

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
Land Protection Planning Commission Meeting Minutes  
Microsoft Teams and Nixyáawii Governance Center, Waluula and Wanaqit Conference Rooms  
December 27, 2022

**Members Present** (in person): Raymond Huesties, **Chair**; Lindsey X. Watchman, **Secretary**; Sam Spino, **Member**; and Kathleen Elliott, **Member**.

**Members Absent:** Travis Olsen, Vice-Chair.

**TPO staff present:** J.D. Tovey, Planning Director; Patty Perry, Senior Planner; Lora Elliott (virtual), Assistant Planner.

**Others present:** Joe Pit, CTUIR Lead Attorney

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **1. Call to Order**

The Commission meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Ray Huesties, Chair.

#### **2. Roll Call**

A quorum was established by roll call with Ray Huesties, Lindsey X. Watchman, Sam Spino and Kathleen Elliott attending in person.

#### **3. Review of Agenda**

Motion: Kathleen Elliott moved to approve the agenda. 2nd, Lindsey X. Watchman. 3-0-0.

#### **4. Action Items:**

- a) Conditional Use File #CU-22-003 – Applicant, Manulife Investment Management on behalf of owner Golden Pond Timberlands Inc., 1919 Jackson Avenue, La Grande, OR 97850, seeks approval from the Land Protection Planning Commission to complete a timber harvest on 30.7 acres of Umatilla County tax lot 1N35 0000 05100. The proposed harvest would be a commercial thinning within the tax lot to reduce fire danger and improve forest health. The subject property is zoned G-1, Big Game Grazing, where a timber harvest to remove more than 5,000 board foot gross is listed as a Conditional Use. Conditional Use approvals are subject to the CTUIR Land Development Code Chapters 6 and 13.

Hearing Exhibits 1-6 were reviewed.

Staff recommended approval of the proposed use, provided the Applicant meets the following conditions:

1. A Forest Practices Permit shall be obtained from the Tribal Planning Office prior to the commencement of timber harvest activities. The Tribal Planning Office may place conditions on the Forest Practices Permit to the extent necessary to protect the natural resources impacted by the harvest operation.
2. Applicant must submit a Cultural Resource Survey of the proposed project area and obtain cultural resources clearance under Section 5.01 of the CTUIR Historic Preservation Code, and shall maintain compliance with the clearance.

3. Prior to commencement with timber harvesting activities, the applicant must coordinate with the CTUIR Water Resources Program to obtain a Stream Zone Alteration permit as required by Chapter 4 of the Tribal Water Code.

Three (3) hearing attendees (all virtual): Tod Kurtz and Nic Zita (applicant/proponent) testified in favor; One (1) agency representative provided neutral testimony, and no (0) attendees provided testimony in opposition.

Motion: Sam Spino made a motion to approve CU-22-003 with the conditions as listed in the Staff Report. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathleen Elliot. 3-0-0.

- b) Approval of November 8, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion: Lindsay X. Watchman. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Spino. 3-0-0
- c) Approval of November 29, 2022 virtual poll & minutes. Motion: Kathleen Elliot. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lindsay X. Watchman. 3-0-0

## 5. Non-action Items: None.

Discussion items added:

- a. Members requested staff include on next agenda review of draft LPPC suggestion/referral/request to Land Acquisition Committee (LAC). Request LAC to consider a recommendation for DECD staff to establish/develop communications with timber land owners (large corporate owners) for possible acquisition.
- b. Members discussed TPO application fees. Motion made by Lindsey X. Watchman 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathleen Elliot. (3-0-0) requesting TPO staff research, and provide at the next meeting, a summary of what other jurisdictions in our area (cities, counties) charge for permit fees. LPPC wants to do a comparison analysis of these fees to the Land Development Code fee schedule for possible amendment initiation.

## 6. Announcements

- a) The next Land Protection Planning Commission Meeting will be hybrid on January 10, 2023 in the Walúula and Wanaqit Conference Room at the Nixyáawii Governance Center in Pendleton, Oregon at 9:00 a.m. and virtual via Teams. No public hearings are scheduled during this meeting but LPPC officer elections will be on agenda.
5. **Meeting adjournment:** Lindsey X. Watchman moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Spino. Passed 3-0-0.

Submitted by:

Lindsey X. Watchman, Secretary  
Land Protection Planning Commission