



OREGON WINE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wildfire Emergency Response

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 <<FINAL>>

VIA ZOOM

ATTENDANCE

- BOARD:** Bob Morus (Chair), Kevin Chambers (Vice Chair), Eugenia Keegan (Chair Emeritus), Donna Morris (Treasurer), Hilda Jones, Bertony Faustin, Jason Tosch, Justin King
- STAFF:** Tom Danowski, Marie Chambers, Stacey Kohler
- GUESTS:** David Adelsheim, Dr. F. King Alexander (OSU President), Eryan Andries, Todd Bastian (OSU), Dr. David Beck, Dr. Lisbeth Goddik (OSU), Ken Johnston, Jennifer Kerrigan, Elin Miller, Mia Noren, Dr. Michael Qian (OSU), Dr. Alan Sams (OSU Ag. College Dean), Jennifer Sitton, Dr. Elizabeth Tomasino (OSU)
- ABSENT:** Barbara Steele

MEETING OPENING

Call to Order

Chair B. Morus called the Oregon Wine Board public meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- Drs. Alexander and Sams talked about their commitment to Oregon's wine industry and support for near-term lab testing capacity in response to the 2020 wildfire and smoke events. They also expressed their intentions to continue working closely with grape growers and winemakers to fulfill the land grant university's mission and to partner in longer term research to help stakeholders prepare for future challenges.
- OSU research scientists, Tomasino & Qian, along with Dr. Goddick, offered their thoughts on the testing capacity at their two labs and gave an overview of the itemized request for funding in the amount of \$49,500 to support panel testing of grape samples and small-lot fermentations for smoke effects.
- The discussion moved to ways in which OWB resources could supplement grape sample funding from other industry sources to gather baseline data points from 2020. That learning could serve as a foundation for OWB funded research projects in the future designed to better prepare the industry to deal with fire and smoke emergencies.

D. Morris made a motion to allocate \$37,500 from the OWB operating budget reserve to Oregon State University for the purpose of establishing smoke panel testing for longer term statewide industry knowledge and research. K. Chambers seconded. The motion carried 8-0.

MEETING FINALIZATION

Chair B. Morus adjourned the Oregon Wine Board meeting at 5:13 p.m.