



Farmer Advisory Committee (FAC) 1000 Friends of Oregon

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON 12/03/18

Purpose:

The Farmer Advisory Committee was formed to assist 1000 Friends in protecting, implementing and improving Oregon's land use laws for maintaining the agricultural and forest land base needed for farming, ranching and forestry.

This Committee provides information and policy recommendations to 1000 Friends' staff and Directors concerning Oregon's program to maintain the agricultural and forest land base. It initiates policy discussions with 1000 Friends and also responds to inquiries from 1000 Friends regarding technical and policy matters affecting agricultural and forest land.

The Committee and its individual members also educate and advise elected officials, the general public, farmers, ranchers and foresters, related organizations, and other interested parties about Oregon's land use laws for maintaining the state's agricultural and forest land base.

Membership:

The Committee is composed of active farmers, ranchers and foresters who support Oregon's land use laws to protect and maintain the state's agricultural and forest land base. Committee members come from across the state and produce a wide variety of agricultural and forest products. Membership is voluntary, free, and at the discretion of the Committee Chair.

Meetings:

The Committee shall meet at least twice a year, with one meeting in the fall and one meeting in Salem during the legislative session. Additional meetings may be called by the Committee Chair in consultation with assigned 1000 Friends staff. The FAC may also have subcommittees appointed by the Chair that meet independently and as needed.

Responsibilities:

- 1. Work with 1000 Friends staff to defend against attacks on and prevent rollbacks of the land use system as it relates to and protects agricultural and forest land. The Committee accomplishes this work through engagement with and lobbying of legislators, other elected officials and agency leaders, and via outreach to the public.*
- 2. Work collaboratively with 1000 Friends staff and partners to advocate for improvements to existing laws and rules that protect agricultural and forest land, including advocating for proactive solutions for land conservation and stewardship.*

- 3. Recruit and serve a diverse FAC membership, including younger and otherwise underrepresented farmers, ranchers and foresters.*

Leadership of the FAC

The FAC shall have a Chair and two Vice-Chairs. The Chair and Vice-Chairs shall serve staggered two-year terms, with no term limits. The Chair and one Vice Chair shall be elected at even year fall meetings and the other Vice-Chair shall be elected in the odd year fall meeting. Election will be by the members present at the meeting. Ideally (but not necessarily), at least the Chair or one of the Vice-Chairs will be a member of the 1000 Friends Board of Directors. If the Chair is not a member of the 1000 Friends Board of Directors, the Chair may be asked to attend the 1000 Friends Board meetings and report on FAC activities. The Chair of the FAC serves at the discretion of the 1000 Friends Board of Directors. After the election and before assuming office, the Chair shall be approved by the 1000 Friends Board of Directors.

Relationship of the FAC to 1000 Friends of Oregon

The FAC is an "Other Committee" as defined in section 3.17 of the 1000 Friends By-Laws. As such it serves in an advisory role to the 1000 Friends Board. In this capacity it provides advice on state and local policies and proposed legislation, which pertain to the agricultural, farming and ranching land base. The FAC may not take a position under the name of 1000 Friends of Oregon Farmer Advisory Committee, without the approval of the Board of Directors.

1000 Friends depends upon the FAC's independent judgment in providing advice on Oregon's agricultural and forest land protection program. 1000 Friends respects the Committee's autonomy in proposing policy positions and strategies. Membership in 1000 Friends is optional for FAC members.