



Oregon State Board of Agriculture Minutes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
11/16-17/2022	Tigard, OR and hybrid	8:30 AM	12:00 PM

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Meeting recordings available at:

November 16 - <https://youtu.be/zoP0GfO1ozw>

November 17 – <https://youtu.be/VYKvR6Nwr-Y>

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Agenda Item 01

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, Randi Svaty, Josh Zielinski, ODA Acting Director Lauren Henderson
- Board members present by remote: Shantae Johnson, OSU Dean Staci Simonich
- Others present: Lauren Henderson, Jonathan Sandau, Isaak Stapleton, Chris Benemann, Jim Johnson, Karla Valness, Regan Coordes, Bill Miller, Sherri Noxel, Rob Hibbs, Marganne Allen, Lucia Rodriguez
- Remote: Gabriel Bendat, Les Ruark, Stan Dean, Ryan Tuthill, Whitley Schiller, Kris Schaedel, Kora Mousseaux, Tracy Loew, Eugene Foster, Colin Donald, Katie Murray, Wym Matthews, Tiffany Monroe, Kevin Fenn, Maria Snodgress, Stacey Detwiler

Approval of minutes

Draft minutes from the August 17-18, 2022, 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. Seconded by Randi Svaty. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Acting Director’s report

Acting Director Henderson shared the following updates with the Board.

- Acting Director Henderson was appointed acting director of agriculture since early October 2022. He has 37 years of experience with the state of Oregon with 25+ years with the Oregon Department of Agriculture.
- He discussed the transition at the agency and thanked the ODA Executive Team for their support and leadership as we move forward.
- We continue to hear about issues and challenges facing the agriculture industry and we are listening, and we will continue to work on delivering good customer service to the industry and internally to each other.
- He also briefly mentioned Governor Brown’s recent trade mission to Japan and South Korea and is currently in Vietnam. ODA staff participated and supported those missions and will provide the board additional details at a future meeting.

Agenda Item 02 – ODA’s Budget and Legislative Update

Assistant Director Jonathan Sandau updated the Board on the ODA 2023-25 Agency Request Budget (ARB) ODA Program Prioritization list and the 2023025 ARB ODA Reduction Options. Assistant Director Sandau also talked about the timeline of the Governor’s budget. Governor Brown will release a budget by December 1 and Governor-elect Kotek will release a budget by February 1, 2023.

Resource:

Draft – November 2022

- 2023-25 Agency Request Budget (ARB) ODA Program Prioritization List
- 2023-25 Agency Request Budget (ARB) ODA Reduction Options

Agenda Item 03 – USDA Farm Service Agency – Oregon Office

USDA, Farm Service Agency State Executive Director Gail Greenman was appointed by the Biden Administration in April 2022. She provided a brief overview of the mission, goals, and programs available to farmers and ranchers. Executive Director Greenman asked the Board to help with outreach and assist smaller producers get connected to the USDA, FSA programs.

Agenda Item 04 – Pesticide Stewardship Partnership Program Discussion

ODA Pesticides Program Manager Gilbert Uribe Valdez and Pesticide Stewardship Specialist Kathryn Rifenburg provided an overview of the Pesticide Stewardship Partnership (PSP), its background, jurisdictional roles, how it functions, successes and challenges and areas of focus. The goal of the PSP program is to reduce off-target pesticide movement into streams and improve water quality. In addition to the ODA staff, Kora Moussezux from the Jackson County SWCD and Kris Schaedel from the Hood River County SWCD spoke about the PSP work being done in those counties.

Resource:

- Pesticide Stewardship Program – ODA Presentation

Break

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

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Agenda Item 05 – ODA Agricultural Water Quality Management Program and DEQ Memorandum of Agreement Update

Isaak Stapleton, ODA Natural Resources Program Director and Jennifer Wigal, DEQ Water Quality Administrator reviewed with the Board the final proposed ODA/DEQ Water Quality Memorandum of Agreement for comments. This agreement is an interagency collaborative effort to align implementation of the two agencies' water quality programs and requirements and to document that alignment. A copy of the proposed MOA and a summary of the public comments received were distributed to the Board. The proposed MOA will be reviewed with the Environmental Quality Commission for comments prior to agency signatures.

Resource:

- Memo to the Board – ODA DEQ Water Quality MOA
- ODA-DEQ Water Coordination Presentation

Agenda Item 06 – Public Comment

Board members received two written public comments from Linda Duman regarding Mega Poultry Farms and from Megan Kemple regarding Resolution 319 Climate Change Policy Considerations.

The Board heard verbal comments from Tiffany Monroe regarding the Pesticide Stewardship Partnership, ODA/DEQ Ag Water Quality Management Program Memorandum of Agreement, and Resolution 319 Climate Change Policy Considerations.

Resource:

- Written Public Comments to the Board November 2022

Agenda Item 07 – OSU Extension Service and Engagement Programs

Dr. Ivory Lyles, Vice Provost for Extension Service and Engagement, Director of OSU Extension provided the Board with an overview of the Oregon State University Extension Service and its programs. OSU Extension Service is focused on healthy communities and economies, resilient and productive forestry and natural ecosystems, sustainable agriculture, foods systems, and gardening, and thriving youth, individuals, and families. Extension services are in all 36 Oregon counties. Dr. Lyles also discussed the OSU Extension budget and legislative agenda.

Resource:

- OSU Extension Service Presentation
- OSU Extension Service Highlights – handout
- OSU Extension Service Information – handout

During the afternoon board members, guests and ODA staff toured the OSU North Willamette Research and Extension Center in Aurora to meet with the principal investigators of research projects underway at the Center. The next stop on the tour was the new state of Oregon – North Valley Complex under construction in Wilsonville. The Board toured the site to see the future site of the ODA regulatory lab, animal health lab, plant health lab and the insect pest & prevention management labs that will relocate to this facility in late 2023 or early 2024.

The meeting recessed at 5:00 pm until Thursday, November 17, 2022.

Meeting recording available at:

November 17 – <https://youtu.be/VYKvR6Nwr-Y>

Thursday, November 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Chair Luisa Santamaria. Introductions of board members, ODA staff and guests.

- Board members present: Chair Luisa Santamaria, Chad Allen, Bryan Harper, Miguel Lopez, Elin Miller, Eric Orem, Randi Svaty, Josh Zielinski, ODA Acting Director Lauren Henderson
- Board members present by remote: Shantae Johnson, OSU Dean Staci Simonich
- Board member excused absence: Barbara Boyer
- Others present: Lauren Henderson, Jonathan Sandau, Isaak Stapleton, Chris Benemann, Jim Johnson, Karla Valness, Regan Coordes, Bill Miller, Susanna Pearlstein, Dave Losh
- Remote: Andrea Cantu-Schomus, Tami Kerr, Tracy Loew, Whitley Schiller, Maria Snodgress, Casey Prentiss

Agenda Item 08 – ODA Produce Safety Program Overview

Susanna Pearlstein, ODA Produce Safety Program Manager and Casey Prentiss, ODA Market Access Assistant Program Area Director reviewed the status of ODA's Produce Safety current program and discussed how the ODA program would change if the ODA contracted to perform the FDA inspection work.

Resource:

- ODA Produce Safety Program Presentation

Agenda Item 09 – Right to Farm Overview

Jim Johnson, ODA Land Use and Water Planning Coordinator provided an overview of protecting the ability to farm, right to farm and land use in Oregon. Oregon's Right to Farm Law ORS 30.933 has two major protection components – immunity from private action and prohibition against regulation by local governments. These laws are complex and do not provide a blank check for farming in Oregon. For more information an information sheet is available on the ODA website at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/shared/Documents/Publications/NaturalResources/RightToFarm.pdf>

Resource:

- ODA Right to Farm Presentation

Agenda Item 10 – Public Comment

The Board heard verbal comments from Dave Losh regarding the status of the USDA survey work that is underway.

The Board received written comments from the Grant SWCD regarding the ODA/DEQ Ag Water Quality Management Program Memorandum of Agreement.

Resource:

- Written Public Comment – Grant SWCD

Break

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

Agenda Item 11 - 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. No discussion.

Resource:

- ODA Program Area Reports to the Board November 2022

OWEB Report

No OWEB report provided at this meeting.

Resolution – Work Group Reports

Workgroup A – Chad Allen, Bryan Harper, Elin Miller, Eric Orem, Luisa Santamaria

Elin Miller reported on the resolution under review by Workgroup A.

Resolution 319	Climate Change Policy Considerations	Recommend approval with proposed edits.
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MOTION:

A motion was made by Elin Miller to approve Resolution 319 with proposed edits. Seconded by Bryan Harper. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Workgroup B – Barbara Boyer, Shantae Johnson, Miguel Lopez, Randi Svaty, Josh Zielinski

Randi Svaty reported on resolutions under review by Workgroup B.

Resolution 307	Farmworker Housing	Recommend approval with proposed edits.
Resolution 317	Oregon Department of Agriculture’s role in the Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Rule Implementations	Recommend approval as written.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Randi Svaty to approve Resolution 307 with proposed edits. Seconded by Bryan Harper. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Randi Svaty to approve Resolution 317 as written. Seconded by Elin Miller. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Newsletter Topics

Suggested topics include Trade mission updates, ODA Right to Farm presentation, tour at OSU North Willamette Research and Extension office and the state of Oregon North Valley Complex.

Other Board Business

Board members asked about the next steps for selecting a new ODA Director and how the Board can assist the Governor-elect’s transition committee on areas of concern impacting the agricultural industry. Acting Director Henderson shared the recruitment and selection of the next ODA Director will be run by the Governor-elect’s office. As information becomes available about timing and details ODA will share with the Board members.

Action item:

Board members will work on drafting a letter to the Governor-elect’s transition team to express interest in working with the transition team to provide ideas and insights around the timing and selection of the new Director of Agriculture. A letter will be prepared for Chair Santamaria’s review and signature.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

**Next meeting: February 14-16, 2023
In-person – Salem, OR and virtual option will be available**