Krahmer, Lois Loop, Nancy Duhncrack, Nathan Jackson, Barbara Boyer, Sam Angima, Chad Allen

Staff attending: Lisa Charpilloz Hanson, Taylor Larson, Eric Williams, April Mack, Nicole Bettinardi

Public attendees: Jan Lee, Nellie McAdams

A. Welcome and Introductions, and Commissioner Updates

Chair Doug Krahmer welcomed the commission and public at 9 am. Commissioners introduced themselves.

B. Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of Apr 19, 2022 meeting were reviewed and corrections were proposed. Motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Nathan, seconded by Lois. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Public Comment

Jan Lee, OACD, noted the importance of this program to OACD, both CE and CMP grants. OACD will be advocating for \$10M investment in the program in 2023. Jan is particularly interested in carbon sequestration projects and supports updating a 2019 valuation paper to develop methodology for valuing carbon sequestration projects.

Nellie McAdams, OAT, is excited about the progress of OAHP. Nellie highlighted some items from her submitted written comments (See meeting packet).

Blue Mountain Land Trust submitted written comments (see meeting packet).

Board Discussion of Public Comments: Barbara asked about privacy concerns, since applicants are using NRCS, is this a concern. Lisa noted that federal privacy does not cross over to state law. Oregon's law favors public exposure. Bruce asked 1) alignment of grant cycles; and 2) CE terms not conflicting with ACEP/ALE. Taylor responded that we are going to have grantees attach minimum deed terms. We will provide a template. In the future, we may seek an approved NRCS template, which must be approved by the NRCS national office. Regarding timing, we have to stand up the program as fast as possible. NRCS requires match funding to be in place at time of application. Usually they are due in Feb/March. Taylor is meeting with NRCS's new CE specialist later today. Nancy asked about possibility for incorporating application changes in the future. Doug expressed support for pre-application conferences.

D. Program Updates and Timeline Review

Taylor gave a brief update to the commission regarding initial program launch activities including hiring three staff, meeting with partners and preparing upcoming solicitation.

E. Application Review

Taylor walked through the 8 criteria for CMP evaluation. Sam suggested looking at weighting the criteria in the future. Nathan pointed to original guidance documentation.

Taylor walked through the CMP and CE online applications. Commissioners requested incorporation of previously developed guidance into the application. Nancy asked about impacts to neighboring lands.

For CE, Nathan suggested moving the "holder" question up further in the application. Nancy noted that SWCDs are not eligible for accreditation.

Bruce pointed to the need to distinguish between management plans and CMPs.

The commission discussed the need for the question about community engagement. Lois noted that public funds require transparency. Doug is on the fence, but since it's public money, disclosure is better. Ken suggests changing language to "may include outreach to county". Eric noted that there should be guidance about the required public hearings.

F. Other Business/Next Meeting

Barbara asked whether commissioners can observe the review team, which will be a case by case basis due to the different ways CE and CMP are reviewed. Ken asked whether applications will be available to commissioners as soon as they are received, and they will because it is public record. Lois noted concerns over privacy issues - applicants should be aware that ownership information is public.

Next meeting will be in March 2023 and determined via a doodle poll conducted by OWEB staff.