



Oregon State Board of Agriculture Minutes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
08/16-17/2023	Tillamook, OR and hybrid	8:30 AM	12:00 PM

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Meeting recordings available at:

August 16 – https://youtu.be/Vyz_CLh1k-c

August 17 – <https://youtu.be/3HRRawJINcs>

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Agenda Item 01 – Welcome and Introductions

Chair Luisa Santamaria called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Introductions of board members followed.

- Board members present: Chair Luisa Santamaria, Chad Allen, Barbara Boyer, Bryan Harper, Miguel Lopez, Elin Miller, Eric Orem, ODA Acting Director Lauren Henderson
- Board members present by remote: Randi Svaty, Josh Zielinski, OSU Dean Staci Simonich
- Board members absent: Shantae Johnson
- Others present: Jonathan Sandau, Chris Benemann, Isaak Stapleton, Jess Paulson, Rusty Rock, Jim Johnson, Eric Morris, Jennifer Crane, Dave Losh, Julie Leone, Tami Kerr, Hilary Foote, Crystel Grinnell, Cory-Ann Wind, Steven Harrington, Karla Valness, Regan Coordes,
- Remote: Andrea Cantu-Schomus, Kevin Porter, Tracy Loew, Lucia Rodriguez, Amanda Hoey, Jason Flowers, Lauren Link, Sierra Canfield, Katie Murray, Lauren Kuenzi, Tammy Dennee, Sandi Haitt, Ken Yates, Erick Garman, Kevin Fenn, Mackenzie Mitchell, Diann Washburn, Tiffany Monroe, Jenny Johnson, Pami Monnette, Greg Holmes

Approval of minutes

Draft minutes from the June 13-15, 2023, board meeting was presented for review and approval.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Elin Miller to approve the minutes with no changes or corrections. Second by Bryan Harper. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously by: Chad Allen, Barbara Boyer, Bryan Harper, Miguel Lopez, Elin Miller, Eric Orem, Luisa Santamaria, Randi Svaty, Josh Zielinski.

Acting Director’s report

Acting Director Henderson reported the ODA is beginning to implement the 23-25 Legislatively adopted budget. The agency budget has limited changes from last biennium. The current budget needs to go through the audit process before it is finalized. The ODA laboratories moving to the North Valley Complex in Wilsonville are on track to move sometime between October and January. The agency has been working with the cherry industry regarding a disaster declaration with the Governor’s office and USDA. Acting Director Henderson and Assistant Director Sandau will be attending the NASDA annual meeting in Wyoming next month. Acting Director Henderson expressed appreciation for the board members and their commitment to serve on the board.

Agenda Item 02 – ODA Project Overview

Henderson and Sandau shared with the board two projects underway at the agency. The 2018-2023 Agency Strategic Plan is due for review and updating. This is also part of the Governor’s initiatives for state agencies to ensure each state agency has a plan. The current agency DEI work and strategic plan will be embedded in the updated agency plan moving forward. Copies of the 2018-2023 summary and plan were provided to the board for reference. The updated plan is due June 1, 2024.

The ODA has been allocated approximately \$5.9 million as part of the USDA Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Grant Program. The agency is in the process of submitting an outline of a state plan as required by USDA and will be working to collect input from industry partners on the priorities for the grant program in Oregon. A survey is underway to collect input and will be shared with the board members for input and to assist with the distribution of the survey. The agency will need to request federal funds limitation prior to spending. The grant program is expected to open in January 2024.

Resources:

- ODA Strategic Plan Summary 2018-2023
- ODA Strategic Plan 2018-2023
- USDA RFSI Fact Sheet

Agenda Item 03 – ODA’s Budget and Legislative Update

Assistant Director Jonathan Sandau reported some key highlights since the last board meeting. The veto deadline has passed and we had to changes within our budget or policy bills. For the September legislative days, we will share our canola report with legislative recommendations which we were asked for. Elin Miller is the board representative on the canola group. Next will be working through the implementation phase of policy bills and prioritize based on implementation timelines and program impacts.

Resource:

- ODA 2023-25 Legislatively Adopted Budget Summary**Unaudited

Agenda Item 04 – Agri-tourism and Recreational Uses in Oregon’s Exclusive Farm Use Zone – A Land Use Primer

Jim Johnson, ODA’s Land Use and Water Planning Coordinator and Hillary Foote, DLCD’s Farm Forest Specialist presented to the board on Board of Ag Resolution #310, Oregon’s statewide planning program on agri-tourism the site and situation, and then a review of how various agri-tourism elements are authorized under state law as well as a focus on Exclusive Farm Use zone.

Resource:

- Agri-tourism and Recreational Uses in Oregon’s Exclusive Farm Use Zone – A Land Use Primer

Agenda Item 05 – Public Comment

Board members received two written public comments. Written comments are available in the resource packet.

Item	Name	Topic
Item 01	Lans Stout and Sue Laszlo Four Creeks Farm	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 02	Jefferson County Farm Bureau	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.

The Board received two requests to provide verbal comments. Dave Losh, USDA NASS provided comment current reporting and reviewing Census data with a target publication date of February 2024. Greg Holmes, 1000 Friends of Oregon provided comment on support of Resolution 295 and Resolution 310 as proposed.

Resource:

- Written Public Comments to the Board August 2023

Break

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

Agenda Item 06 – Inter-agency Project to Update Oregon’s Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS)

Crystal Grinnell, IWRS Specialist with the Oregon Water Resources Department updated the board on the inter-agency project to update Oregon’s Integrated Water Resources Strategy. The IWRS is used to provide high-level descriptions of water issues and proposed solutions, information about agency programs, agencies and stakeholders references recommended actions to support funding or policy requests and supports agency work plans. The IWRS team has collected public input to the plan and is currently drafting an updated IWRS plan which will have public review this fall and a final report will be completed in early 2024.

Resource:

- Inter-agency Project to Update Oregon’s Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS)

Agenda Item 07 – Introduction to Clean Fuels Program and Renewable Fuel Standards in Oregon

Steven Harrington, Program Manager for the ODA Weights & Measures Motor Fuel Quality Program and Cory-Ann Wind, Oregon Clean Fuels Program Manager for DEQ spoke to the board regarding the clean fuels program and renewable fuel standards. The goal of the Clean Fuels Program is to reduce carbon emissions, greenhouse gas emissions from Oregon’s transportation fuels. Transportation sources make up about 40% of the emissions for the entire state. The program focusses on removing and reducing the greenhouse gas emissions from those fuels. Steven Harrington provide the board with information on the significant legislation implementing the Renewable Fuels Standards in Oregon.

Resource:

- Introduction to Clean Fuels Program and Renewable Fuel Standards in Oregon
- Oregon Legislative History Implementing the Renewable Fuel Standards

During the afternoon board members and ODA staff met with and toured the Tillamook Cheese Manufacturing and Sensory Manager as well as the Tillamook Ice Cream Production Manager. The board toured Victor Dairy LLC with owner/operator Chad Allen.

The meeting recessed at 5:00 pm until Thursday, August 17, 2023

Meeting recording available at:

August 17 – <https://youtu.be/3HRRauJINcs>

Thursday, August 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Luisa Santamaria. Introductions of board members, ODA staff and guests.

- Board members present: Chair Luisa Santamaria, Chad Allen, Barbara Boyer, Bryan Harper, Miguel Lopez, Elin Miller, ODA Acting Director Lauren Henderson
- Board members present by remote: Randi Svaty, Josh Zielinski, OSU Dean Staci Simonich
- Board members excused: Eric Orem
- Board members absent: Shantae Johnson
- Others present: Jonathan Sandau, Chris Benemann, Isaak Stapleton, Jess Paulson, Rusty Rock, Jim Johnson, Eric Morris, Julie Leone, Shelby Owsley, Jennifer Crane, Ray Monroe, Carol Marie Leuthold, Pam Zweifel, Dave Kunert, Karla Valness, Regan Coordes,
- Remote: Andrea Cantu-Schomus, Tracy Loew, Lucia Rodriguez, Katie Murray, Lauren Kuenzi, Mackenzie Mitchell, Diann Washburn, Tiffany Monroe, Jenny Johnson, Greg Holmes

Agenda Item 08 – OSU College of Agricultural Sciences – Dean’s Update

Dean Simonich shared with the board the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences expects enrollment to be up about 3% this fall. The college broke a record this year in terms of research expenditures at \$114 million. Research expenditures doubled within the College in the past two years. The OSU board of trustees now has three members Karla Chambers, Grant Kitamura, and Greg MacPherson with an agricultural background. This is good news. They are in the process of searching for branch extension station directors in Astoria and the Food Innovation Center in Portland. They hope to announce appointments in Hood River, Madras and at the Oregon Wine Research Institute very soon. The Legislative outcome for the college was good this year. Extension and the College all received continuing service levels in the budget. The College received \$10 million for resilient food systems and the resilient Oregon package.

Agenda Item 09 – Tillamook Working Lands & Water Cooperative

The group formed in 2016 in Tillamook to increase awareness of working forests, farms and fishers and the importance of providing sustainable, locally grown, and harvested products. Volunteers from farming, fishing and the forest sector help guide the organization. The group participates in many local activities and provides “It’s About the Water” tours for legislators and community leaders. Lead organizers from the group Carol Marie Leuthold and Pam Zweifel share their farm stories, Dave Kunert talked about the forests and Ray Monroe spoke about the fisheries in the area. They are committed to the responsible stewardship of Tillamook County’s natural resources and to sustain the community for generations to come.

Resource:

- Tillamook Working Lands & Water Cooperative
- Why we Do it video. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1Rn10_kmKQ

- Stewardship for Clen Water video. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pxjdmg_rQo4

Agenda Item 10 – Public Comment

The Board received no requests to provide verbal comment.

Break

The Board recessed for a 10-minute break and reconvened.

Agenda Item 09 - Board Business

ODA Program Area Reports

Chair Santamaria thanked the ODA staff for preparing a quarterly report and asked Board members for any comments or questions on the ODA Program Area Reports.

Resource:

- ODA Program Area Updates to the Board August 2023

OWEB Report

Board member Barbara Boyer reported on the recent OWEB meeting in Sisters. The meeting included allocating funding on three open grant offerings.

Resolution – Work Group Reports

Workgroup A – Chad Allen, Miguel Lopez, Eric Orem, Luisa Santamaria, Josh Zielinski
Miguel Lopez reported on the resolution under review by Workgroup A.

Resolution 269	Board of Agriculture Supports Development of Biofuels in Oregon	Recommends archiving Resolution 269.
Resolution 305	The Native Plant Conservation Program	Recommends approval by full board of Resolution 305 with proposed edits.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Miguel Lopez to approve archive Resolution 269. Second by Elin Miller. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously by: Luisa Santamaria, Chad Allen, Barbara Boyer, Bryan Harper, Miguel Lopez, Randi Svaty.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Miguel Lopez to approve Resolution 305 active with recommended edits. Second by Barbara Boyer. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously by: Luisa Santamaria, Chad Allen, Barbara Boyer, Bryan Harper, Miguel Lopez, Randi Svaty.

Workgroup B – Barbara Boyer, Bryan Harper, Shantae Johnson, Elin Miller, Randi Svaty

Elin Miller reported on resolutions under review by Workgroup B.

Resolution 295	Protection of Oregon Agriculture	Recommends approval by full board with proposed edits.
Resolution 310	Siting of Agri-tourism, Entertainment Activities, and associated activities on Agricultural Lands	Recommends approval by full board with proposed edits.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Elin Miller to keep Resolution 295 active with proposed edits. Second by Barbara Boyer. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously by: Luisa Santamaria, Chad Allen, Barbara Boyer, Bryan Harper, Miguel Lopez, Randi Svaty.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Elin Miller to keep Resolution 310 active with proposed edits. Second by Barbara Boyer. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously by: Luisa Santamaria, Chad Allen, Barbara Boyer, Bryan Harper, Miguel Lopez, Randi Svaty.

Nominating Committee

Chair Santamaria met with Bryan Harper and Barbara Boyer to discuss nominations for the next Board of Agriculture chair and vice-chair. The nominating committee recommended Elin Miller as chair and Shantae Johnson to remain as vice-chair.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Miguel Lopez to nominate Elin Miller as chair for the next year. Second by Chad Allen. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously by: Luisa Santamaria, Chad Allen, Barbara Boyer, Bryan Harper, Miguel Lopez, Randi Svaty.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Elin Miller for Shantae Johnson to remain as vice chair for the next year. Second by Miguel Lopez. Board members welcome Shantae's voice as a board member and would like to encourage more participation. Board members asked Lauren Henderson to reach out to Shantae regarding future participation in board meetings. Motion passed unanimously by: Luisa Santamaria, Chad Allen, Barbara Boyer, Bryan Harper, Miguel Lopez, Elin Miller, Randi Svaty.

Newsletter Topics

Suggested topics include highlights from the Tillamook Working Lands & Cooperative group, OSU Dean's report, and highlights from the tours at Tillamook Creamery and Victor Dairy LLC in Tillamook.

Additional Board Business:

Board members expressed thanks to Luisa Santamaria for serving as chair of the Board this past year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

**Next meeting: November 14-16, 2023
In-person – Eugene, OR and virtual option will be available.**