

THURSTON COUNTY AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thurston County Fairgrounds

3054 Carpenter Rd. SE, Olympia, WA 98503

7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Minutes for January 25, 2018**

Members Present: Richard Mankamyer (Chair), Bryan Fisher, Chris Groen, Kevin Jensen, Pat Labine, Robert McIntosh (Vice-Chair), Eric Johnson, Mary DiMatteo, Robin Buckingham, Joe Hanna, Michael Moore

Staff Present: Stephen Bramwell

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Richard Mankamyer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance then round-table introductions of the members and staff attending the evening's meeting.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes for December 6, 2017 meeting were approved.

Approval of agenda – Agenda was approved

New Non-Farmer Member – Michael Moore was introduced by the Chair. Mr. Moore gave a brief introduction of himself and his interests.

January 2018 Elections – Nominations for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Compliance (By-Laws) presented. Nominations for the position of Chair were presented:

Richard Mankamyer

Robert McIntosh-Declined nomination

Mary DiMatteo

Vote was presented to the committee and Richard won 7-3

Nominations for the position of Vice-Chair were presented:

Mary DeMatteo

Robert McIntosh

Vote was presented to the committee and Mary won unanimously

Nominations for position of scribe were presented:

Members of the committee decided that this position would be a rotating position with members committing to two months at a time as scribe. The following members will fill this position as noted for 2018:

Mary DeMatteo – February, March

Robert McIntosh – April, May  
Chris Groen – June, July  
Keven Jensen – August, September  
Michael Moore – Nov/Dec combined meeting, January 2019

Nominations for Position of Compliance Officer were presented:

Robert McIntosh

Vote was presented to the committee and Robert won unanimously

To recap January 2018 elections:

Chair – Richard Mankaymer

Vice-Chair – Mary DeMatteo

Scribe – Shared/rotating position

Compliance Officer – Robert McIntosh

Letter to BOCC regarding committee applications – letter was reviewed, edits were made and the committee voted to approve the letter. Stephen will see that the letter gets to the commissioners.

Letter to Commissioner Edwards

Permit Exempt Ag Buildings-committee reviewed the letter, made revisions, and then voted to approve the letter with the revisions. Richard will make necessary revisions to the final document and see that the letter gets to the Commissioners.

Review of By-Laws – committee agreed to table By-Law revisions until the February meeting.

Public Comment: No public comment

Green Sheets – None

WSU Update – Community Plan Update for Thurston County: (Allison Osterberg, Maya Buhl) The first level of input that they are interested in is in the Community Vision section. The committee should take a look at it and be ready to discuss at next month's meeting. Stephen will send out information to the committee regarding timeline.

Cascadia Grains conference went very well this year. There was great attendance on Friday for the field track and also for the class/demonstration sections on Saturday.

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm, the Port of Olympia will hear a proposal to fund several agricultural related initiatives. One of these is an evaluation of market analysis for a frozen food processing facility, and another one is for an organic feed handling mill.

Still pending is the Grazing Prairie trial. Did not receive the Sayre Grant. The MOA between WSU and Thurston County for the extension office will be presented to the Commissioner's on February 7.

New sharing – Conservation District now has a budget along with a couple of grants that they are waiting on. There several events coming up with the TCD.

Mike Burnham, Senior Planner with the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), will be at next month's meeting to give a presentation on their new Thurston Climate Adaptation Plan.

Reminder to vote!

Adjournment – 9:15 pm

Submitted by - Deborah Bordelon