

OREGON WINE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2017 <<FINAL>>

LOCATION: BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, MILTON-FREEWATER, OREGON

Attendance

Board: Steve Thomson (Chairman), John Pratt (Treasurer), Ellen Brittan (Chair Emeritus), Hilda Jones, JP Valot, Eugenia Keegan, Kevin Chambers and Jason Tosch

Staff: Tom Danowski, Rose Cervenak, Marie Chambers and Jess Willey

Guests: Mike Watkins/City of Milton-Freewater

Absent: Doug Tunnell (Vice Chairman)

After consulting with Board Directors, the Chairman waived an Executive Session.

MEETING OPENING

Call to Order

- Thomson called the OWB Board meeting to order at 12:36 p.m.

Board Minutes (Attachment)

- The Board reviewed minutes from the Dec. 9 Board meeting.

Jones moved that the Dec. 9, 2016 Board meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Brittan seconded, Keegan, K. Chambers and Tosch abstained and the motion carried. (Thomson, Valot, Brittan, Pratt and Jones).

MATTERS FOR DECISION

Research Committee Report (Attachment)

- 2017-18 grant funding recommendations.
 - The committee chairman presented the viticulture and enology projects prioritized for 2017-18, reflecting the committee's discussion on Feb. 20. Pratt also reviewed the process the committee followed to arrive at their conclusions and discussed recent feedback from some of its members. He then asked for Board guidance on next steps.
 - **ACTION: Pratt will re-convene a working group comprised of several research committee members and prioritize projects based on the guidance he received from the Board. Pratt (Research Committee Chair) will then provide the Committee's final funding recommendation of 2017-18 viticulture and enology projects for Board approval no later than Jun. 8.**

Finance Committee Report (Attachments)

- The treasurer (Pratt) gave the Finance Committee report.

Brittan moved that the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement through Jan. 31, 2017 be approved as submitted. Keegan seconded and the motion carried.

- M. Chambers reviewed the 2017-18 budget.
- Willey provided a recap of marketing programs and the 2017-18 budget allocations.

Keegan moved that the 2017-18 budget proposal with Total Income of \$2,371,100 and Total Expenses of \$2,827,500 be approved as submitted. Valot seconded and the motion carried.

Thomson adjourned the OWB Board meeting at 3:03 p.m.