

**WAC 16-529-110 Powers and duties of the board.** The board shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To administer, enforce, and control the provisions of this chapter as the designee of the director.

(2) To elect a chairman and such other officers as the board deems advisable.

(3) To employ and discharge at its discretion such personnel, including attorneys engaged in the private practice of law subject to the approval and supervision of the attorney general, as the board determines are necessary and proper to carry out the purpose of this chapter and effectuate the declared policies of the act.

(4) To pay only from moneys collected as assessments or advances thereon the costs arising in connection with the formulation, issuance, administration, and enforcement of this chapter. Such expenses and costs may be paid by check, draft, or voucher in such form and in such manner and upon the signature of the person as the board may prescribe.

(5) To reimburse any applicant who has deposited money with the director in order to defray the costs of formulating this chapter.

(6) To establish an "alfalfa seed revolving fund" and such fund to be deposited in a bank or banks or financial institution or institutions, approved for the deposit of state funds, in which all money received by the board, except as the amount of petty cash for each day's needs, not to exceed \$100, shall be deposited each day or as often during the days as advisable.

(7) To keep or cause to be kept in accordance with accepted standards of good accounting practice, accurate records of all assessments, collections, receipts, deposits, withdrawals, disbursements, paid outs, moneys and other financial transactions made and done pursuant to this order. Such records, books, and accounts shall be audited subject to procedures and methods lawfully prescribed by the state auditor. Such books and accounts shall be closed as of the last day of each fiscal year of the commission. A copy of such audit shall be delivered within 30 days after the completion thereof to the governor, the director, the state auditor, and the board.

(8) To require a bond of all board members and employees of the board in a position of trust in the amount the board shall deem necessary. The premium for such bond or bonds shall be paid by the board from assessments collected. Such bond shall not be necessary if any such board member or employee is covered by any blanket bond covering officials or employees of the state of Washington.

(9) To prepare a budget or budgets covering anticipated income and expenses to be incurred in carrying out the provisions of this chapter during each fiscal year. The board, at least 60 days prior to the beginning of its fiscal year, shall prepare and submit to the director for approval its research plan, its commodity-related education and training plan, and its budget.

(10) To establish by resolution, a headquarters which shall continue as such unless and until so changed by the board. All records, books, and minutes of board meetings shall be kept at such headquarters.

(11) To adopt rules of a technical or administrative nature for the operation of the board, subject to the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW (Administrative Procedure Act).

(12) To carry out the provisions of RCW 15.65.510 covering the obtaining of information necessary to effectuate the provisions of

this chapter and the act, along with the necessary authority and procedure for obtaining such information.

(13) To bring actions or proceedings upon joining the director as a party for specific performance, restraint, injunction, or mandatory injunction against any person who violates or refuses to perform the obligations or duties imposed upon them by the act or this chapter.

(14) To confer with and cooperate with the legally constituted authorities of other states and of the United States for the purpose of obtaining uniformity in the administration of federal and state marketing regulations, licenses, agreements, or orders.

(15) To work cooperatively with other local, state, and federal agencies; universities; and national organizations for the purposes provided in this order.

(16) To enter into contracts or interagency agreements with any private or public agency, whether federal, state, or local. Personal service contracts must comply with chapter 39.29 RCW.

(17) To accept and expend or retain any gifts, bequests, contributions, or grants from private persons or private and public agencies.

(18) To enter into contracts or agreements for research in the production, irrigation, processing, transportation, marketing, use, or distribution of alfalfa seed.

(19) To retain in emergent situations the services of private legal counsel to conduct legal actions on behalf of the commission. The retention of a private attorney is subject to review by the office of the attorney general.

(20) To engage in appropriate fund-raising activities for the purpose of supporting activities authorized by this order.

(21) To participate in international, federal, state, and local hearings, meetings, and other proceedings relating to the production, irrigation, manufacture, regulation, transportation, distribution, sale, or use of alfalfa seed including activities authorized under RCW 42.17.190, including the reporting of those activities to the public disclosure commission.

(22) To maintain a list of the names and addresses of affected producers that may be compiled from information used to collect assessments under the provisions of this marketing order and data on the value of each affected producer's production for a minimum three-year period pursuant to RCW 15.65.280.

(23) To maintain a list of the names and addresses of persons who handle alfalfa seed within the affected area and data on the amount and value of the alfalfa seed handled for a minimum three-year period by each person pursuant to RCW 15.65.280.

(24) To maintain a list of names and addresses of all affected persons who produce alfalfa seed and the amount, by unit, of alfalfa seed produced during the past three years pursuant to RCW 15.65.295.

(25) To maintain a list of all persons who handle alfalfa seed and the amount of alfalfa seed handled by each person during the past three years pursuant to RCW 15.65.295.

(26) To establish a foundation using commission funds as grant money for the purposes established in this marketing order.

(27) To carry out any other grant of authority or duty provided designees and not specifically set forth in this section.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.24.035, 15.26.060, 15.28.023, 15.44.021, 15.65.240, 15.66.113, 15.88.050, 15.89.050, 15.115.060, 16.67.060, 43.01.160, and 43.23.025. WSR 24-24-113, s 16-529-110, filed 12/4/24,

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