

GLENN COUNTY OLIVE FRUIT PEST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Russel Maben – Chairman
Dan Kennedy – Vice Chairman
Andrew Weinrich – Secretary



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MINUTES

Meeting Date:

Thursday, April 25, 2024

Time:

8:30am

Place:

Glenn County Department of Agriculture
720 N. Colusa Street
Willows, CA 95988

Meeting called to order at 8:32am

I. Introductions:

Glenn County Olive Pest Management District Directors present:

Russel Maben	Chairman
Dan Kennedy	Vice Chairman
Eduardo Briones	Director
Scott Studybaker	Director
Bill Krueger	Alternate

Others in Attendance:

Jason Beauchamp – Glenn County Department of Agriculture
Kendall Immoos – Glenn County Department of Agriculture
Merritt Erickson – E3 Organics, Inc.

II. Approval of Minutes:

- A. A review and approval of the minutes for the January 18, 2024, meeting. The minutes were distributed, and all district attendees had the opportunity to review them. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented, with no suggested modifications or corrections. Kennedy moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Briones; all in favor, motion carried.

III. Agenda Items:

A. Public Comment:

1. Merritt Erickson presented the District with a new FDA approved spray that he has formulated to potentially control the Olive Fruit Fly population. He has had good results with other pests such as mites and would like to experiment on olive trees. Full coverage of the tree is recommended, and he would like to treat table and oil trees. The

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District members suggested the olive trees at the Glenn County Fair Grounds. Erickson also mentioned he had trees on County Road 21 he could treat as well. He will spray 3 trees and leave one tree to determine control. Weinrich suggested card traps be used to capture the flies to help determine control and confirm if there are Olive Fruit Flies present on the trees being treated. Erickson will return next meeting to give the District an update on the results he's found.

B. Discussion and/or Action Items:

1. Election of Officers for FY 2024-2025 – receive nominations and vote for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary. The district members discussed and agreed that they would like the current officers to remain in the same positions. Russel Maben will continue being Chairman, Dan Kennedy will stay as Vice Chairman and Andrew Weinrich will remain as Secretary. Kennedy moved to approve the Election of Officers. Seconded by Weinrich; all in favor, motion carried.
2. OFPMD Director Re-Appointment update presented by Beauchamp. The Glenn County Board of Supervisors approved the request to keep Russel Maben as District Director for the next four years.
3. The District reviewed the Assessment Amount and Assessment List for 2024. There were no suggested changes or adjustments required. Beauchamp also explained the process to amend the Assessment List. Once an amendment has been suggested the Glenn County Department of Agriculture will do an assessment on the requested parcel and confirm how many trees are present. Following the assessment, the appropriate changes will be made with the Glenn Counties Assessors Office and the Department of Finance. Briones moved to approve the Assessment Amount and List for 2024. Seconded by Kennedy; all in favor, motion carried.
4. The preliminary budget was presented to the District by Beauchamp. The only change that was made is the \$6,700.00 allocated for the Olive Pomace project with the UC Cooperative Extension. District members reviewed the budget and the changes and confirmed the budget looked correct and can be submitted to the Glenn County Department of Finance. Kennedy moved to approve the preliminary budget as presented. Seconded by Weinrich; all in favor, motion carried.
5. Beauchamp provided the District with an update on the financial audit. The Glenn County Department of Finance has been assisting Beauchamp and they have found Ingrid Shepline from Richardson CPAs to *review the information* for the District.

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Beauchamp anticipates an answer in the next couple of weeks if she will complete the audit. More updates to come in the next meeting.

6. No action items were suggested for the July 18, 2024, meeting.
 - C. Member reports included discussing the open alternate position. Beauchamp explained Hank Henning has not responded with a completed application. The next step may be sending out a letter to olive growers to see if anyone would be interested in joining the District. Weinrich suggested Mario Romano could be a good option and volunteered to reach out to him.
- IV. The Next Olive Fruit Pest Meeting will be held July 18, 2024.

Maben adjourned the meeting at 9:13am

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