

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2019-20 Performance Report

Oklahoma Boll Weevil Eradication Organization

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

Here a simple statement of the adopted mission of the agency should be provided, along with the entity or person(s) who adopted the mission statement and when it was adopted.

The goal and purpose of the OBWEO is to design and implement boll weevil eradication and post-eradication programs that are economical, producer friendly, and beneficial to all segments of the cotton industry in Oklahoma.

I believe the mission statement was developed by the original Board in 1998.

LEAD ADMINISTRATOR:

Here the name, title and contact information for the lead administrative person should be listed.

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GOVERNANCE:

Here a brief description of the agency's governance structure should be provided. Is the agency headed by a Governor appointee? An appointee of an independent board? Who selects the board, and who are the current members of the board.

OBWEO is governed by a board of five members. Members are elected by eligible cotton producers. The current members are:

Dan Vinyard, Chairman

Brad McKinley, Vice Chairman

Phil Bohl, Secretary

Garlon Riley, Member

Jimmy Smith, Member

Does the Board have any committees or subgroups? If so, please provide a detailed listing of the subgroups and their areas of focus.

No

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

Is there an attendance policy for board members/commissioners? If so, is it being followed?

No

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MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

Please provide a listing of all government modernization efforts undertaken by the agency in the last twelve months. Additionally, please provide any authorizing statutory changes that prompted the modernization efforts and whether those efforts have led to cost savings or additional cost burden.

What steps has the agency taken to cut costs and/or eliminate waste? Are there efforts that have been successful which you believe could serve as a model for other state agencies seeking to keep costs minimal?

OBWEO has always operated cost effectively. Bonds were issued when the agency began and a few years later loans were taken out. All debt was paid off in 2003. When cotton acres began to decrease, we decreased personnel accordingly. In the last two years, cotton acres has increased to an all-time high in Oklahoma, causing us to hire seasonal employees to continue our mission.

CORE MISSION:

What services are you required to provide which are outside of your core mission? Are any services you provide duplicated or replicated by another agency? Are there services which are core to your mission which you are unable to perform because of requirements to perform non-core services elsewhere?

No

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

Are any of the services which are performed by the agency also performed in the private sector in Oklahoma? In other states? Has the agency been approached by any foundation, for-profit or not-for-profit corporation with efforts to privatize some of the functions of the agency?

No