

**OREGON SHEEP COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting**  
**May 31, 2024, via Zoom &/or Conference Call**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Fine at 2:05 p.m. Commissioners attending John Fine, Bill Mast, Tracy Briggs, Kip Krebs, Amina Senge, Reed Anderson, and Rick Wagner, which provided a quorum.

Others attending: Eric Morris, ODA, Mac Stewart, Turner Lear, Angie McNalley, Carmen Oakes, Jean Hall, Carol Lorenzen, Jade Davidson, Selby Boerman, Nikki Kosesan, and OSC Administrator Richard Kosesan.

**Budget Hearing for FY 2024-2025 Proposed Budget**

Chairman John Fine opened the Budget Hearing following Roll call and asked staff to review the Proposed Budget.

Budget highlights: Special Payments / Research category has been increased. Assessments for current fiscal year are slightly less than previously budgeted; although additional collections are anticipated before end of June. There were no unanticipated expenses during current fiscal year.

John Fine pointed out the amount budgeted for administrative services was still at previous level of \$12,000 for the year. He suggested an increase of \$500 per month be considered for the upcoming fiscal year, making the total for administrative services \$18,000 for the next fiscal year. No objections.

Chairman Fine asked if there any other comments regarding the Proposed Budget. He indicated the Budget Hearing would remain open to allow for other comments. The Regular Meeting was opened at 2:15 pm.

**Minutes of Meeting May 26, 2023**

Chairman Fine asked Commissioners if there were any questions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting held May 26, 2023. Bill Mast moved the minutes be accepted as distributed, seconded by Tracy Briggs. No further discussion; minutes were approved.

**Financial Report**

Staff reported both revenue and expenditures for 2023-24 fiscal year were close to budgeted amounts. In addition, totals for 2023-24 FY were very similar to 2022-2023 FY.

## Consideration of Funding Requests

- Jean Hall, Oregon State University, briefly explained the proposal to study the effect of 5 different selenium supplementation practices in Oregon to determine how subclinical selenium deficiency makes sheep prone to disease. Study will take one year and OSC contribution is to cover cost of cytokine testing kits. Cytokine governs inflammation. Study will examine cytokine levels to determine if there is any relation to underlying disease susceptibility, specifically gastrointestinal parasitism and suboptimal productivity in ewes. Total cost is \$3,720.
- Jade Davidson, Executive Director of Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom program summarized the results of the 2023-2024 program funded by the Commission. Teachers are provided with no cost resources including wool-spinning kits, wool samples, a virtual shearing field trip, and Lanolin lotion kits. The project reached over 6,000 Oregon students throughout the state. Total cost to continue these programs is \$3,500.
- Mac Stewart and Angie McNalley reviewed the 2023 Umatilla County Jackpot Lamb Contest and explained the need for funds to cover the costs of transporting sheep to the Brownsville location for processing. Request includes transportation, mileage, and evaluation. Timing of processing influences. Last year's actual cost was less than the amount requested. The 2024-25 request is the same amount as last year: \$1,167.
- Turner Lear, OSU Sheep Research Center Manager presented an overview of Michelle Kutzler's proposed research project to determine the effect of vitamin D supplementation on sheep health. Vitamin deficiency in animals is common and associated with reproductive and metabolic abnormalities. Objective of the study are to: 1) determine the effect of vitamin D supplementation on incidence of vaginal prolapse and pregnancy toxemia in ewes, 2) Blood glucose and ketone concentrations of ewes on the day of lambing 3) percentage of confirmed pregnant ewes that fail to deliver and 4) birthweight and weaning weight of lambs following prenatal treatment of their dams. Study to begin this fall and continue through lambing and review of effect on lambs in spring. Cost : \$2,323.76

Total amount for all four requests = \$10,710.76. Amount included in the Special Payments category of the budget is sufficient to cover all four projects.

Kip Krebs moved all four projects be approved; seconded by Mast. No further discussion; motion was carried.

The only change to the Proposed Budget was the increased Administrative Services contract (Personnel Services) from \$12,000 to \$18,000 for the year. Contract terms would remain the same. Briggs moved the increase be approved for 2024-25; seconded by Rick Wagner. Motion was approved.

Chairman Fine closed the Budget Hearing at 3:18 pm.

Chairman Fine asked for motion on the Proposed Budget.

Krebs moved to approve the Proposed Budget with the change to Personnel Services. Seconded by Briggs. No further discussion; motion carried.

### **Proposed Administrative Rule Change**

Staff explained rather than change existing definitions, Administrative Rule 644-010-0010 (1) would be modified to clarify the intent by removing the previous language regarding “subsequent purchaser”. The following sentence will be deleted:

**If the handler is receiving sheep for resale, the assessment shall be forwarded to subsequent purchaser. The assessment will be remitted by the final handler at time of final harvest.**

In addition, Rule 644-010-0015 (2), will be revised as follows to clarify:

(2) If the producer sells, ships, or otherwise disposes of sheep to any person outside Oregon, the producer shall **deduct pay** the assessment of \$0.50 per head from the proceeds **owed to the producer received** and remit to the Commission at quarterly intervals as specified in OAR 644-010-0015 (1).

Krebs moved to accept the rule changes as proposed; seconded by Wagner. No further discussion. Motion was approved.

Staff explained the rule changes will need to be distributed electronically and by mail to producers and known handlers. A Public Rulemaking Hearing via Zoom will be scheduled to allow for public input. A timeline of two to three months was suggested. The final rules, with any changes, will be returned to the Commission for final approval.

### **New Business**

Carol Lorenzen from OSU introduced Turner Lear as new Sheep Center Manager. She also explained that Withycombe Hall renovations are underway and expect to be completed next year.

Eric Morris introduced himself as new Commodity Commission Manager from Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Chairman Fine adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm.