



**Oregon Wheat Commission Special Meeting
January 19, 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 special meeting of the Oregon Wheat Commission (OWC) was held via video/phone conference. Commissioners in attendance for all or part of the meeting included Dana Tuckness – Chairman, Tyler Hansell – Vice Chairman, Jerry Marguth, David Brewer, Jason Middleton, David Prybylowski and Rob Rye. Staff members present were Amanda Hoey, CEO and Tana Simpson, Associate Administrator. Chairman Tuckness called the meeting to order at 9:00 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: Steve Wirsching and Les Ruark.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

No additions were made to the agenda.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the November 14, 2023 Regular Commission meeting were provided for review.

Commissioner Marguth moved to approve the November 14, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Hansell seconded the motion. Commissioner Padgett and Rye were absent. With all remaining Commissioners present, the motion passed unanimously.

Travel

CEO Hoey requested approval of travel to attend the U.S.-South Korea Agribusiness Trade Mission, March 25-28, 2024. This would immediately follow the previously approved travel to Auckland, New Zealand for the North-South/Southeast Asian Unified Export Strategies meeting.

Discussion: Commissioner Hansell asked about the timing needed for the approval. CEO Hoey stated that the acceptance to participate was received this week and confirmation of participation is necessary by next week. It requires a decision in advance of the February meeting in order to make necessary travel arrangements.

Commissioner Hansell moved to approve CEO Hoey's participation in the U.S.- South Korea Agribusiness Trade Mission. Commissioner Brewer seconded the motion. Commissioners Padgett and Rye were absent. With all remaining Commissioners present, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Chairman Tuckness asked for Commission updates on crop conditions. Commissioner Middleton stated that most of Umatilla County got a good snow cover before the ice and cold temperatures arrived. Commissioner Hansell reflected similar conditions. Commissioner Brewer reported that they have several layers of snow with ice in between and he does not expect any winter kill. Commissioner Marguth noted that the Valley is thawing following the recent ice storm. Commissioner Tuckness reported roughly 1 foot of snow in his area, covering the wheat. Commissioner Prybylowski reported on the snowfall in Central Oregon. Rob Rye reported that exports remain limited and are mostly currently serving our inelastic wheat buyers.

Next Meeting

CEO Hoey provided an overview of the next scheduled meeting. the Wheat Industry Advisory Committee, bake lab tour and research review is scheduled for February 12. The regular Commission meeting will be held February 13. Meetings are scheduled to be held in Corvallis, with a virtual connection available.

Adjourn

Chair Tuckness adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Approved

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dana Tuckness', written over a horizontal line.

Dana Tuckness, Chair

Prepared and submitted by OWC Associate Administrator, Tana Simpson