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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 December 1, 2021
 Food Innovation Center
 1207 Naito Parkway, Portland, OR

Chairman Megan Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
 Commissioners present included:

Vacant	Sue Root	Vacant	JD Walker	Megan Thompson	Wade Root	Jeff Heater	Anthony Guisto	Stacey Cooper	Michael Omeg	Kerry Newberry
H1	H2	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	PM
N	Y*	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Others present included: Tony Shepard; public member, Steve Castagnoli; OSU Director Mid-Columbia Agricultural REsearch and Extension Center, Randi Alexander-Rolison, Julie Hoffman, OSCC Administrative Office, Will Wise; Oregon Beef Council.*Sue Root joined the meeting via Zoom at 11:10am during the research discussion.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORT

The minutes for the October 14, 2021 meeting were reviewed by the Commission.

Jeff Heater moved to approve both the August 23, 2021 and September 22, 2021 meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Stacey Cooper. A roll call was taken, and motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Randi Alexander-Rolison reported the beginning balance as **\$703,087.06**. Revenue through November 30, 2021 was **\$907,100.01**, total revenue and fund balance **\$1,610,187.07** with total expenses **\$559,743.77**, ending fund balance of **\$1,050,443.30**.

Fund Balance Carried Forward	\$ 703,087.06
Income	<u>907,100.01</u>
Revenue and Fund Balance	\$1,610,187.07
Expenses thru Nov 30, 2021	<u>(559,743.77)</u>
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 1,050,443.30

Jeff Heater moved to approve December 1, 2021 financials as reported. Seconded by Tony Guisto. A roll call was taken, and motion carried unanimously.

Julie Hoffman reported tonnage that has been brought in this year in comparison to prior years.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrative Rules for HB2992 and Public Records need to be finalized. Randi Alexander-Rolison reported that a public hearing was held for anyone that wanted to comment on the rule change, no one attended.

Stacey Cooper motioned to approve the filing of a permanent Administrative Rule as required to align with HB2992, to pay the per diem stipend to both qualified and non-qualified commissioners, the “pay all policy” as defined by ODA, excluding those employed full-time in public service and those who are collecting a per diem stipend from another commodity commission or other state entity. *Seconded by Jeff Heater. A roll call was taken, and motion carried unanimously.*

The budget breakdown is: 11 members x \$155 per person x 8 meetings per year = \$13,640. Randi Alexander-Rolison recommends having a \$15,000 line item in the budget.

Stacey Cooper motioned to approve the filing of a permanent rule on Oregon Sweet Cherry Commission member reimbursement of expenses and stipends to update Administrative Rules as required to align with HB2992, and to approve Administrative Rule changes to pay reimbursement of stipends and expenses on a quarterly basis. *Seconded by Jeff Heater. A roll call was taken, and motion carried unanimously.*

Stacey Cooper motioned to approve the filing of a permanent rule on public records to update Oregon Sweet Cherry Commission Administrative Rules as needed. *Seconded by Jeff Heater. A roll call was taken, and motion carried unanimously.*

RESEARCH BUDGET

Commissioners reviewed the research proposal submitted and discussed the preference they have in relation to the industry, OSCC's budget and what they can fund in partnership with Washington State Tree Fruit Association.

Jeff Heater moved to accept the research numbers as decided by the commission, not to exceed \$500,000. Seconded by Tony Guisto. *A roll call was taken, and motion carried unanimously.*

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPORT – Kris Anderson, not present

Nothing to report

OSU RESEARCH & EXTENSION REPORT – Steve Castagnoli

USDA facility is about to be finalized, 1-2 weeks.

Rachel Leisso hired, not on site yet.

Lab renovation, still in planning stages. Starting work early 2022, Columbia fruit growers have committed to half the cost along with OSCC.

Director search, application period closed end of November. Looking to fill on an interim basis internally with OSU. Interviews will be taking place Dec 13 and 14 at Hood River Extension Office. Megan Thopson and Ryan Bond are invited to be on the advisory board.

11/30 - Megan and Jeff met with Mr. Ivory Lyles, Vice Provost, Division of Extension and Engagement, Director, OSU Extension Service, as he is trying to meet with as many growers and stakeholders as possible in his first 100 days.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Megan Thompson received a call from Eric Schrum. He is officially retiring from the research committee. It has been recommended that the research committee be revitalized. Reaching out to public members to be a part of this group and help advise the commission on research projects and where the industry is heading.

H1 and P1 board positions are open.

Stacey Cooper - National Cherry Growers Industry Foundation- Stacey inherited this, although no activity has happened. Michigan asked for their dollars (1/3 of investment). There is approximately \$70,000 remaining. The next step is to dissolve the foundation, and work with a gal in Galveston Texas on breast cancer treatment trials with cherries.

J.D. Walker recently learned OSCC has a website and an update is very much needed. Stacey Cooper made the suggestion that admin look into what can be done for updates, and if a new hosting site is needed, that it be seriously considered for the next fiscal year.

NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME & LOCATION

10am February 9, 2022 Hood River. In person w/ Zoom option

Adjourned 11:55pm