

# MINUTES

## Oregon Mint Rootstock Certification Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Via Zoom Meeting

**Voting members present:** Jeff Cloud, Scott Setniker, Lowell Patterson, Daniel Keudell, Greg Bingaman, Erin McGreer.

**Non-voting members present:** Andrew Altishin, Jeremiah Dung, Darrin Walenta, Dan Curry, Terry Burr- Secretary.

**Members absent:** Brett Rudd, Thomas Chastain.

**Guests Present:** Rachel Hankins, Mary Beuthin.

1. The Oregon Mint Rootstock Certification Advisory Committee took place via Zoom conference due to Covid 19 restrictions. The meeting started at 10:00 am.
2. The members introduced themselves.
3. The minutes of the 2020 meeting was motioned to accept as written, by Scott and seconded by Lowell.
4. The Chair called for additions to the agenda and none were received.
5. **Old Business:**  
No old business was brought forward.
6. **New Business:**  
No new business was brought forward to the committee.

### 7. Reports

#### a) **Mint Rootstock Certification:**

- The 2020 Directory of Oregon Certified Mint Rootstock was distributed. It shows that Sierra Cascade was the only grower. They have certified fields in the field class B program. They had 103 acres of Black Mitcham and 30 acres of M83-7 Peppermint, along with 32 acres of Scotch Spearmint. OSCS inspected the fields in mid July which worked out well for adequate inspection; some of the new fields were small in size.

b) **OSU Crop & Soil Science Department Report**, Dan Curry

**OSU Update**  
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The following are highlights of activities in Crop and Soil Science (CSS) and the College of Agricultural Sciences (CAS) as they affect clientele groups affiliated with CSS.

**Crop and Soil Science**

Personnel

Dr. Julie Pett-Ridge – will begin a temporary 2-year, rotating program director position at the National Science Foundation later this month. Dr. Pett-Ridge is an Associate Professor of Soil Science.

Manager, Soil Health Lab – Corvallis. The position has closed and the new manager will be announced in the near future.

Extension Organic Pasture and Forages Assistant Professor of Practice – Corvallis. Position closed December 31<sup>st</sup>.

News

The CSS extension team has developed and delivered three webinars to replace our Winter Extension Meetings held in Albany, Salem, and Forest Grove that were cancelled by Covid-19. Each webinar was attended by more than 250, eclipsing the normal in-person attendance for each by about 100 or more.

**College of Agricultural Sciences**

A search for the Associate Dean for Research is underway to replace the retiring Dr. Joyce Loper. The college is also searching for a Director of the North Willamette Research and Extension Center (NWREC) and for a Director of the Oregon Integrated Pest Management Center.

**Oregon State University**

The university continues to operate under a Covid Emergency. Courses will be delivered mostly via remote teaching or by Ecampus modalities in winter term. Faculty and staff are still being asked to work remotely from home as much as possible to keep the density of individuals low in facilities. Travel restrictions are still in place for faculty and staff.

c) **Seed Certification report**, Andrew Altishin.

## **2020 Year in Review**

**Total Acres Certified of all Crops – 236,485 (3%)**

Total Acres of Grass Crops Certified – 200,813 (4.2%)

Total Acres of Small Grains Certified – 21,422 (-11.2%)

Total Acres of Legumes Certified – 4,657 (-19.9%)

Total Acres of Misc. Other Crops Certified – 9,593 (38.4%)

Total Acres of Potatoes Certified – 2,977 (11%)

Total Acres of PVG Certified – 92 (-46.8%)

Total Acres of Corn – 2,634 (37.1%)

**Total Acres Mint – 165 (-17.5%)**

### New Hires

- Ellen Otis-Sykes, Seed Certification Aide (Sampler, Union Co.)
- Jodi Keeling, Process Manager, OSCS Main Office

### OSCS Staffing

- 3 Administrative staff
- 2 Information Technology Staff
- 7 Seed Certification Specialists
- 8 Part-time/seasonal Seed Certification Specialists
- 8 Seed Certification Samplers
- 1 Manager and Seed Certification Specialist
- Various part-time student employees

### Programs Administered

- Oregon Certified Seed
  - o Part of the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA)
- OECD Certified Seed
  - o Administered in Oregon for USDA - AMS

8. Daniel Keudell nominated himself to serve as Vice-Chair for the next year, as Greg Bingaman moves from Vice-Chair to Chair. Daniel moved and Scott second.
9. Jeff Cloud and Scott Setniker were volunteered to serve another 3 year term as the central and valley growers representative. Lowell Patterson volunteered to serve one more year as the dealer. It was moved and second.
10. Max Nillson was selected by the Essential Oil league to serve a three year term.
11. Scott Setniker agreed to serve as this committee's representative at the 2021 Certification Board meeting in February.
12. Lowell gave a market report where Mint oil prices are soft activity is soft as well, mostly due to covid and communication problems. Inventory's are high but nothing to be alarmed about.
13. Daniel Keudell adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Terry Burr

Secretary

Oregon Mint Rootstock Certification Advisory Committee

The current *Oregon Peppermint and Spearmint Rootstock Certification Standards*, the current *Directory of Oregon Certified Mint Rootstock*, and minutes of recent Oregon Mint Rootstock Certification Advisory Committee meetings are available at the OSU Seed Certification website ([seedcert.oregonstate.edu/](http://seedcert.oregonstate.edu/)) under the respective Mint or Advisory Committee headings.

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