

STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE
February 20-22, 2018
DLCD Hearing Room (ODA Basement)
Oregon Department of Agriculture
635 Capitol St NE, Salem OR 97301

MINUTES (Audio time stamps for reference)

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Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chair Barbara Boyer. Introductions of Board members, followed by ODA staff and guest introductions.

Board members present: Barbara Boyer, Bryan Harper, Laura Masterson, Stephanie Hallock, Pete Brentano, Tracey Liskey, Luisa Santamaria, Tyson Raymond and Director Alexis Taylor.

Others present: Kathryn Walker, Bruce Pokarney, Jerome Rosa, Casey Prentiss, Jim Johnson, Ray Jaindl, Stephanie Page, Elizabeth Savory, Mary Ann Cooper, Karla Valness, Regan Coordes

Columbia River Reservations and Oregon minimum stream flows (Audio = 0:23)

Deputy Director Doug Woodcock, Oregon Water Resources Department gave a presentation on the Water Reservations and Minimum Perennial Streamflow to the Board. Discussion followed.

Resources:

- Water Reservations and Minimum Perennial Streamflow – February 20, 2018

The board recessed for Subcommittee meetings at 4:55 pm.

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Wednesday, February 21, 2018 (Audio = 0.00)

The State Board of Agriculture reconvened at 8:30 am. Introductions of Board members, followed by ODA staff and guest introductions.

Board members present: Barbara Boyer, Bryan Harper, Laura Masterson, Stephanie Hallock, Pete Brentano, Tracey Liskey, Luisa Santamaria, Tyson Raymond and Director Alexis Taylor.

Others present: Stephanie Page, Kathryn Walker, Lauren Henderson, Ray Jaindl, Ali Webb, Helmuth Rogg, Lindsay Eng, Casey Prentiss, Wym Matthews, Tim Butler, Gary McAninch, Jerome Rosa, Jim Johnson, Christina Higby, Bruce Pokarney, Katie Fast, Angela Crowley-Koch, Lauren Smith, Mary Jo Foley, Elizabeth Remley, Craig Smith, Ivan Maluski, Gracie Krahn, Clancey Krahn, Kyndall Davis, Jenny Dresler, Matthew Mehlschan, Amy Krahn, Mary Ann Cooper, Lee Letsch, Wendy Simons, Scott Dahlman, Karla Valness, Regan Coordes

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Minutes (Audio = 1:41)

Minutes from the November 29-30, 2017 board meeting in Portland were presented to the Board for approval. Stephanie Hallock motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Tracey Liskey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Director's report (Audio = 2:05)

Director Alexis Taylor updated the Board and distributed a memo summarizing the 2017 tour of all 36 Oregon counties. In 2018 regional tours will be planned. A draft map of the 11 proposed regions has been developed and was distributed for comments. In addition, the Director shared the memo from the Governor's Office regarding Sexual Harassment and the DAS policies and noted additional training on this topic will be provided at a future Board meeting. Director Taylor updated the Board on the upcoming Director's Mission to Shanghai, China in May, the status of the open positions for the Food Safety & Animal Health Program Director, Market Access Marketing Manager and the Communications Director. The Director also shared updated ODA information brochures that are now available in Spanish. Director Taylor reviewed the timeline of the canola report due to the Legislature. Separate but related, we are working on the canola pinning process and this process must be completed by June of 2018.

Resources:

- Director's Memo - 2017 County Tours
- Draft Regional Tour Map
- Governor's Letter 01-19-2018
- DAS Policy 50-010-01
- DAS Policy 50-010-03

2019-21 ODA Proposed budget, legislative concepts, and policy option packages discussion (Audio = 8:23)

Kathryn Walker, Special Assistant to the Director and Lauren Henderson, Assistant Director presented to the Board information regarding the 2019-21 ODA proposed budget, legislative concepts and policy option packages. A list of ODA 2019 Proposed Legislative Concepts and Draft Policy Packages were distributed for discussion.

Resources:

- ODA 2019 Proposed Legislative Concepts
- ODA Draft Policy Packages

ODA Program Director Panel (Audio = 36:11)

ODA Program Director's Lindsay Eng, Market Access and Certification and Helmuth Rogg, Plant Protection and Conservation provide an update to the Board on program activities. Lindsay Eng provided updates on the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, Slow-pay/No-pay program, Commodity Commissions and reported on a recent news release related to the US funding for Agricultural Export Programs. Helmuth Rogg updated the Board with a one-page summary of program areas and how the program area works to protect Oregon natural and

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agriculture resources from damaging and harmful invasive pests. In addition, Mr. Rogg distributed the Invasive Noxious Weed Control 5-year Strategic Plan.

Resources:

- 2017 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, Oregon State Plan Summaries
- News Release: Coalition to Promote US Agricultural Exports
- Plant Protection & Conservation Programs Update
- ODA Invasive Noxious Weed Control Program 5-year Strategic Plan

OWEB Report (Audio = 01:23:29)

Board of Agriculture member Laura Masterson provided an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board update from the January OWEB meeting in Florence.

The board recessed at 10:00 am and reconvened at 10:15 am

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Industry legislative updates (Audio = 00:10)

The Board received updates from the following organizations regarding key legislative issues and concerns.

- Jenny Dresler, Oregon Farm Bureau (Audio = 1:44)
- Jerome Rosa, Oregon Cattlemen's Association (Audio = 6:11)
- Elizabeth Remley, Oregon Association of Nurseries (Audio = 9:44)
- Katie Fast, Oregonians for Food and Shelter (Audio = 14:25)
- Roger Beyer, Oregon Seed Council (Audio = 21:57)
- Ivan Maluski, Friends of Family Farmers (Audio = 26:45)
- Lauren Smith, Oregon Water Resources Congress (Audio = 34:15)
- Angela Crowley-Koch, Oregon Environmental Council (Audio = 36:35)
- Craig Smith, Food Northwest (Audio = 39:18)

Oregon State FFA Officers (Audio = 46:00)

The Oregon State FFA Officers Kourtney Lehman, President, Emma Rooker, Vice-President, Jensen Kemble, Secretary, Lee Wesenberg, Reporter presented to the Board on their year-long experience serving as Oregon State FFA officers and what it means to them to serve in this role.

Resources:

- Oregon State FFA Officers – Feb 21, 2018

Public comment (Audio = 1:41:45)

The Board heard public comment from Amy Krahn, Santiam Christian FFA; Mary Anne Cooper, Oregon Farm Bureau; and Wendy Simons, Oregon Department of Energy.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:00 pm. Following lunch, the Board separated into groups, traveled to the Capitol to meet with Legislators.

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Thursday, February 22, 2018 (Audio = 0.00)

The State Board of Agriculture reconvened at 8:30 am. Introductions of board members, followed by ODA staff and guest introductions.

Board members present: Barbara Boyer, Bryan Harper, Stephanie Hallock, Pete Brentano, Tracey Liskey, Luisa Santamaria, Tyson Raymond, Dean Dan Arp and Director Alexis Taylor.

Others present: Kathryn Walker, Rose Kachadoorian, Gilbert Uribe, Bruce Pokarney, Mateusz Perkowski, Colton Bond, Ali Webb, Michael Wood, Christina Higby, Lisa Hanson, Lauren Henderson, Casey Prentiss, Helmuth Rogg, Jim Johnson, Ray Jaendl, Dave Losh, Wym Matthews, Scott Dahlman, Nick Chun, Sheila Martin, Tim Murphy, Ivan Maluski, Mike McCarthy, Karla Valness, Regan Coordes

Worker Protection Standard update (Audio = 2:49)

The Board received an update from Oregon OSHA Administrator Michael Wood regarding the status of the proposed Oregon Administrative Rules on Worker Protection Standard on pesticides specifically regarding the Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ).

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An Emerging Contradiction: Non-Farm Activity within Exclusive Farm Use Zones. (Audio = 01:45)

Nicholas Chun, Population Forecast Program Coordinator with Portland State University gave a presentation to the Board regarding an analysis of the spatial distribution of nonfarm development in the northern Willamette Valley. Mr. Chun distributed a copy of Metroscape magazine which includes an article has more details and breakdown of the analysis.

Resources:

- An Emerging Contradiction: Non-Farm Activity within Exclusive Farm Use Zones – Feb 22, 2018
- Metroscape article

The board recessed at 9:30 am and reconvened at 10:00 am

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Discussion item: Resolution #301 – (Audio 0:00)

Current: Farmer's choice of production systems – scale, markets, technology

Working draft: Minimizing conflicts of coexistence in agriculture

This agenda item was postponed and will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

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Board Business – Subcommittee Reports

Government Relations (Audio = 1:00)

Tracey Liskey presented a draft of updated resolutions titled: Farmworker Housing and Need for Documented Agricultural Work Force for discussion. Discussion followed. These updated resolutions will be presented to the Board at the June meeting for a vote.

Resources:

- Draft resolution #307 Farmworker Housing
- Draft resolution #169 Need for Documented Agricultural Work Force

Kathryn Walker reported on the status of Labor Problem, H2A and 288 Ag Jobs act. Gleaned and added to new proposed resolution Need for Documented Agriculture Workforce.

Stephanie Hallock moved to change the status from active to inactive on the following resolutions #038 Labor Problem, #133 H-2A Provisions of Immigration Reform Act and #288 Ag Jobs Act seconded by Tyson Raymond. Motion passed unanimously.

Natural Resources (Audio = 10:06)

Ray Jaindl and Stephanie Page presented an update on the following resolutions:

Subcommittee is continuing work on resolutions #313 Improve water quality associated with agricultural lands and activities using outreach, assessment and prioritization of geographic areas to address the most serious water quality problems and achieve agricultural TMDL load allocations and #311 Agricultural Water Quality Management Program Strategic Implementation and will provide an update at the June meeting.

The subcommittee is recommending changing the status from active to inactive on the following resolutions #299 Water Quantify Policy and #279 Water Reservation for Economic Development.

Tracey Liskey moved to change the status from active to inactive on the following resolutions #299 Water Quantity Policy and #279 Water Reservation for Economic Development seconded by Pete Brentano. Motion passed unanimously.

The subcommittee presented the following resolutions with recommendation to adopt the language as presented. Discussion followed and small/technical changes were recommended on #024 Insect Pest and Disease Control, #274 Oregon Department of Agriculture involvement in the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and #203 Local Conservation Cost-Share Funds was recommended with no changes to the language.

Tracy Liskey moved to take the above action on resolutions #024, #274 and #203 seconded by Stephanie Hallock. Motion passed unanimously.

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Land use (Audio= 21:30)

Tracey Liskey and Jim Johnson reported on the discussion in the subcommittee related to a draft resolution on siting of energy and utility facilities on farmland. Discussion on how the law works currently, current issues and elements to be included in the draft resolution was discussed. A draft resolution will be presented at a future meeting.

Food Safety and Marketing (Audio = 33:00)

Tracey Liskey moved to change the status of resolution #142 from active to inactive seconded by Stephanie Hallock. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee (Audio = 34:05)

Chair Boyer has asked Tracey Liskey, Luisa Santamaria and Pete Brentano to serve on the nominating committee for Board of Agriculture officers that will change in September 2018. All committee members accepted.

Resolution Discussion: (Audio = 34:50)

Board members Stephanie Hallock, Laura Masterson and Tracy Liskey presented a draft policy on the Board of Agriculture Resolution process. Discussion followed. The purpose of the policy is to clarify the resolution process and to be more transparent.

Resources:

- Draft Resolution Process

Newsletter topics (Audio = 40:48)

The Board discussed potential items for the Spring edition of the Oregon Ag Briefing Board of Agriculture newsletter. Possible topics include: update on leg meetings, ODA budget issues (resources), FFA panel, profile on Board member Bryan Harper, and the industry legislative panel.

Public comment (Audio = 44:44)

The Board heard public comment from Scott Dahlman, OFS; Dave Losh, USDA-NASS; and Mike McCarthy.

Legislative Meeting updates (Audio = 1:05:10)

A summary was provided on the Legislative visits to the Capitol by the Board. The Board members teamed with ODA staff to meet with key lawmakers to establish a dialogue to discuss key priority issues including ODA's potential budget requests next biennium.

Each group indicated meetings went well and shared copies of the Board's newsletter and thought the discussion on key issues went well.

Comments from Dan Arp (audio = 1:10:33)

Dean Arp commented on his upcoming retirement, the hiring status of his replacement and the working relationship between OSU and ODA.

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Meeting adjourned (Audio =1:13:56)

Meeting reconvened at 11:13 am

Comment letter to OSHA (Audio = 1:14:02)

Tracey Liskey moved for the Board of Agriculture to prepare a letter to submit comments on the proposed Oregon OSHA rules on Worker Protection Standards seconded by Pete Brentano. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

**Next meeting
June 5-7, 2018
Hood River, Oregon**

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