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**Virtual Commission Meeting**  
**April 30, 2024**

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# Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission

## Meeting Agenda

### April 30, 2024

Business Meeting	April 30, 2024	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
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### Virtual Meeting

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- **Phone:** Dial 1 669 900 6833, Meeting ID number: 862 4075 0376, Passcode: 624874
- **Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86240750376?pwd=QnFH3dyZmVFZGVGeDE5V2tVTFd1QT09>

### Public comment

The OAHC welcomes written and verbal public comments on any agenda item. Written comments submitted by the deadline will be provided to the commission before the meeting.

Written comments and requests to make verbal comments should be submitted using the online [Public Comment Form](#). The deadline for submitting written comments and requests to make verbal comments is **4:00 pm Monday, April 29, 2024**.

Verbal comments:

- Limited to three minutes
- Will be heard in the public comment period

Provide the following information for virtual verbal comments:

- Your first and last name
- The topic of your comment
- The phone number you will use when calling the meeting.

If physical, auditory, language, or other accommodations are needed for this meeting, please contact [Nicole Bettinardi](#) as soon as possible, and at least 48 hours before the meeting.

### Agenda

#### A. Welcome & Introductions (2:00 pm)

#### B. [Public Comment \(2:15 pm\)](#)

This time is reserved for the commission to hear general public comments and review the written public comments submitted before the meeting. *Information item.*

#### C. [Review and Approve Minutes \(2:20 pm\)](#)

The Minutes from the March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, OAHC meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *Action Item*

#### D. [2024-2025 Spending Plan Adoption \(2:25 pm\)](#)

The commission will consider the available funds and make a spending plan recommendation to the OWEB Board detailing the amount of money to be allocated to each of OAHCP's four grant programs. *Action item.*

#### E. [2024 Rulemaking Updates \(3:30 pm\)](#)

Staff will update the Commission on the process for upcoming rulemaking. *Information item.*

#### F. Other Business (3:45 pm)

This time is reserved for other business that may come up before the Commission. *Information item*

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## Agenda Item B

# Public Comment

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Submitted written public comment will be published in a supplemental document after the committee meeting and posted on our website here:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/grants/oaHP/Pages/OAHC/2024-Apr-OAHC.aspx>



Agenda Items C

# **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

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# Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission

## Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2024

MINUTES ARE NOT FINAL UNTIL APPROVED BY COMMISSION

This meeting was held virtually.

Audio Recording at: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0dl-TOWlt4Sp--i1KEa\\_OA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0dl-TOWlt4Sp--i1KEa_OA)

### OAHC Members Present

Boyer, Barbara  
 Collins, James Robert  
 Contreras, Ed  
 Hoeflich, Russ  
 Krahmer, Doug  
 Lowe, Amanda  
 Masterson, Laura  
 Reimer, Jeff  
 Taylor, Bruce  
 Wolfe, Woody

### OWEB Staff Present

Bettinardi, Nicole  
 Davis, Renee  
 Larson, Taylor  
 Meacher, Robin  
 Page, Stephanie

### Others

Ackley, Kathleen  
 Black, Rhonda  
 Hudson, Marc  
 Johnson, Jim  
 Kendrick, Karsyn  
 Lee, Jan  
 McAdams, Nellie  
 McAlister, Liza Jane  
 Olson, Tara  
 Penberthy, Matt  
 Scisco, Michael  
 Warren, Kelly

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by co-chair Doug Krahmer.

### A. Welcome and Introductions (Timestamp: 00:00:00)

Commissioners and staff introduced themselves and reported on their recent activities, shared information, and commented on various agricultural, watershed enhancement, and community conservation-related topics. *Information item.*

### B. Public Comment (Timestamp: 00:19:30)

This time was reserved for the commission to hear general public comments and review the written public comment submitted for the meeting. There was one written public comment submitted for this meeting from Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts and Oregon Agricultural Trust.

The following people provided verbal comments. *Information item.*

- Karsyn Kendrick, Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts
- Marc Hudson, Oregon Agricultural Trust

### C. Review Role of Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission (Timestamp: 00:28:29)

OAHP Coordinator Taylor Larson facilitated a discussion with the commission on the Commission Manual and their role as commissioners within OAHP and OWEB. *Information item.*

### D. 2024 Program Refinements (Timestamp: 00:51:18)

OAHP Coordinator Taylor Larson and Conservation Easement Specialist Robin Meacher updated the commission on refinements being made to the program for 2024. *Information item.*

### E. Legislative and Funding Update (Timestamp: 01:07:10)

Acquisitions and Special Programs Manager Renee Davis updated the commission on recent legislative and funding developments affecting the OAHP program. *Information item.*

**F. Conservation Management Plan Implementation Methodology (Timestamp: 01:27:51)**

OAHP Coordinator Taylor Larson and Barbara Wyse from Highland Economics updated the commission on the near-final draft of the Conservation Management Plan Implementation Methodology and solicited commission feedback. *Information item*

**G. 2024 Commission Work Plan (Timestamp: 02:12:02)**

OAHP Coordinator Taylor Larson walked the commission through a programmatic timeline focusing on upcoming commission activities for 2024. *Information item*

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 pm.**



Agenda Item D

**2024-2025 Spending Plan  
Adoption**

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# STAFF REPORT

## *Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program*

April 30, 2024, Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission Meeting



Tina Kotek, Governor

### ITEM D – 2024-2025 Spending Plan Adoption

**To:** Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission (OAHC)

**From:** Taylor Larson, OAHP Program Coordinator

#### Introduction

The 2024 legislative session resulted in a \$5.161 million general fund appropriation to the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Fund (\$4,541,680 for grants and \$619,320 for operations) through Senate Bill (SB) 5701. The Oregon Climate Action Commission has also directed OWEB to use \$750,000 from the Natural and Working Lands (NWL) Fund to support OAHP technical assistance (TA) grants, as well as grants for the development and implementation of Conservation Management Plans (CMP) that have carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas emissions reduction benefits via a payment-for-climate-smart-practices approach. The commission will discuss options for allocation of funds in a spending plan for the biennium and set a spending plan to inform grant solicitations during Spring of 2024.

#### Background

At the April 2024 OWEB board meeting, funds from both the NWL Fund as well as SB 5701 were included in the board's updated spending plan for OAHP. \$4,541,680 are to be made available through grant cycles to support any of OAHP's four grant programs. The NWL funding (\$750,000) is to be made available for CMP and TA grants following an outreach and engagement process that ensures priority shall be given to expenditures supported by an environmental justice community or a resolution of a tribe. This outreach process will inform the grant solicitation process for CMP and TA grants funded with the NWL funding.

#### Other Considerations

As the commission sets its 2024-2025 spending plan, it is important to provide guidance to applicants as to whether the commission has geographic consideration for OAHP funding in one or more of the OAHP grant offerings. Example geographic considerations are interest by the commission in broader geographic distribution of funding, or priorities for specific geographies. Similarly, the commission should discuss if it intends to place any funding caps or provide additional budget guidance to applicants for any of the OAHP grant offerings.

#### Recommendation

Due to the demonstrated demand for the conservation easement grant program and the time needed to conduct an engagement process for CMP and TA projects associated with the NWL funding, staff recommend the commission adopt a spending plan as detailed in the table below.

<b>Grant Program</b>	<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Open Solicitation (Estimate)</b>
Working Land Conservation Covenants and Easements	Other Funds	\$4,541,680	5/3/2024
Conservation Management Plan Development and Implementation	Natural and Working Lands Fund	\$500,000	1/15/2025
Technical Assistance	Natural and Working Lands Fund	\$250,000	1/15/2025
Succession Planning	Other Funds	\$0	TBD



Agenda Item E

## **Rulemaking Updates**

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# STAFF REPORT

## Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program

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Tina Kotek, Governor

### ITEM E – 2024 Rulemaking Updates

**To:** Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission (OAHC)  
**From:** Eric Hartstein, OWEB Senior Policy Coordinator  
Taylor Larson, OAHP Program Coordinator

#### Introduction

At their April 23, 2024 board meeting the OWEB board-initiated rulemaking for the OAHP and directed the OAHC to begin a Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) process. OWEB’s Senior Policy Coordinator, Eric Hartstein will provide a brief orientation to the commission about the RAC process and answer logistical questions the commission may have.

#### Background

During the second half of 2024, the commission will serve in its capacity as a RAC to the OWEB board, making recommendations on revisions to the administrative rules governing OAHP. Rule revisions are needed to incorporate the climate evaluation criteria adopted by the OWEB board in July 2023 and provide additional clarity to staff and applicants around the mechanics of the program. The proposed RAC meeting schedule is detailed in the table below for the commission’s consideration.

Proposed RAC Meeting Schedule			
Purpose	Date	Time	Location
RAC Meeting #1	6/5/24	2:00 PM	Virtual
RAC Meeting #2	7/9/24	TBD	Virtual
RAC Meeting #3	8/7/24	TBD	Virtual
RAC Meeting #4 --- At this meeting, the OAHC as RAC will finalize recommended rule revisions to the OWEB board	11/7/24	All Day	In-Person/Hybrid (TBD)

As needed, one or more of these RAC meetings will be followed by an official business meeting of the commission. By way of example, the June and/or July RAC meeting will be followed by an OAHC business meeting to discuss the final draft of the Conservation Management Plan implementation methodology developed by Highland Economics. And the November 2024 RAC meeting will conclude and be followed by an OAHC business meeting. at which the commission will review staff funding recommendations for the 2024 OAHP grant solicitations and deliberate on funding recommendations to the OWEB board for OAHP grants.

#### Recommendation

This is an informational item only.