



# Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

## Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: April 13, 2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) Chair N. Kathryn Brigham called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. A quorum of seven was verified with Trustee Corinne Sams on travel and General Council Chairman Lindsey X. Watchman on personal leave.

### **New Business**

Revolving Economic Ventures Fund - Investment in Zing Drone Delivery (26-021): The BOT passed a resolution approving the investment in Zing Drone to provide working capital needed for the assembling and sale of its drone products and software.

Workforce Development (WFD) Department Strategic Plan(26-022): The BOT passed a resolution approving WFD's strategic plan that provides clear directions and priorities to guide department decisions, actions and long-term goals.

### **Executive Director Information**

The BOT approved Trustee Sams, Fish & Wildlife Commission members and pertinent staff to attend the Columbia River Basin Restoration Program Working Group meeting on April 22-23 in Portland.

The BOT approved Chair Brigham and Trustee Lisa Ganuelas to meet with the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board on April 15 at the Richland Public Library in Richland, Washington.

The BOT approved Secretary Monica Paradise and pertinent staff to attend the Umatilla Electric Cooperative's 89th annual meeting on April 18 in Hermiston.

The BOT approved Trustee Toby Patrick to attend the virtual Northwest Tribal Eagle Summit on April 29.

The BOT approved Trustee Ganuelas and pertinent staff to consult with the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) for Tribal Pesticide Applicator Licenses. The ODA seeks consultation regarding the development of a public pesticide applicator licensing pathway for tribal employees who apply restricted use pesticides exclusively on Indian Country lands.

The BOT approved \$1,000 from the BOT Reserved Fund to sponsor the Pasxapa Powwow at Whitman College on May 3 in Walla Walla, Washington.

The BOT approved pertinent staff from the Office of Legal Counsel and Department of Natural Resources along with Fish & Wildlife Commission members to meet with the U.S. Department of Interior's regarding proposed changes to the 2026-27 hunting programs at 30 National Wildlife Refuges and Wetland Management Districts in the Mountain-Prairie Region.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: 9 a.m., April 20, 2026

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