



Oregon State Board of Agriculture Minutes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
06/13-15/2023	Roseburg, OR and hybrid	8:30 AM	12:00 PM

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June 14 - <https://youtu.be/Ue3xTIIJgc>

June 15 - <https://youtu.be/-OeWfwTdVM8>

Wednesday, June 14, 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, Bryan Harper, Elin Miller, Josh Zielinski, ODA Acting Director Lauren Henderson
- Board members present by remote: Eric Orem, Randi Svaty
- Board members excused: Barbara Boyer, Miguel Lopez, OSU Dean Staci Simonich
- Board members absent: Shantae Johnson
- Others present: Jonathan Sandau, Chris Benemann, Jess Paulson, Rusty Rock, Karla Valness, Taylor Harding, Regan Coordes, Michael Williams.
- Remote: Jim Johnson, Megan Kemple, Isaak Stapleton, Tammy Dennee, Tracy Loew, Audrey Comerford, Andrea Cantu-Schomus, Oregon Organic Coalition guest

Approval of minutes

Draft minutes from the February 21-23, 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 Josh Zielinski. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously by: Chad Allen, Bryan Harper, Elin Miller, Eric Orem, Luisa Santamaria, Josh Zielinski.

Acting Director’s report

Acting Director Henderson reported the ODA continues to monitor the status of the agency budget as it gets close to the end of session. If necessary, the Legislature has the option to approve a continuing resolution to keep agencies operating after June 30. Recruitment is underway to fill the agency Chief Information Manager position, previously held by Steve Poland who retired last month, and other vacant positions in the agency. We continue to work on succession planning in the agency as we have limited back-up in some key positions. An all ODA-staff meeting will be held later this month and include a tour of the seed industry in the Silverton Hills. The ODA has been allocated approximately \$5.9 million from USDA in support the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (RFSI). This program is intended to build resilience in the middle-of-the-supply chain for local and regional produced food products. Each state will plan, propose, and make subawards in the form of infrastructure grants. More to come on this new grant program at future meetings. The ODA Director recruitment is moving forward, and the recruitment firm is currently scheduling first round interviews. The hope is to have a selection and confirmation during the September Legislative Days.

Agenda Item 02 – ODA’s Budget and Legislative Update

Assistant Director Jonathan Sandau reported the Legislature is on track for a June 25 Sine Die end of session. We continue to monitor the agency budget bill and other policy bills including SB 85 related to CAFO’s, HB 2010 drought package and HB 3409 related to energy and climate. We are also monitoring for end of session spending bills and any impacts on ODA. He also reported

the June revenue forecast looks strong. Sandau distributed and highlighted some of the items in the ODA 2023-25 Legislative Fiscal (LFO) budget summary. Acting Director Henderson reported we will need to go to the Emergency Board to request limitation to spend the \$5.9 million in USDA, RFSI funding allocated to ODA. We continue to move forward with planning to move ODA labs to the Wilsonville North Valley Complex later this year and have plans in place to limit any disruption of services.

Resource:

- ODA 2023-25 Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) Budget Summary

Agenda Item 03 – Agriculture Trade Mission and Trade Promotions

Jess Paulson, ODA Market Access and Certification Program Area Director presented on the different types of marketing activities the ODA and the ODA Ag Development & Marketing program work on to promote Oregon agriculture. The presentation covered recent Governor’s Missions, USDA Agricultural Trade Missions (ATMs), Trade Shows, Outbound and Inbound trade missions. Some activities were held here in Oregon while other activities were held in Canada, Japan, S. Korea, SE Asia, Taiwan, United Kingdom, Spain, and East Africa.

Resource:

- Agriculture Trade Missions and Trade Promotions presentation

Agenda Item 04 – Public Comment

Board members received twenty-four written public comments. Written comments are available in the resource packet.

Item	Name	Topic
Item 01	Kelly Peterson The Humane Society of the United States	Resolution 275 – Cougar Management Plan
Item 02	Su Libby Great Old Broads for Wilderness	Resolution 275 – Cougar Management Plan
Item 03	Dan Hoynacki Oregon Agritourism Partnership/Oregon Farm Loop	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
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Item 04	John Zielinski	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 05	Linda Budan	Agri-tourism
Item 06	Sarah Deumling	Agri-tourism
Item 07	Valley Vista Farms	Agri-tourism
Item 08	Mary and Dave Weil	Agri-tourism
Item 09	Friends of French Prairie	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 10	Thrive Hood River	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 11	Abraham	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.

Item 12	Cherry Amabisca – Save Helvetia	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 13	Dan Keeley	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 14	Roger Kaye	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 15	Jim Gilbert	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 16	Julia Wayne	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 17	Sid Friedman	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 18	Mike McCarthy	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 19	Greg Holmes, 1000 Friends of Oregon	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 20	Kathryn Jernstedt, Friends of Yamhill County	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.

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Item 21	Kathryn Jernstedt, Jernstedt Century Farm	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 22	Linda de Boer	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri-tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.
Item 23	Mike Totey, Oregon Hunters Association	Resolution 275 – Cougar Management Plan
Item 24	Sam Sweeney	Agri-tourism in farm zones

The Board received no requests to provide verbal comments.

Resource:

- Written Public Comments to the Board June 2023

Break

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

Agenda Item 05 – Organic Industry Update

Oregon Tilth Executive Director Chris Schreiner provided information to the board on the organic industry. He gave an overview of Oregon Tilth’s mission and size and scope of the certification services they provide. Currently they have about 100+ team members and are working with approximately 3000 operations. He gave a snapshot of the US organic food sales and the food market categories for organic food products. Statistics show that 45% of the organic customer base are under 40 years of age. 2021 statistics showed Oregon has 893 organic businesses with organic commodity sales totaling \$368 million. reported 490,355 certified organic acres and milk, blueberries, and hay are the top organic commodities in Oregon. Mr. Schreiner also spoke about the innovative partnerships in organic agriculture and the collaboration with the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Resource:

- 2023 Organic Industry Update presentation

Agenda Item 06 – Umpqua Valley Farm to School

Erin Maidlow, Executive Director of the Umpqua Valley Farm to School program joined the board meeting and presented on the farm to school work being done in the Douglas County area. She shared information on the Farm to Fork: Building On-Farm Experiences project funded by the Specialty Crop Block Grant funds. The project included building an on-farm program in local school, designing farm field trips, providing technical assistance for farmers about farm to school programs, increase market opportunities for local farms, and increase capacity of the Umpqua Valley Farm to School program to sustain future programming.

Resource:

- Umpqua Valley Farm to School presentation
- Virtual Farm Field Trips: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COBerKSVVNO>
- Umpqua Grown: <https://umpquagrown.com/>

During the afternoon board members and ODA staff met with and toured Norris Blueberry Farm, UmpquaNut Farm, Umpqua Vineyards, and Paul O’Brien Winery to learn about local blueberry, hazelnut, and vineyard production.

The meeting recessed at 5:00 pm until Thursday, June 15, 2023

Meeting recording available at:

June 15 – <https://youtu.be/-OeWfwTdVM8>

Thursday, June 15, 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, Bryan Harper, Elin Miller, ODA Acting Director Lauren Henderson
- Board members present by remote: Barbara Boyer, Eric Orem, Josh Zielinski
- Board members excused: Miguel Lopez, OSU Dean Staci Simonich, Randi Svaty
- Board members absent: Shantae Johnson
- Others present: Jonathan Sandau, Jess Paulson, Rusty Rock, Karla Valness, Taylor Harding, Regan Coordes, Walt Barton, Kim Dedmon, Cindy Bright, Linda White, Marwood Hallett
- Remote: Christina Higby, Hillary Foote, Dennis Sheehy, Todd Nash, Roger Kaye, K Carl, Greg Holmes, Jim Johnson, Isaak Stapleton, Tammy Dennee, Audrey Comerford, Andrea Cantu-Schomus

Agenda Item 07 – Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians and the Umpqua Indian Development Corporation

Kelly Coates, Tribes Director of Natural Resources and Nathan Jackson, Senior Director Corporate Services presented to the board and shared the history and background of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, information on the work done in the natural resources department and the land management work.

The Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians is one of nine federally recognized Sovereign Indian Tribal Governments in the state of Oregon. The Ancestral Territory/Interest Area is approximately 6.5 million acres. Tribal Managed Acres totals 37,215.6 acres. The Natural Resources Department was formed in 2011 and is one of three Departments along with Forestry and Real-estate services. They also manage all lands in partnership with other departments and Tribal businesses. Consultation is used to communicate about natural resources, science, and culture and maintain Government to Government relationships with federal and state agencies.

Resource:

- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians presentation

Agenda Item 08 – Oregon Meat Initiative

Jess Paulson, ODA Market Access and Certification Program Area Director and Rusty Rock, ODA Food Safety and Animal Health Program Area Director provided an update to the board on the Oregon Meat Initiative. The presentation provided information on the Meat Processing Infrastructure and Capacity Building Grant Program. The grant program applications identified access to processing as one of the greatest business challenges to growing your business, other hurdles included access to financing, slaughter, value-added processing, refrigeration, new markets, and waste disposal. Grants were awarded to six firms located across the state for a total of \$2 million dollars. All projects are on track for completion and final reports will be compiled. The 2023 Oregon Legislature is considering additional fund for the Oregon Meat Initiative with House Bill 3410. Rusty Rock updated the board on the State Meat Inspection Program and shared the program has two facilities under active inspection and 11 operations in various phases of coming under state inspection.

Resource:

- Oregon Meat Initiative June 2023 presentation

Agenda Item 09 – Public Comment

The Board received one request to provide verbal comment from Dennis Sheehy, Wildlife Chair, Oregon Cattlemen’s Association regarding Resolution 275 Cougar Management Plan.

Resource:

- Verbal testimony to the board from Dennis Sheehy – June 2023

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. No discussion.

Resource:

- ODA Program Area Updates to the Board June 2023

OWEB Report

No OWEB report provided at this meeting.

Resolution – Work Group Reports

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

Josh Zielinski reported on the resolution under review by Workgroup A.

Procedures 000	Board of Agriculture Policy and Procedures for Resolutions	Recommend approval by full board with previous edits.
Resolution 029	Reservation of Columbia River Water for Agriculture	Recommend approval by full board. Keep active with no proposed edits.
Resolution 124	Trade Policy that Promotes Free and Reciprocal Access	Recommend approval by full board. 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	Recommend approval by full board. 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.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Elin Miller to approve Procedures 000 with previous edits included. Second by Bryan Harper. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously by: Chad Allen, Bryan Harper, Elin Miller, Eric Orem, Luisa Santamaria, Josh Zielinski

MOTION:

A motion was made by Eric Orem to keep Resolution 029 active with no proposed edits. Second by Bryan Harper. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously by: Chad Allen, Bryan Harper, Elin Miller, Eric Orem, Luisa Santamaria, Josh Zielinski

MOTION:

A motion was made by Bryan Harper to keep Resolution 124 active with no proposed edits. Second by Elin Miller. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously by: Chad Allen, Bryan Harper, Elin Miller, Eric Orem, Luisa Santamaria, Josh Zielinski

MOTION:

A motion was made by Elin Miller to keep Resolution 275 active with no proposed edits. Second by Bryan Harper. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously by: Chad Allen, Bryan Harper, Elin Miller, Eric Orem, Luisa Santamaria, Josh Zielinski

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

Elin Miller reported on resolutions under review by Workgroup B.

Resolution 155	Position on Farm Tax Deferral and Urban Growth Boundaries	Recommend approval by full board. Keep active with no proposed edits.
Resolution 162	The Supply of Buildable Lands inside Urban Growth Boundaries	Recommend approval by full board. Keep active with no 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	Recommend approval by full board. Keep active with no proposed edits.
Resolution 310	Siting of Agri-tourism, Entertainment Activities and associated activities on Agricultural Lands	Hold for further review and comments.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Bryan Harper to keep Resolution 155 active with no proposed edits. Second by Chad Allen. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously by: Chad Allen, Bryan Harper, Elin Miller, Eric Orem, Luisa Santamaria, Josh Zielinski

MOTION:

A motion was made by Elin Miller to keep Resolution 162 active with no proposed edits. Second by Bryan Harper. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously by: Chad Allen, Bryan Harper, Elin Miller, Eric Orem, Luisa Santamaria, Josh Zielinski.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Bryan Harper to keep Resolution 300 active with no proposed edits. Second by Chad Allen. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously by: Chad Allen, Bryan Harper, Elin Miller, Eric Orem, Luisa Santamaria, Josh Zielinski

Nominating Committee

Chair Santamaria asked Bryan Harper and Barbara Boyer to participate in the nominating committee to provide recommendations for the next Board of Agriculture chair and vice-chair. Recommendations will be provided at a future meeting for consideration.

Newsletter Topics

Suggested topics include highlights from the Umpqua Valley Farm to School Program, Organic Industry Update, Oregon Meat Initiative efforts, an overview of the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe, Natural Resources Program and the Umpqua Indian Development Corporation, and the local industry visits and tours.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM

Next meeting: August 15-17, 2023

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

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