

GLENN COUNTY OLIVE FRUIT PEST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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MINUTES

Meeting Date:

Thursday October 19, 2023

Time:

8:30am

Place:

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

Meeting called to order at 8:42am

I. Introductions:

Glenn County Olive Pest Management District Directors present:

Dan Kennedy	Vice Chairman
Bill Krueger	Alternate

Others in Attendance:

Jason Beauchamp – Glenn County Department of Agriculture
Kendall Immoos – Glenn County Department of Agriculture
Becky Wheeler-Dykes – UC Cooperative Extension Glenn County

II. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the 7/20/2023 were unable to be approved due to not having enough district directors present.

III. Agenda Items:

A. Public Comment:

1. No Public Comments

B. Discussion and/or Action Items:

1. Beauchamp gave the directors present an audit update. He has been in contact with multiple CPA's and so far, no one is accepting new clients until the end of the year. Kennedy clarified that they still have time to find someone, and Beauchamp will continue to look for a CPA.

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2. Beauchamp gave an update on the vacant alternate director position. He sent the application to Hank Henning, but he has not received the application back yet.

C. Member Reports:

Wheeler-Dykes spoke about a project proposal for Evaluating efficacy of natural anti-microbial for the prevention of olive knot in the European Olive. The purpose of the project would be *to evaluate the potential for use of a novel extract of olive pomace as a preventative treatment against olive knot in both oil and table olive orchards*. The proposed funding for this project would be \$6,700 and would take a little over a year to complete. Kennedy and Krueger both expressed interest in the project and would like to have another meeting to discuss with the rest of the district about moving forward.

Wheeler-Dykes Spoke about another project that may be in the works with Chico State University and requested some feedback about what suits the industry best. Would an autonomous device project or slow-release device project for the release of the insecticide *GF-120* better suit the district? Kennedy spoke about how there is already progress being made with autonomous devices and slow-release devices need more resources. Wheeler-Dykes hopes to have a proposal for the new project next meeting.

Wheeler-Dykes updated the attendees on a possible new disease in Tehama County. Samples have been taken from an Ash tree and two Olive trees to see what species of Phytoplasma is causing the disease as well as what species of insect vectors it. DNA testing is the only way to determine what type of Phytoplasma is causing the disease. Wheeler-Dykes is working on a proposal for funding to further investigate the disease and how it is being spread for the districts review to see if they would like to donate.

- IV. Next Meeting: The next OFPMD meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2023

Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 9:27am

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