

OREGON SWEET CHERRY COMMISSION

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Via Conference Call

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

1:00 P.M.

The following commissioners consisting of a quorum participated on the call: Dan Crouse, Chairman; Steve Sandau, Andrea Galloway, Wade Root, Brad Pickering, Kris Brunner, Stacey Cooper, Megan Thompson and Ryan Bond.

The following people also participated: Will Wise and Julie Hoffman, Oregon Beef Council; Eric Shrum, Western Ag and Co-Chairman of the Research Committee; Sue Root, Pacific Coast Producers; Kris Anderson; ODA Commodity Commission Program Manager; and Dana Branson, Administrator.

Chairman Dan Crouse called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

The research project "Testing an oviposition deterrent of *Drosophila suzukii* in cherry orchards" replaced Dalila Rendon's original proposal approved at the November 2017 meeting. The new project is budgeted for \$12,500, which is approximately \$1,800 more than the first one. Eric Shrum said he talked with Vaughn Walton, OSU Professor, Horticultural Entomologist about a new chemical product used in blueberries last year. The material dries out on the ground, but irrigation water reactivates it. Walton was enthusiastic about trying it in cherries to control *Drosophila suzukii*. This is the product in the new project. *Andrea Galloway moved and Brad Pickering seconded to approve the new replacement project. The motion carried with Ryan Bond opposed.*

There was discussion regarding the process of hiring a replacement of the Administrator and where we are. The Oregon Beef Council is investigating and developing a proposal. An update on their progress was emailed just prior to the call. They anticipate having an offer for their board to vote on by their April 9-10 meeting.

The Commission would like to issue an RFP for other potential candidates for conclusion in approximately that same time frame and a question was asked regarding the time table for accomplishing that. The RFP template has been in revision. Kris Anderson explained the second revision has been sent to the three administrator-members of the Commodity Commission Advisory Committee for review and she hopes to have all responses by the end of this week, March 16. The RFP could then possibly be released by Friday, March 23 and closed for application April 13. Assuming these dates, it is possible to complete the process by June 1 if need be. Will Wise said the Beef Council understands the logic of trying to look for all potential interested candidates to get the best results.

There were no questions or discussion regarding the proposed administrative rule changes Dana is working on.

The meeting adjourned at 1:18.

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