



Draft Agenda
February 20, 2026
Oregon Farm Bureau
1320 Capitol St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Proposal Presentation & Regular Meeting

- I. 11 am. Call to Order and Introductions- Chairman Fitzpatrick
- II. 2026 Research Proposal Presentations
 - A. Josephine Antwi
 - B. Aaron Becerra-Alvarez
 - C. Kristie Buckland
 - D. Jessica Green
 - E. Navneet Kaur
 - F. Jim Myers
 1. Breeding snap beans for heat tolerance
 2. Breeding broccoli for heat tolerance, automated harvest and processing quality
 - G. Dalila Rendon
 - H. Silvia Rondon
 - I. Joshua Twinning
 - J. Marcia Walker
- III. Oregon Department of Agriculture Report, Eric Morris
- IV. Oregon State University Report, Patricia Stock
- V. Review Minutes from January 16 (Motion Needed)
- VI. Financial Report July 01 - Jan 31 (Motion Needed)
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Adjourn

Join via Zoom

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Vice Chairman Matthew Cook called the meeting to order at 11:03 am

Commissioners Present

Matthew Cook	Ryan Koch	Laney Brentano	Andy Kraemer	Jessica Blakley	Dan Fitzner	Tim Fitzpatrick
P1	P3	P4	P6	H1	H2	PM
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N

Others present included; Alex Paraskevas; SEDCOR, Jack Holpuch; OSU Foundation, Dr. Patricia Stock; OSU Horticulture Dept. Head, Nick Andrews, OSU Organic Vegetable Extension Specialist; Kristie Buckland, OSU Dept. of Horticulture Associate Professor; Aaron Becerra-Alvarez, Assistant Professor OSU Department of Horticulture; Krista Chin and Randi Rainsley, Administrator.

Oregon Dept of Agriculture

Eric Morris sent a reminder in his absence that one commissioner is overdue with completing the WorkDay training.

Oregon State University, Dr. Patricia Stock

Dr. Patricia Stock provided an update on ongoing coordination with Oregon State University to fill the Baggett-Frazier Vegetable Breeder position. She noted that discussions are progressing within OSU and that next steps will follow established institutional processes.

Stock reported that three candidates are currently under consideration. All candidates meet the required qualifications, and further review will focus on alignment with program needs and OSU requirements.

Oregon State University Foundation, Jack Holpuch

Jack Holpuch spoke in detail about how the OSU Foundation typically handles funds and donor-facing communications, and why coordination with the Foundation early on would be important. He explained that, from the Foundation’s perspective, any campaign or solicitation generally starts with a clear statement of intent. He described this as language that explicitly outlines; What the funds are being raised for, how the funds will be used, whether the funds are restricted or unrestricted, and how the effort aligns with the Foundation’s mission and policies.

Holpuch noted that this statement of intent is important not only for donors, but also internally, as it guides how funds are tracked, reported, and administered by the Foundation.

He emphasized that the way contributions are accepted and categorized is tied directly to the statement of intent and the fund setup. Without that clarity, it becomes more difficult for the Foundation to ensure compliance with donor expectations and institutional requirements.

Rainsley offered to work with Holpuch and the Foundation to draft a campaign addressed to Oregon's vegetable growers. The OPVC will review and accept once they know all external-facing campaign materials are approved by the Foundation.

Dr. Stock emphasized that clarity at the front end is critical, particularly when funds are intended to flow through the Foundation. She noted that from her experience, ambiguity around purpose or use of funds can create complications later, both for internal tracking and for reporting back to donors or stakeholders.

She echoed the importance of a clear statement of intent, explaining that it serves as the anchor for how funds are categorized, what expenditures are allowable, and how reporting and accountability are handled over time.

Stock also commented on interest and fund management, noting that when funds are held within the Foundation, there are standard practices that apply, and that committees should understand those practices before communicating externally. She suggested that having this understanding early helps avoid misunderstandings later with both donors and internal partners.

SEDCOR, Alex Paraskevas

Paraskevas shared that the 2026 SEDCOR Ag Breakfast will be Feb 13, 7:30 - 10am at Chemeketa Ag Complex.

Alex provided an update on several external efforts and opportunities that may intersect with the OPVC's work, beginning with the Spring Economic Summit. He shared that the summit is shaping up as a key convening opportunity, bringing together stakeholders across agriculture, economic development, and innovation. He noted that the summit could be a valuable venue for visibility, relationship-building, and aligning messaging, particularly if the committee anticipates future outreach or collaboration tied to economic or industry development.

Paraskevas then discussed the Farmer Innovation Network through AgLaunch, explaining that the core vision is to put farmers at the center of innovation, rather than having technology or startups drive solutions in isolation. He described it as a model where farmers are not just end users, but active participants in shaping and testing tools by working directly with a startup to help build a tool that is actually useful in their operation, or trying tools that have been developed for other crops or regions. This farmer-centered approach is intentional, noting that too often innovation happens *to* farmers rather than *with* them, and that its model may offer useful parallels or partnership opportunities as farmers are able to host field trials to gain equity in ag start-ups.

He also provided an overview of an ODA pilot initiative, explaining that it is designed to explore new approaches within a controlled, limited framework. This will work to support supply chain networks and build infrastructure across Oregon agricultural industries.

Meeting Minutes

Prior to the meeting, Rainsley provided meeting minutes for December 19 to the commissioners. With no corrections or discussion,

DAN FITZNER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY ANDY KRAEMER. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Financial Report

Rainsley reported the financials for July 1 through December 31, 2025. The beginning balance was \$228,687.91. \$73,126.33 in revenue, and expenses totaled \$34,671.30, leaving a balance of \$270,476.27 in the Columbia Bank account.

2025-26 Beginning Balance	\$ 228,687.91
Assessment Revenue	73,126.33
Refund of scholarship	3,333.33
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>(34,671.30)</u>
Balance as of Dec 31	\$ 270,476.27

ANDY KRAEMER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY DAN FITZNER. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Rainsley provided an update on assessment revenues to date, reporting total collections of \$73,126.33 against a total budgeted expectation of \$95,300 (\$22,174 short). She reviewed how closely current spending aligns with the approved budget, highlighting a few line items that will go over budget (per diem and in-state travel), however the Materials and Services category will stay under budget overall.

An estimated year-end expenses sheet was used to calculate potential areas of concern and carry-over. Nothing should need to come out of the Contingency Fund, and expected carry over is \$198,000 plus any interest earned from the State Treasury account.

Old Business

Research Proposals for the 2026 crop year are due Jan 20. Once all have been received, Rainsley will send out a formal book for all commissioners to review.

Adjournment

DAN FITZNER MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY ANDY KRAEMER. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vice Chairman Cook adjourned the meeting at 12:02 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Randi Rainsley

Administrator

Next meeting

February 20, 2026

Oregon Farm Bureau

Begining Balance + Budgeted Revenue 25-26	\$ 323,98791											
Approved Budget Rev & Expense Total 25-26	\$ 320,992.07											
Checking Balance Carried Forward	\$ 228,68791											

	July Actual	August Actual	September Actual	October Actual	November Actual	December Actual	January Actual	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget	Variance	% of Budget
CARRYOVER FROM 2024-2025								228,68791	225,692.07	-2,995.84	
REVENUE											
Green Bean Assessments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,726.79	20,930.56	0.00	36,657.35	37,500.00	842.65	97.75%
Broccoli Assessments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,032.28	0.00	13,032.28	17,500.00	4,467.72	74.47%
Carrot Assessments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	83.74	0.00	83.74	50.00	-33.74	167.48%
Cauliflower Assessments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,229.44	0.00	5,229.44	5,250.00	20.56	99.61%
Corn Assessments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,123.52	2,729.65	20,853.17	35,000.00	14,146.83	59.58%
Total Assessments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,726.79	57,399.54	2,729.65	75,855.98	95,300.00	19,444.02	79.60%
Other Income (Interest)	3,333.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	202.19	3,535.52			
Carryover + Assessments								304,543.89	320,992.07		94.88%
Total Income								79,391.50			

	July Actual	August Actual	September Actual	October Actual	November Actual	December Actual	January Actual	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget	Variance	% of Budget
EXPENSES											
Materials & Services											
Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	15,000.00	8,000.00	0.00%
Administrative Contractor	2,085.00	2,085.00	2,085.00	2,085.00	2,085.00	2,085.00	2,085.00	14,595.00	25,020.00	10,425.00	58.33%
Communications: postage, website, mailings	188.00	0.00	0.00	2,591.8	0.00	71.65		518.83	650.00	131.17	79.82%
Insurance and Fidelity Bonds	1,141.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		1,141.00	1,800.00	659.00	63.39%
In-State Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	145.60	2,492.00	106.40	28.00	5,292.00	500.00	-2,920.00	105.84%
Out-of-State Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Legal: Sec. of State quarterly fee	20.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	3,750.00	0.00	3,750.00	170.00	500.00	330.00	0.00%
Meals and Lodging	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,172.00		4,172.00	500.00	82.80	83.44%
Professional fees: Bank fees	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	105.00	500.00	395.00	21.00%
Commissioner Per Diem	0.00	0.00	0.00	178.00	356.00	178.00	178.00	890.00	2,000.00	1,110.00	44.50%
Total Materials & Services	3,449.00	2,175.00	2,100.00	9,682.78	2,742.70	2,873.25	2,343.50	25,366.23	46,470.00	21,103.77	54.59%

	July Actual	August Actual	September Actual	October Actual	November Actual	December Actual	January Actual	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget	Variance	% of Budget
Special Payments											
Annual Grower Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00%
Research Green Beans	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00		5.00	7,888.40	7,883.40	0.06%
Research Broccoli	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	5,741.50	5,746.50	19,371.40	13,624.90	29.66%
Research Corn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	24,569.00	24,574.00	57,026.40	32,452.40	43.09%
Research Carrots	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00		5.00	7,888.40	7,883.40	0.06%
Research Cauliflower	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	3,094.50	3,099.50	14,077.40	10,977.90	22.02%
Industry Development (committies)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		19,721.00	19,721.00	500.00	-19,221.00	3944.20%
Total Special Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	53,626.00	53,651.00	107,252.00	53,601.00	50.02%
ODA CCOM	0.00	4,956.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,956.91	4,956.91	0.00	100.00%
Contengency Fund	6,666.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,666.66	150,771.10	144,104.44	4.42%
Emergency Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,542.06	11,542.06	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,115.66	7,131.91	2,100.00	9,682.78	2,742.70	2,898.25	55,969.50	90,640.80	320,992.07	230,351.27	28.24%
Total OPVC Monthly Balance	221,905.58	214,773.67	212,673.67	202,990.89	215,974.98	270,476.27	217,438.61				

Starting Balance	228,68791										
Revenue to Date	79,391.50										
Expenses to Date	90,640.80										
Balance	\$217,438.61										

Columbia Checking Balance \$17,236.42
State Tresury Balance \$200,202.19
Total \$217,438.61

Balance Sheet

Oregon Processed Vegetable Commission

As of January 31, 2026

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Oregon State Treasury	200,202.19
Umpqua Checking	17,236.42
Total for Bank Accounts	\$217,438.61
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	0.00
Total for Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Total for Current Assets	\$217,438.61
Total for Assets	\$217,438.61
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	0.00
Total for Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Total for Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total for Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	172,641.10
Retained Earnings	56,046.81
Net Income	-11,249.30
Total for Equity	\$217,438.61
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$217,438.61

Profit and Loss by Month
Oregon Processed Vegetable Commission
 July 1, 2025-January 31, 2026

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	JULY 2025	AUGUST 2025	SEPTEMBER 2025	OCTOBER 2025	NOVEMBER 2025	DECEMBER 2025	JANUARY 2026	TOTAL
Income								
Assessment								
Broccoli						13,032.28		13,032.28
Carrot						83.74		83.74
Cauliflower						5,229.44		5,229.44
Corn						18,123.52	2,729.65	20,853.17
Green Bean					15,726.79	20,930.56		36,657.35
Total for Assessment					15,726.79	57,399.54	2,729.65	\$75,855.98
Uncategorized Income	3,333.33						202.19	3,535.52
Total for Income	3,333.33				15,726.79	57,399.54	2,931.84	\$79,391.50
Cost of Goods Sold								
Gross Profit	3,333.33				15,726.79	57,399.54	2,931.84	\$79,391.50
Expenses								
Administrative Contract Services	2,085.00	2,085.00	2,085.00	2,085.00	2,085.00	2,085.00	2,085.00	14,595.00
Audit				7,000.00				7,000.00
Communication				183.60				183.60
Grower Meeting							500.00	500.00
Insurance & Fidelity Bonds	1,141.00							1,141.00
Legal	20.00	75.00			37.50		37.50	170.00
Meals & Lodging						417.20		417.20
ODA Oversight Fee		4,956.91						4,956.91
Per Diem				178.00	356.00	178.00	178.00	890.00
Professional Fees- Bank Charges	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	105.00
Reimbursable Expenses	188.00			75.58		71.65		335.23
Research- Broccoli							5,741.50	5,741.50
Research- Cauliflower							3,094.50	3,094.50
Research- Corn							24,569.00	24,569.00
Research- Not Crop Specific						25.00	19,721.00	19,746.00
Scholarship	6,666.66							6,666.66
Travel- In State				145.60	249.20	106.40	28.00	529.20
Total for Expenses	10,115.66	7,131.91	2,100.00	9,682.78	2,742.70	2,898.25	55,969.50	\$90,640.80
Net Operating Income	-6,782.33	-7,131.91	-2,100.00	-9,682.78	12,984.09	54,501.29	-53,037.66	- \$11,249.30
Other Income								
Other Expenses								
Net Other Income								
Net Income	-6,782.33	-7,131.91	-2,100.00	-9,682.78	12,984.09	54,501.29	-53,037.66	- \$11,249.30