

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Land Protection Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Microsoft Teams and Nixyáawii Governance Center, Waluula and Wanaquit Conference Rooms
August 23, 2022

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

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

TPO staff present: Patty Perry, Senior Planner; Lora Elliott, Assistant Planner.

Others present: Joe Pitt, OLC.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to Order

The Commission meeting was called to order at 9:01 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: Travis Olsen. 2nd, Kathleen Elliott. 3-0-0.

4. Action Items:

- a) Public Hearing for CU-22-002, Request for approval of Conditional Use Permit to conduct a timber harvest of more than 5,000 gross board feet on Umatilla County taxlot 3N35 3600 00700: Lora Elliott presented the staff report detailing the applicant's proposal to conduct a timber harvest on 18.4 acres of his property in order to lower wildfire risk by reducing the basal area of trees from approximately 150-180 sqft/acre to approximately 60-80 sqft/acre.

Staff recommended approval of the proposal, 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; and (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.

One (1) attendees – the Applicant – provided testimony in favor of the proposal. One (1) attendee provided neutral testimony, and no (0) attendees provided testimony in opposition.

The Commission proposed amending the conditions of approval to include a condition requiring the Applicant to provide safety and signage for traffic along Bingham Road while the timber harvest is occurring.

Motion: Lindsey X. Watchman made a motion to approve the Conditional Use application as amended from the staff report. 2nd: Sam Spino. 3-0-0

- b) Approval of July 12, 2022 meeting minutes.
Lindsey X. Watchman asked staff to specify which absent members were excused in minutes going forward.
Motion: Lindsey X. Watchman. 2nd, Sam Spino. 3-0-0.

5. Non-action Items:

- a) CTUIR Grazing Permit Approval: The Commission discussed their roll in approving grazing permits within the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

6. Announcements

- a) The next Land Protection Planning Commission Meeting will be September 13, 2022 in the Walúula and Wanaqit Conference Room at the Nixyáawii Governance Center in Pendleton, Oregon at 9:00 a.m.

- 7. **Meeting adjournment:** Kathleen Elliott moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. 2nd Sam Spino. Passed 3-0-0.

Submitted by:

Lindsey X. Watchman, Secretary
Land Protection Planning Commission