



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: August 24, 2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) Chair N. Kathryn Brigham called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. A quorum of seven was present with Secretary Monica Paradise and Trustee Corinne Sams out on personal leave.

Old Business

Letter in support for the Hood River White Salmon Bridge Replacement Project (26-020): The BOT ratified a letter supporting the Hood River White Salmon Bridge Authority application to the U.S. Department of Transportation Bridge Investment Program Grant for the replacement of the Hood River Bridge to ensure that tribal rights under the Treaty of 1855 are protected in the development, construction and operation of the bridge replacement.

New Business

Transport Equipment Company (Kenworth) Lease Agreement No. 3 (26-050): The BOT amended a lease agreement between the CTUIR and Kenworth that waives the requirement Kenworth post a performance bond, approves lease payments that have been negotiated in the CTUIR's best interest and waives the valuation of the leased premises. The lease is in regard to a truck repair facility in Coyote Business Park East that was approved in 2011.

Columbia Development Authority (CDA) Real Estate Contract of Sale (26-051): The BOT authorized the executive director to vote to approve an amended and restated real estate contract of sale regarding 4,019 acres of the former Umatilla Army Depot and 184 acres of the Demil site to the CTUIR when it comes up for a vote at a CDA Board meeting. It also authorized the executive director to complete negotiation of and execute a temporary easement across the Depot land that will be conveyed to the CTUIR to let the Port of Morrow to access its land tract in Morrow County. The resolution also calls for the CTUIR paying for legal and land use costs associated with the CDA conveyance of the Depot lands and Demil site from the Tribal Contingency Fund.

Executive Director Information

The BOT approved Trustees Sierra Quaempts to attend the Office of Head Start's Tribal Consultation virtual meeting on Sept. 16 regarding the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking "Reducing Federal Burden for Head Start Programs" and how proposed changes may impact tribal Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

The BOT approved General Council Chairman Lindsey X. Watchman to attend the Native American Advisory Council meeting Sept. 3-6 in Eugene.

The BOT approved Chair Brigham, Treasurer Raymond Huesties and pertinent staff to attend the Oregon Unmanned Aircraft Systems Accelerator Cohort Kickoff Reception on Aug. 26 at the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport in Pendleton.

(This meeting recap is an effort to get BOT news to the public in a timelier manner. It is not intended to be a replacement for the official minutes of BOT meetings or any Confederated Umatilla Journal coverage.)

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: 9 a.m., August 31, 2026

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