



**Oregon Wheat Commission Meeting  
September 16, 2024, Minutes**

**Call to Order:**

Pursuant to notice made by press release to newspapers of general and local circulation throughout the state and e-mailed to persons on the mailing list of the Commission a regular meeting of the Oregon Wheat Commission (OWC) was held at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center in Boardman, OR with video/phone conference availability. Commissioners in attendance for all or part of the meeting included Tyler Hansell – Chair, David Brewer – Vice Chair, Jason Middleton - Secretary/Treasurer, Jerry Marguth, Dana Tuckness, Brent Martin and David Prybylowski. Staff members present were Amanda Hoey, CEO; Tana Simpson, Associate Administrator; and Corey Shrader, Project and Office Coordinator. Chair Hansell called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

**Introduction of Visitors**

In addition to the above-listed Commissioners and staff, the following guests were in attendance for all or part of the meeting: Christina Hagerty, Jake Westlin, Dave Losh, Thad Eakin, Judit Barroso, Eric Morris, Francisco Calderon, Kurt Melville, Mike Shrock, Wade Bingaman, Erin Heideman, Ryan Graebner, Collin Crocker, Ryan Rea, Jake Lindsay and Les Ruark.

**Additions/Changes to the Agenda**

No additions were made to the agenda.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes from the May 6, 2024, and August 29, 2024, meetings were provided.

**Commissioner Tuckness moved to approve** the May 6, 2024, and August 29, 2024, Commission meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. Commissioner Rye was absent. With all remaining Commissioners present, the motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Appointments**

CEO Hoey presented two proposed changes to the Committee Appointments. The Cereal Variety Advisory Committee position previously held by Mid-Columbia Producers will be left vacant and Brent Martin will serve as the Commission appointee on the Wheat Marketing Center Board of Directors.

**Commissioner Marguth moved to approve** the appointment of Brent Martin to the Wheat Marketing Center Board of Directors and all other committee appointments will continue as previously approved. Commissioner Tuckness seconded the motion. Commissioner Rye was absent. With all remaining Commissioners present, the motion passed unanimously.

## **2025 Meeting Schedule**

Office and Program Coordinator Shrader presented the 2025 draft meeting calendar.

*Discussion: CEO Hoey updated the Commission that Washington has contracted with Coeur d' Alene, ID for their 2025 convention while Idaho and Oregon will be in Sun Valley, ID. Oregon plans to host 2026 Tri-state Convention commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the League in Pendleton, OR.*

## **2023-2024 Year End Financial Statements and CAFR Reports**

Associate Administrator Simpson presented the 2023-2024 Year End Financial statements and CAFR reports for consideration.

**Commissioner Marguth moved to accept** the 2023-2024 Year End Financial Statements. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. Commissioner Rye was absent. With all remaining Commissioners present, the motion passed unanimously.

## **July 2024 Financial Report**

Associate Administrator Simpson presented the July 2024 financial statements for consideration.

*Discussion: Chair Hansell asked Commissioner Middleton about grain carryovers and market expectations in the first few months of this marketing year. Commissioner Middleton advised that they carried over about 10% of the 2023 crop.*

**Commissioner Middleton moved to accept** the July 2024 Financial Statements. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. Commissioner Rye was absent. With all remaining Commissioners present, the motion passed unanimously.

## **Research Request**

CEO Hoey presented a request from Dr. Barroso to revise her funding request to reallocate the \$8,000 previously dedicated to the Weed Chipper toward the purchase of a used Zurn 150 plot combine. Judit stated that her program has struggled with delays in harvesting her trials due to the many demands of the shared combine she is currently using. This \$8,000 will be a portion of the \$100,000 Judit will need to raise to purchase the machine.

*Discussion: The Commissioners asked if this change would affect Objective 3 of the current research project with the Commission. Judit clarified that Objective 3 is not at risk. Francisco Calderon also stated that this was a separate machine from one the Commission previously purchased for another OSU program.*

**Commissioner Marguth moved to approve** the change in the intended use of \$8,000 in Dr. Barroso's current research project from the purchase of a Weed Chipper machine to the purchase of a Used Zurn 150. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. Commissioner Rye was absent. With all remaining Commissioners present, the motion passed unanimously.

## **Executive Session**

Chair Hansell called the meeting into Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(i) at 11:09 a.m. to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the Chief Executive Officer. He stated that representatives of the news media and designated individuals would be allowed to

attend the executive session and requested all other members of the audience to leave the meeting/videoconference. He directed representatives of the news media not to report on or otherwise disclose any of the deliberations or anything said about these subjects during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. He stated that no decision would be made in executive session and that the Commission would return to open session at the end of the executive session.

The Commission returned to open session at 11:43 a.m. and no action was taken.

### **2024-25 Activities and Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Marguth discussed the impact of limited delivery options after the closure of TEMCO-Irving Street. The League has scheduled a meeting for Valley growers on September 26th to discuss the transportation issues. Commissioner Marguth also announced his intention to resign from the Commission on January 1, 2025.

In general, most Commissioners spoke of bountiful harvests of good quality wheat with low protein across most of the state. Some seeding is delayed as many are waiting for moisture. Commissioner Martin expressed frustration with high protein discounts. He also stated that he is moving back to conventional tillage on his farm.

### **Travel Requests**

CEO Hoey informed the Commission of the upcoming meetings and suggested approval of her travel for the State Administrators Meeting in Denver, CO, Commissioner Hansell and Tuckness and CEO Hoey to the USW Fall Meeting in Chandler, AZ, Commissioner Martin to the Flour Milling Short Course at IGP in Manhattan, KS and Commissioner Tuckness and Hansell and CEO Hoey to the USW Winter Meeting in Washington, DC.

**Commissioner Marguth moved to approve** travel for CEO Hoey to the State Administrators Meeting, Commissioner Hansell and Tuckness and CEO Hoey to the USW Fall Meeting, Commissioner Martin to the Flour Milling Short Course at IGP and Commissioner Tuckness and Hansell and CEO Hoey to the USW Winter Meeting. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. Commissioner Rye was absent. With all remaining Commissioners present, the motion passed unanimously.


### **Adjourn**

Chair Hansell adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled to be the Tri-state Commissions meeting and regular Commission meeting on November 19, 2024, in Coeur D' Alene with a virtual connection available.

### **Approved**



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Tyler Hansell, OWC Chair

*Prepared and submitted by OWC Associate Administrator, Tana Simpson*