



Draft Agenda
November 11, 2025
Oregon Farm Bureau
1320 Capitol St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Oregon Processed Vegetable Commission
Regular Meeting & Administrative Rule Change Hearing

- I. 11 am. Call to Order and Introductions- Chairman Fitzpatrick
- II. Open Hearing for Administrative Rule change 647-015-0010 - Number of Commissioners
- III. Review Minutes from October 17 (Motion Needed)
- IV. Financial Report July 01 - Oct 31 (Motion Needed)
- V. Administrator Report, Randi Rainsley
 - A. ODA Round Up
 - B. Fresh from Oregon
- VI. Oregon Department of Agriculture Report, Eric Morris
- VII. Oregon State University Report, Patricia Stock
 - A. Vegetable Breeding Position Status
 - B. Winter Veg Event & Sponsorship Request
- VIII. Close hearing
 - A. Approve Rule Change (Motion Needed)
- IX. Research Priorities
- X. Old Business
 - A. Invitations to Jan meeting
- XI. New Business
- XII. Adjourn

Next Meeting: December 19, Research Reports

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join?muid=d92f2f09-0ec0-4310-9bac-2ff1cf20dce6>

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Regular Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2025
Oregon Farm Bureau

Administrator Raindi Rainsley called the meeting to order at 11:08 am

Commissioners Present

Matthew Cook	Vacant	Ryan Koch	Laney Brentano	Vacant	Andy Kraemer	Jessica Blakley	Dan Fitzner	Tim Fitzpatrick
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	H1	H2	PM
N	-	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y

Others present included; Eric Morris, ODA Commodity Commission Oversight Manager; Nick Andrews, OSU Organic Vegetable Extension specialist; Kristie Buckland, OSU Dept. of Horticulture Associate Professor; Aaron Becerra-Alvarez, Assistant Professor OSU Department of Horticulture; Jim Meyers, OSU Dept. of Horticulture Endowed Professor (retired); Dr. Patricia Stock; OSU Horticulture Dept. Head, Angela Pratt; Petersen CPAs, Krista Chin and Randi Rainsley, Administrator.

Audit Report- Angela Pratt

Pratt reported the 2024-25 financial audit has been completed for the OPVC with no findings or concerns. See attachment A for the final audit report.

**ANDY KRAEMER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT REPORT AS PRESENTED.
SECONDED BY LANEY BRENTANO. THE MOTION PASSED WITH A
UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

Oregon Dept of Agriculture, Eric Morris

Morris provided an update regarding recent fiscal directives from the Governor's Office. In response to the latest economic forecast, the Governor has implemented restrictions on non-essential, out-of-state travel for all state agencies.

Trade missions that were previously approved and scheduled will continue as planned. The intent of these restrictions is to promote responsible fiscal management during the current period of economic uncertainty. ODA will continue to monitor the state's economic outlook and adjust spending accordingly.

The 2025–2027 biennial budget process has concluded. This resulted in the loss of five vacant positions, bringing total staffing to approximately 395 FTE positions. These reductions were due to vacancy savings and are not expected to have a significant operational impact.

ODA has launched its first major Information Technology (IT) modernization initiative, with an approved project budget of approximately \$9 million. The project's primary goal is to streamline public interaction with ODA through the creation of a single online access portal. This system will allow stakeholders and customers to access various ODA programs and services through one unified entry point, replacing the current multiple-login structure.

This multi-year project is designed to bring ODA's technology infrastructure in line with other state agencies. Additional updates will be provided as the project progresses.

Two OPVC members have not yet completed the required Workday training. Morris will be sending reminders to ensure compliance. Members experiencing technical difficulties are encouraged to contact Morris directly for assistance.

ODA will hold an administrative "Roundup" training session for commission administrators on Tuesday, October 21. The training will cover topics related to Oregon Government Ethics Commission requirements and Public Meetings Law.

Oregon State University, Patricia Stock and Jim Myers

Dr. Stock provided an update regarding the vegetable breeder and genetics faculty position intended to succeed Dr. Jim Myers following his retirement.

The search process had been progressing successfully, with 69 qualified applicants and a strong candidate pool. The search committee—chaired by Kristie Buckland and Nick Andrews was in the process of narrowing the list for initial virtual interviews when Dr. Stock received a directive from the Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences to pause the search.

This action was due to anticipated budget reductions within Oregon State University's statewide public service programs, which include agricultural research and extension. In addition to an already implemented 6.5% budget reduction, further projected cuts of approximately 5.8% may require the elimination of 35–40 positions within the college.

Dr. Stock reported that the position is supported by an endowment of approximately \$480,000, generating about \$14,000 annually in interest. These funds currently support research activities but are not sufficient to fund a faculty salary. She emphasized that she is exploring possible financial solutions to continue the recruitment process, including utilizing \$200,000 in departmental reserves allocated for faculty startup support, and discussing potential use of grant funds associated with Dr. Myers' projects to help fund salary costs temporarily. Dr. Stock noted that she plans to submit a written proposal to the Dean outlining these options in hopes of maintaining progress toward filling the position.

Dr. Jim Myers provided additional context regarding the position's significance to the vegetable breeding program and industry stakeholders. He clarified that the endowment has historically supported research efforts only, not faculty summer salary. Dr. Myers also explained that his transition to a half-time appointment funded through grants was intended to free up state salary funds to facilitate hiring his replacement, an agreement previously understood to be supported by the college.

Many in attendance expressed concern about the long-term implications of unfilled horticulture positions, citing previous instances in which key faculty retirements (e.g., Alex Stone, statewide vegetable production) were not followed by replacements. Also highlighting that the vegetable breeding and production programs are vital to Oregon's processing and fresh market industries.

Commissioners discussed coordinated efforts to contact the Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and to inform legislators of the potential impact of these cuts on Oregon's vegetable industry. Rainsley will compile and circulate a draft letter of support from the Commission for review prior to submission to the Dean.

Meeting Minutes

Prior to the meeting, Rainsley provided meeting minutes for April 11 and August 6 to the commissioners. With no further corrections or discussion,

ANDY KRAEMER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY LANEY BRENTANO. THE MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Financial Report

Rainsley reported the financials for July 1 through September 30, 2025. The carryover from the 2024-25 FY was \$2,995.84 more than expected, giving a beginning balance of \$228,687.91. Two of the scholarship payments were made after July 1 and recorded as paid from contingency. One payment being returned (shows in other income on statement of activities) due to a recording error with the college. No revenue or interest has been earned to date and expenses total \$19,347.57, leaving a balance of \$212,673.67 in the Umpqua/Columbia Bank account.

2025-26 Beginning Balance	\$228,687.91
Refund of scholarship	3,333.33
<u>Expenses through Sept 30</u>	<u>(19,347.57)</u>
Balance as of Sept 30	\$212,673.67

LANEY BRENTANO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY ANDY KRAEMER. THE MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Executive Committee

At the April 11 meeting, the Commission discussed Executive Committee roles for the 2025–2026 fiscal year. Matthew Cook and Andy Kraemer, the current Vice Chair and Treasurer, respectively, expressed interest in continuing in their current roles for the upcoming fiscal year.

With the expiration of the public member's term, the Chair position became vacant. Tim Fitzpatrick, the newly appointed public member, volunteered to serve as Chair.

Meeting Calendar

Rainsley reviewed the following meeting calendar with the group:

Date	Type of Meeting	Action Items
Oct 17	Regular	
Nov 21	Regular	Set research priorities for 2026, send to ARF for distribution along with RFP
Dec 1	none	2025 Research Reports due to ARF and OPVC. Have to OSCC by Dec 12
Dec 19	Research Report Presentations	Order lunch, provide feedback to researchers for any continuing projects
Jan 3	none	Research Proposals due to ARF and OPVC. Have books to OPVC by Jan 14
Jan 16	Regular	Review proposals, provide feedback if needed, invite presenters to Feb meeting of proposals we want to hear more about
Feb ?	OSU Winter Veggie Event	TBD
Feb 20	Research Proposal Presentations	Order lunch, ask clarifying questions of proposals, provide feedback if needed to redefine proposals
Mar 20	Budget Prep	Prepare a budget for 26-27, approve proposals. Send letters to researchers
April 17	Budget Hearing	Approve final budget

It was suggested the due date for research proposals be moved to a later date in January (preferably the 20th) and have all present at the February meeting. This would open the January meeting up to have other guest speakers. No other conflicts or questions about the proposed meeting schedule.

Old Business

LGIP Investment Request - Rainsley revisited previous discussions about establishing an investment account. She explained that the Commission's funds are currently held in a Umpqua Bank checking account earning minimal interest and incurring monthly fees.

Rainsley proposed transferring these funds to the Oregon State Treasury Investment Pool, noting that other commissions, such as the Sweet Cherry Commission, have successfully used the program and earned 4.6–6% interest annually. She stated the account operates like a high-interest savings account, with no access restrictions or prior issues reported.

Commission members expressed support for the idea, recognizing the opportunity to generate additional income for research and operations.

ANDY KRAEMER MOVED TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT WITH THE OREGON STATE TREASURY INVESTMENT POOL. SECONDED BY LANEY BRENTANO. THE MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

New Business

OPVC Website

Rainsley shared with the group a new OPVC website she had created, moving away from the old blog style and hard to read pages of the current site. It was suggested that some of the vegetable images be replaced, as they looked to either be AI or poor representations of the crop.

Commission Collaboration

Rainsley asked the group to take a moment to discuss grower advocacy, price setting, and legislative representation. She noted that other crop commissions have faced challenges with processor-determined pricing that often does not cover production costs. Rainsley emphasized the importance of exploring collaborative efforts among Oregon commodity commissions to share information, coordinate outreach, and strengthen the collective agricultural voice.

The group discussed the possibility of forming an informal coalition of commissions, similar to a statewide agricultural council, to communicate with legislators and agency officials on issues impacting growers. Members agreed the purpose would be educational and informational, not lobbying, to remain within commission statutory guidelines. Rainsley will also reach out to the Northwest Horticultural Council to inquire if processed vegetables could also be under their scope of advocacy, especially at the national level.

Commission Membership

Rainsley noted that the Commission has operated two members short of a full board for several years despite recruitment efforts. She raised the option of either continuing

outreach to fill vacancies or reducing the total number of commission seats.

Following discussion on what would be best for OPVC going forward,

ANDY KRAEMER MOTIONED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SEATS OF THE OPVC FROM NINE TO SEVEN. SECONDED BY LANEY BRENTANO. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Guest Speakers

The Commission discussed potential guest speakers for upcoming meetings and the winter veggie event in February. Members suggested inviting ODA representatives, university faculty, insurance and finance experts, and agricultural suppliers to provide updates and resources. Commissioners will consider additional ideas and forward recommendations to Rainsley.

Upcoming Events

Jessica Blakley noted the upcoming Agricultural Show in Albany, November 11-13, which includes pesticide license credit sessions for participants needing recertification.

Adjournment

Chairman Tim Fitzpatrick asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY ANDY KRAEMER, SECONDED BY LANEY BRENTANO. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40pm

Respectfully submitted by

Randi Rainsley
Administrator

Next meeting

November 21, 2025, 11am

Oregon Farm Bureau

Profit and Loss by Month

Oregon Processed Vegetable Commission

July 1-October 31, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	JULY 2025	AUGUST 2025	SEPTEMBER 2025	OCTOBER 2025	TOTAL
Income					
Uncategorized Income	3,333.33				3,333.33
Total for Income	3,333.33				\$3,333.33
Cost of Sales					
Gross Profit	3,333.33				\$3,333.33
Expenses					
Administrative Contract Services	2,085.00	2,085.00	2,085.00	2,085.00	8,340.00
Audit				7,000.00	7,000.00
Communication				183.60	183.60
Insurance & Fidelity Bonds	1,141.00				1,141.00
Legal	20.00	75.00			95.00
ODA Oversight Fee		4,956.91			4,956.91
Per Diem				178.00	178.00
Professional Fees- Bank Charges	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	60.00
Reimbursable Expenses	188.00			75.58	263.58
Scholarship	6,666.66				6,666.66
Travel- In State				145.60	145.60
Total for Expenses	10,115.66	7,131.91	2,100.00	9,682.78	\$29,030.35
Net Operating Income	-6,782.33	-7,131.91	-2,100.00	-9,682.78	-\$25,697.02
Other Income					
Other Expenses					
Net Other Income					
Net Income	-6,782.33	-7,131.91	-2,100.00	-9,682.78	-\$25,697.02

Balance Sheet

Oregon Processed Vegetable Commission

As of October 31, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT		TOTAL
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Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Checking		0.00
Money Market		0.00
Umpqua Checking		202,990.89
Total for Bank Accounts		\$202,990.89
Total for Current Assets		\$202,990.89
Total for Assets		\$202,990.89
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Liabilities and Equity		
Liabilities		
Total for Liabilities		
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity		172,641.10
Retained Earnings		56,046.81
Net Income		-25,697.02
Total for Equity		\$202,990.89
Total for Liabilities and Equity		\$202,990.89
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