



# Oregon State Board of Agriculture Minutes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
02/21-23/2023	Salem, OR and hybrid	9:00 AM	12:00 PM

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February 22 - <https://youtu.be/xj2Q0kZTrO4>

February 23 - <https://youtu.be/t3efup2zYHc>

## Wednesday, February 22, 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, Bryan Harper, Miguel Lopez, Eric Orem, Josh Zielinski, ODA Acting Director Lauren Henderson
- Board members present by remote: Shantae Johnson, Elin Miller, Randi Svaty
- Board members excused: Chad Allen, Barbara Boyer, OSU Dean Staci Simonich
- Others present: Jonathan Sandau, Isaak Stapleton, Chris Benemann, Jess Paulson, Karla Valness, Regan Coordes, Katie Murray, Lauren Poor, Dan Miller, Jeff Stone, Roger Beyer, Tami Kerr, Alice Morrison
- Remote: Casey Prentiss, Tim Christopher, Lauren Kuenzi, Geoff Huntington, Stacey Detwiler, Sunny Summers, Karen Lewotsky, James Fraser, Jan Hopmans, Andrea Cantu-Schomus, Hilary Foote, Jan Lee, Taylor Harding, Nicole Mann, Jana McKamey, Todd Nash, Amy Wong, Lucia Rodriguez, Troy Abercrombie

### **Approval of minutes**

Draft minutes from the November 15-17, 2022, board meeting was presented for review and approval.

### **MOTION:**

A motion was made by Josh Zielinski to approve the minutes with no changes or corrections. Seconded by Elin Miller. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Acting Director’s report**

Acting Director Henderson introduced Geoff Huntington, Senior Natural Resources Advisor, Office of the Governor. Mr. Huntington joined the meeting to promote good governance and looks forward to being a partner with the Board and agency to be a connection to the Governor’s office. Looking to support good inter-agency communication and working together. He looks forward to meeting with the board again at a future meeting.

Acting Director Henderson reported things are going well in the agency and is very proud of the ODA team. He spoke about the agencies commitment to customer service and encouraged board members if they are hearing any concerns or issues to please reach out to him.

### **Agenda Item 02 – ODA’s Budget and Legislative Update**

Assistant Director Jonathan Sandau shared with the board the agency is currently tracking about 2500 bills introduced this legislative session. HB 2289 relating to the percentage of ethanol required in gasoline sold in the state could be the first bill through both chambers. Sandau commented the next Revenue forecast is out today and is about \$503 million above the December forecast. The Governor’s budget was released on January 31. A summary of the ODA’s 23-25 Governor’s Recommended Budget Summary was shared and reviewed with the Board.

Resource:

- ODA 2023-25 Governor’s Budget Summary
- 2023 Oregon HB 2289

**Agenda Item 03 – Industry Panel – Legislative priorities and updates**

Industry representatives from 17 organizations shared information and legislative priorities with the Board. Topics ranged from labor and workforce, water and environment, investments in meat processing, wildlife management, farm direct marketing, water quality, climate, and comments on natural resource legislation.

Organizations:

1	Nicole Mann	Oregon Wheat Growers League
2	Tim Christopher	Northwest Chicken Council
3	James Fraser	Trout Unlimited
4	Stacey Detwiler	Wild Salmon Center
5	Jan Lee	Oregon Association of Conservation Districts
6	Karen Lewotsky	Oregon Environmental Council
7	Jana McKamey	Oregon Winegrowers Association
8	Anne Johnson	Willamette Valley Seed Association
9	Katie Murray	Oregonians for Food and Shelter
10	Samantha Siegner	Oregon Wine Council
11	Roger Beyer	Oregon Seed Council
12	Amy Wong	Oregon Organic Coalition
13	Tami Kerr	Oregon Dairy Farmers Association
14	Tammy Dennee/Todd Nash	Oregon Cattlemen Association
15	Jeff Stone	Oregon Association of Nurseries
16	Alice Morrison	Friends of Family Farmers
17	Dave Dillon	Food Northwest

Resource:

- Friends of Family Farmers information
- Oregon Association of Nurseries information
- Oregon Cattlemen’s Association information
- Oregon Dairy Farmers Association information

**Break**

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

**Agenda Item 04 – Public Comment**

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

Item	Name	Topic
Item 01	Peggy Lynch League of Women Voters of Oregon	Legislative Priorities 2023
Item 02	Patrick Fay Hentze Family Farm	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 03	Erica Thompson Blueberry Meadows	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 04	Jeremy Mitchell Flying Bee Ranch	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 05	Steve Bade	Farm Café Bill
Item 06	Jim Ables	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 07	Antonia Partridge	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 08	Willamette Valley Agritourism Network	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.

The Board received no requests to provide verbal comments.

Resource:

- Written Public Comments to the Board February 2023

### **Agenda Item 05 – ODA Plant Protection & Conservation Program Updates**

Chris Benemann, ODA Plant Protection & Conservation Program Director and her management team of Alan Hanson, Cody Holthouse, and Troy Abercrombie gave an overview of the Plant Program Area programs. This is a relatively new management team to the Program with Chris in the Program Director role since November 2020, Alan since May 2022, Cody joined ODA in August 2022 and Troy joining the management team this month. This team manages the Industrial Hemp, Insect Pest Prevention & Management Program, Native Plant, Noxious Weeds and Nursery programs. Ms. Benemann represents the ODA on the National Plant Board as well as the Oregon Invasive Species Council. Each area spoke to the size of the programs, recent accomplishments, and challenges.

Resource:

- ODA Plant Protection and Conservation Program Updates PPT

During the afternoon board members and ODA staff had brief meetings with legislators to discuss main issues facing Oregon agriculture including labor constraints, water availability and the common goal for all agriculture producers to sell their products and maintain strong diverse markets for all producers in Oregon.

The meeting recessed at 5:00 pm until Thursday, February 23, 2023

*Meeting recording available at:*

February 23 – <https://youtu.be/t3efup2zYHc>

### **Thursday, February 23, 2023**

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, Bryan Harper, Miguel Lopez, Eric Orem, Josh Zielinski, ODA Acting Director Lauren Henderson
- Board members present by remote: Shantae Johnson, Elin Miller, Randi Svaty
- Board members excused: Chad Allen, Barbara Boyer, OSU Dean Staci Simonich
- Others present: Jonathan Sandau, Isaak Stapleton, Chris Benemann, Jess Paulson, Karla Valness, Regan Coordes, Wym Matthews, Zach Loboy
- Remote: Andrea Cantu-Schomus, Dan Miller, Les Ruark, Tarah Heinzen, Jim Johnson, Audrey Comerford, Melissa Fery

### **Agenda Item 06 – Introduction to the CAFO Permitting Process**

Wym Matthews, ODA Fertilizer and CAFO Program Manager and Zach Loboy, DEQ Watersheds & Stormwater Manager introduced the CAFO permitting process. They discussed the definition of a CAFO as defined in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 603-074-0010(3) and the long history between the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Department of Environmental Quality to oversee the CAFO Program. The presentation also reviewed the roles and responsibilities of each agency. Mr. Matthews talked about the ODA CAFO Permit compliance and inspection activities and the number and types of CAFOs currently permitted in Oregon. He also highlighted the neighboring states CAFO permitting requirements.

Resource:

- ODA/DEQ Introduction to CAFO Permitting Process PPT

### **Agenda Item 07 – ODA Food Safety and Animal Health Program Updates**

Rusty Rock, ODA Food Safety and Animal Health Program Director provided an update to the board on program activities. He discussed recent Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) around re-usable containers, testing in the crab and shellfish industries as a result of domoic acid levels in the waters. Rusty gave an update on the status of the State Meat Inspection Program with one firm on-line and about ten more firms interested in the program and hope to have one slaughtering firm on-line in March. As Program Director, he also oversees the Animal Health & Identification and Lab Services programs.

Resource:

- ODA Food Safety and Animal Health Program Updates PPT

### **Agenda Item 08 – Public Comment**

The Board received no requests to provide verbal comments. No additional written comments were received.

### **Break**

The Board recessed for a 15-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. No discussion.

Resource:

- ODA Program Area Reports to the Board February 2023

OWEB Report

No OWEB report provided at this meeting.

Resolution – Work Group Reports

Workgroup A – Chad Allen - excused, Miguel Lopez, Eric Orem, Luisa Santamaria, Josh Zielinski

Eric Orem reported on the resolution under review by Workgroup A.

Procedures 000	Board of Agriculture Policy and Procedures for Resolutions	Proposed edits to clarify purpose of guidelines. Edits will be posted for public comment.
Resolution 029	Reservation of Columbia River Water for Agriculture	Keep active with no proposed edits.
Resolution 124	Trade Policy that Promotes Free and Reciprocal Access	Keep active with no proposed edits.
Resolution 269	Board of Agriculture Supports Development of Biofuels in Oregon	Hold for further review and comments.
Resolution 275	Cougar Management Plan	Keep active with no proposed edits.
Resolution 305	The Native Plant Conservation Program	Proposed edits to background statement and update to Resolution statement. Edits will be posted for public comment.

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

Randi Svaty reported on resolutions under review by Workgroup B.

Resolution 155	Position on Farm Tax Deferral and Urban Growth Boundaries	Hold for further review and comments.
Resolution 162	The Supply of Buildable Lands inside Urban Growth Boundaries	Keep active with proposed edits.
Resolution 295	Protection of Oregon Agriculture	Hold for further review and comments.
Resolution 300	Siting of Aggregate Mining Operations in the Willamette Valley	Hold for further review and comments.
Resolution 310	Siting of Agri-tourism, Entertainment Activities and associated activities on Agricultural Lands	Hold for further review and comments.

Newsletter Topics

Suggested topics include overview of the industry panel on legislative priorities, State Meat Inspection Program updates, ODA Food Safety and Plant Program updates, and legislative visits by board members.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM**

**Next meeting: June 13-15, 2023**

**In-person – Roseburg, OR and virtual option will be available.**