



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: June 16, 2025

Board of Trustees (BOT) Treasurer Raymond Huesties called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Quorum of seven was verified with Chairman Gary I. Burke and Vice Chairman Aaron Ashley on personal leave. Agenda approved 6-0-0.

Old Business

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Signatory Authorization (25-043): The BOT unanimously approved a resolution allowing Chairman Burke, Executive Director J.D. Tovey, the CTUIR's Department of Economic and Community Development farm manager, and Tribal Farm Committee chair, vice chair and secretary to execute all documents required to participate in and comply with all USDA agricultural programs, including those administered through the FSA.

New Business

Contract Support Costs Claim under Beccera Decision (25-044): In 2024, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the Indian Health Service (IHS) was required to pay contract support costs to cover some third-party administrative costs incurred by Native American tribes that operate health care programs under the Indian Self-Determination and Educational Assistance Act. Resolution 25-044 approves the requests for fiscal year 2019 and 2020 contract support costs and authorizes the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center's (Yellowhawk) CEO to submit the requests to IHS. The resolution also allows the Yellowhawk CEO to prepare and submit future contract support costs requests that have been approved by the CTUIR Health Commission. The resolution passed unanimously.

2025-2029 Funding Agreement for Yellowhawk (25-045): By a 5-0-1 vote with Member at Large Lisa Ganuelas abstaining, the BOT approved the 2025-2029 Funding Agreement between the CTUIR and IHS to fund Yellowhawk. It also clarifies that the CTUIR Health Commission delegation has the authority to negotiate, execute and administer future IHS Funding Agreements and self-governance compacts on behalf of the CTUIR. It further authorizes the Yellowhawk CEO to execute and submit the 2025-2029 Funding Agreement on the CTUIR's behalf and take necessary further action to implement the agreement.

Executive Director Information

The BOT approved July 18 for a BOT site visit to Heritage University's Tri-Cities campus by a vote of 5-0-1 with Secretary Roberta Wilson abstaining.

The BOT unanimously approved all available BOT members to attend the 2025 Graduation Celebration at noon on June 23 at the Nixyáawii Education Center Commons.

The BOT approved Member at Large Steven Hart to attend the Hands Across the Bridge sobriety event in Jantzen Beach as well as a donation of \$1,000. The BOT voted 5-0-1 with Hart abstaining.

The BOT unanimously approved a \$2,000 donation to the 2025 Oregon American Planning Association, Western Planner, Tribal & Indigenous Division Conference, which is to be held Oct. 15-17 in Bend.

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Executive Director Information continued

The BOT approved General Council Chairman Alan Crawford to attend the National Indian Health Board's 2025 National Tribal Health Conference on Sept. 9-11 in Phoenix. The vote was 5-0-1 with Crawford abstaining.

The BOT unanimously approved all available BOT members to attend the Eastern Oregon Women's Coalition on July 24-25 at the Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

(This meeting recap is an effort to get BOT news to the public in a more timely 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., June 23, 2025

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