**RESOLUTION NO. 24-085**
**TOPIC: Anaerobic Digester Pilot Project**
**Department: Natural Resources – First Foods Policy Program**
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## CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Gary I. Burke and Roberta J. Wilson, hereby certify that they are the Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Board of Trustees of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and at a regular meeting of said Board of Trustees at the Board Chambers of the Nixyáawii Governance Center, Mission, Oregon, on the 28th day of October, 2024, a quorum of said Board was present and the following Resolution was regularly moved, seconded, and adopted by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (Confederated Tribes) by the authority of Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Confederated Tribes, adopted on November 4, 1949 and approved on December 7, 1949, as amended; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(a) of the Constitution and Bylaws, the powers of the Board of Trustees include the authority "to represent the Tribes and to negotiate with Federal, State and local governments"; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(b) of the Constitution and Bylaws, the powers of the Board of Trustees include the authority "to manage all affairs of the Confederated Tribes, including the administration of tribal lands, funds, timber and other resources, under appropriate contracts, leases, permits and loan or sale agreements"; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** on December 19, 2022, in Resolution 22-103, the Board of Trustees adopted the Climate Adaptation Plan, which identifies a need to build capacity for nutrient cycling and proactive materials management to divert biological waste from landfills, such as food waste capture, to reduce carbon release and keep important nutrients in the community; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** the Confederated Tribes is the recipient of a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) grant to fund an anaerobic digester pilot project from September 2024 to March 2027, titled "Nixyáawii Awkú Čáwpam Áḱaatta! Nixyáawii, Don't Throw it Away!" (the Project); **AND**

**WHEREAS,** the Confederated Tribes' Department of Natural Resources (DNR) First Foods Policy Program (FFPP) proposes to locate a shed near the Mission Longhouse, as shown on the map attached as Exhibit 1, to house the Project's anaerobic digester, supplies, implements and equipment to monitor and collect data on the digester inputs, outputs, and general operations; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** to access the food waste derived from cultural and community functions that occur at the Longhouse and in the Mission community area, DNR FFPP has worked with the Public Works and Planning Departments regarding shed dimensions, placement and access to electricity to ensure safety and maintenance needs will be met; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** FFPP staff presented the Project to the Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) on October 8, 2024, after which the FWC voted to support the Project; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** FFPP staff presented the Project to the Science and Technology Committee (STC) on October 8, 2024, after which the STC voted to support the Project; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** FFPP staff presented the Project and the proposed location for the anaerobic digester and shed to the Cultural Resources Committee (CRC) on October 15, 2024, after which the CRC voted to support the Project; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** FFPP staff presented the Project and the proposed location for the anaerobic digester and shed to the Land Protection Planning Commission (LPPC) on October 22, 2024, after which the LPPC voted to support the Project; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees held a work session on October 25, 2024, to review the Project and the proposed site location for the anaerobic digester and shed, attached hereto as Exhibit 1; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees grants permission for the installation of an anaerobic digester and shed at the location shown in Exhibit 1, north of the Mission Longhouse, for the purposes of the pilot project, "Nixyáawii Awkú Čáwpam Ákaatta! Nixyáawii, Don't Throw it Away!", **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees directs the Office of the Executive Director to coordinate with relevant departments and programs, including, but not limited to, the Department of Natural Resources First Foods Policy Program, the Tribal Planning Office, and the Public Works Department to ensure proper permitting and to ensure that appropriate safety, maintenance, and sanitation measures are followed for the duration of use of the anaerobic digester and during any decommissioning; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED,** that the First Foods Policy Program will provide regular reporting to the Board of Trustees regarding the implementation of the pilot project; **AND BE IT FINALLY**

**RESOLVED,** that said Resolution has not been modified amended or repealed and is still in full force and effect.

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**DATED** this 28th day of October, 2024.

Gary I. Burke, Chairman
Board of Trustees

**A T T E S T:**

Roberta J. Wilson, Secretary
Board of Trustees

**Exhibit 1: Map of Proposed Location for Anaerobic Digester and Shed**

| NAME | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | LEAVE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gary I. Burke, BOT Chairman | | | | Travel |
| Aaron Ashley, BOT Vice Chairman | X | | | |
| Raymond Huesties, BOT Treasurer | X | | | |
| Roberta J. Wilson, BOT Secretary | X | | | |
| Corinne Sams, BOT Member | | | | |
| Toby Patrick, BOT Member | | | | Personal |
| Lisa Ganuelas, BOT Member | X | | | |
| Steven Hart, BOT Member | X | | | |
| Alan J. Crawford, General Council Chairman | | | | Travel |

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-026**
**TOPIC: Our Sustainable Future Initiative Proclamation**
**Department: DNR**
**Exhibits: 0**
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## CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, N. Kathryn Brigham and Monica Paradise hereby certify that they are the Chair and Secretary, respectively, of the Board of Trustees of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and at a regular meeting of said Board of Trustees at the Board Chambers of the Nixyáawii Governance Center, Mission, Oregon, on the 20th day of April, 2026, a quorum of said Board was present and the following Resolution was regularly moved, seconded, and adopted by a vote of 8 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (Confederated Tribes) by the authority of Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Confederated Tribes, adopted on November 4, 1949, and approved on December 7, 1949, as amended; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(b) of the Constitution and Bylaws, the powers of the Board of Trustees include the authority "to manage all affairs of the Confederated Tribes, including the administration of tribal lands, funds, timber and other resources . . ."; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(d) of the Constitution and Bylaws, the powers of the Board of Trustees include the authority "to promulgate and enforce statutes governing the conduct of all persons and activities within the boundaries of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, providing for the procedure of the Board of Trustees, and carrying out any powers herein conferred upon the Board of Trustees"; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(e) of the Constitution and Bylaws, the powers of the Board of Trustees include the authority "to exercise any rights and powers heretofore vested in the Confederated Tribes, but not expressly referred to in this Constitution, or any powers that may in the future be delegated by an agency of local, state or Federal government"; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** since time immemorial the Confederated Tribes and its ancestors have lived in balance and harmony with the earth and its environment, as part of and not apart from it, enjoying and caring for the First Foods and other riches it provided that sustained us; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** more recently, food preparation, storage, serving, and consumption practices have relied increasingly on plastics; and the availability and convenience of non-First Foods has led to increased food waste, which contributes to the climate crisis; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** paramount goals and priorities of the Board of Trustees include protecting Tribal sovereignty and the Confederated Tribes' Treaty Rights, and the primary mission of the Confederated Tribes' Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is to "protect, restore, and enhance the First Foods and medicines for the perpetual cultural, economic, and sovereign benefit of the CTUIR . . . utilizing traditional ecological and cultural knowledge and science to inform: (1) population and habitat management goals and actions; and (2) natural resource policies and regulatory mechanisms"; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** the Confederated Tribes continue to promote and advocate for these goals and priorities to non-tribal authorities responsible for past and ongoing environmental harm, but simultaneously recognize the need to address our own internal actions and practices to promote consistency with the positions and messaging we convey to the wider world—living up to our principles; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** the Confederated Tribes recognize the need for actions—by others and by us—to address climate change and the activities that contribute to it, as described more fully in the Confederated Tribes' Climate Adaptation Plan (CAP); the Confederated Tribes also recognize the important role that this Tribal government has in supporting actions at the individual Tribal member and family levels; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** the DNR First Foods Policy Program (FFPP) identified improving food waste management and reducing single-use plastic at community and cultural events as specific opportunities to address climate change consistent with and in support of Board of Trustees policies and priorities,

and the Confederated Tribes community has responded positively, including support expressed in a survey to gauge its interest in and understanding of these opportunities; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** the DNR FFPP hosted multiple food waste workshops within the Tribal community in 2024 and 2025, primarily at the Confederated Tribes' Longhouse, including an Anaerobic Digestion Workshop and a tour of Wildhorse Resort & Casino restaurants, finding that improved food waste protocols are supported once an effective system can be established; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees adopted the First Foods Policy of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation on November 24, 2025 (Resolution No. 25-090), which contains policy goals, principles, and statements to protect, restore, and maintain environmental and First Foods quality and Tribal member health; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** direction and guidance was sought and received from the Land Protection and Planning Commission (2/17/26), the Fish and Wildlife Commission (2/17/26), the Economic and Community Development Committee (2/24/26, 3/17/26), the Health Commission (2/24/26), and the General Council (3/19/26) regarding this issue and efforts to make our community more resilient and sustainable; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** Tribal individuals and families wish to contribute to solutions to prevent and reduce carbon emissions contributing to climate change, and the Tribal government can play an important role in supporting these actions so the community has ways to better manage waste streams to conserve resources, and to make sustainable and resilient choices that benefit themselves, their families, and their natural resources, including the First Foods that the Confederated Tribes ceaselessly strives to protect, preserve, and enhance; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** the Confederated Tribes recognize that current recycling technology is limited when it comes to single-use plastic cutlery because of the diversity of plastics used by manufacturers, resulting in most of it going to landfills or ending up as ocean pollution; therefore, we support the sustainable practice of community members bringing their own reusable cutlery to events and support incentives to encourage the practice; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** a system-wide approach to food waste management would make it easier for the public to participate, while upgrading and expanding access to recycling services to create environmental benefits that will give future generations improved mechanisms to manage human-sourced waste streams; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** that the Confederated Tribes proclaims 2026 as the launch of ***Our Sustainable Future***, an initiative to support and call attention to materials management efforts that contribute to fulfillment of the Confederated Tribes' policies, goals, and priorities and to the State of Oregon's recycling and food waste reduction goals; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED,** that the Confederated Tribes commit to a written needs assessment of Tribal staff capacity and other funding and resource needs to develop food waste management systems to address community and commercial needs and desires, including (but not necessarily limited to) conserving water, harvesting First Foods, and capturing nutrients within our community; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED,** that the Confederated Tribes commit to investing in Tribal staff capacity and other resources to identify and pursue ways to reduce single-use plastics, and strive to significantly reduce usage or ideally eliminate single-use plastic cutlery by 2030; **AND BE IT FINALLY**

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees encourages Tribal government departments, enterprises, and other entities to devote the necessary and appropriate resources and capacity to effectively participate in coordinated system-level approaches to achieve sustainable and resilient food systems and practices that support the First Foods, a healthy and vibrant Confederated Tribes community, and future generations;

**AND,** that said Resolution has not been modified, amended, or repealed and is still in full force and effect.

**DATED** this 20th day of April, 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-026**
**TOPIC: Our Sustainable Future Initiative Proclamation**
**Department: DNR**
**Exhibits: 0**
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N. Kathryn Brigham, Chair
Board of Trustees

**ATTEST:**

Monica Paradise, Secretary
Board of Trustees

| NAME | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | LEAVE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| N. Kathryn Brigham, BOT Chair | | | | |
| Aaron Ashley, BOT Vice-Chair | X | | | |
| Raymond Huesties, BOT Treasurer | X | | | |
| Monica Paradise, BOT Secretary | X | | | |
| Corinne Sams, BOT Member | X | | | |
| Toby Patrick, BOT Member | X | | | |
| Lisa Ganuelas, BOT Member | X | | | |
| Sierra Quaempts, BOT Member | X | | | |
| Lindsey X. Watchman, General Council Chair | X | | | |

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-**
**TOPIC: CTUIR Food Waste Assessment (FWA)**
**Department: Natural Resources**
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## C E R T I F I C A T E

The undersigned, N. Kathryn Brigham and Monica Paradise hereby certify that they are the Chair and Secretary, respectively, of the Board of Trustees of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and by a polled vote of the Board of Trustees conducted on the 15th day of October, 2026, , a quorum of said Board was present and the following Resolution was regularly moved, seconded, and adopted by a vote of ____ for, ____ against, and ____ abstaining.

## R E S O L U T I O N

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (Confederated Tribes) by the authority of Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Confederated Tribes, adopted on November 4, 1949, and approved on December 7, 1949, as amended; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(b) of the Constitution and Bylaws, the powers of the Board of Trustees include the authority "to manage all affairs of the Confederated Tribes, including the administration of tribal lands, funds, timber and other resources . . .”; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(d) of the Constitution and Bylaws, the powers of the Board of Trustees include the authority "to promulgate and enforce statutes governing the conduct of all persons and activities within the boundaries of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, providing for the procedure of the Board of Trustees, and carrying out any powers herein conferred upon the Board of Trustees”; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(e) of the Constitution and Bylaws, the powers of the Board of Trustees include the authority "to exercise any rights and powers heretofore vested in the Confederated Tribes, but not expressly referred to in this Constitution, or any powers that may in the future be delegated by an agency of local, state or Federal government”; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** since time immemorial the Confederated Tribes and our predecessors have lived in balance and harmony with the earth and its environment, as part of and not apart from it, enjoying and caring for the First Foods and other riches it provided that sustained us; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** more recently, food preparation, storage, serving, and consumption practices have relied increasingly on plastics; and the availability and

convenience of non-First Foods has led to increased food waste, which contributes to the climate crisis; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** paramount goals and priorities of the BOT include protecting Tribal sovereignty and Confederated Tribes Treaty Rights, and the primary mission of the Confederated Tribes' Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is to "protect, restore, and enhance the First Foods and medicines for the perpetual cultural, economic, and sovereign benefit of the CTUIR . . . utilizing traditional ecological and cultural knowledge and science to inform: (1) population and habitat management goals and actions; and (2) natural resource policies and regulatory mechanisms"; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** the Confederated Tribes continues to promote and advocate for these goals and priorities to non-tribal authorities responsible for past and ongoing environmental harm, while simultaneously recognizing the need to address our own internal actions and practices to promote consistency with the positions and messaging we convey to the wider world—living up to our principles; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** the Confederated Tribes recognizes the need for actions—by others and by us—to address climate change and the activities that contribute to it, as described more fully in the Confederated Tribes Climate Adaptation Plan (CAP); the Confederated Tribes also recognizes the important role that this Tribal government has in supporting actions at the individual Tribal member and family levels; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** the Confederated Tribes Food Waste Assessment (FWA), attached to this Resolution as Exhibit 1, focused on community and governance activities and documented opportunities and challenges associated with organics recovery for our Tribal community and provides information to assist with planning and implementing, future, expanded organics recovery initiatives; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** the Confederated Tribes adopted the First Foods Policy on November 24, 2025 (Resolution No. 25-090), which contains policy goals, principles, and statements to protect, restore, and maintain environmental and First Foods quality and Tribal member health; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** direction and guidance was sought and received from the General Council, Board of Trustees, the Cultural Resources Committee, Economic and Community Development Committee, Fish and Wildlife Commission, Health Commission, Tribal Water Commission, Science and Technology

Committee, Elders Advisory Committee, Youth Council, Land Acquisition Committee, Land Planning and Protection Commission, the Confederated Tribes Management Team as well as numerous opportunities for the community to review materials as they were being developed**; AND**

**WHEREAS,** Tribal individuals and families wish to contribute to solutions to prevent and reduce carbon emissions contributing to climate change, and the Tribal government can play an important role in supporting these actions so the community has ways to better manage waste streams to conserve resources, and to make sustainable and resilient choices that benefit themselves, their families, and their natural resources, including the First Foods that the Confederated Tribes ceaselessly strives to protect, preserve, and enhance; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** a system-wide approach to food waste management would make it easier for the public to participate, while upgrading and expanding access to recycling services to create environmental benefits that will give future generations improved mechanisms to manage human-sourced waste streams; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** that the Confederated Tribes adopts the associated CTUIR Food Waste Assessment, attached as Exhibit 1, as a strategic planning document produced by the Department of Natural Resources to be used by other Tribal departments and potentially partner organizations for planning and implementation of organics recovery initiatives **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED,** that the Confederated Tribes commits to investing in Tribal staff capacity and other resources to develop expanded and programmatic food waste management systems to address community and commercial needs and desires on the Umatilla Indian Reservation, including (but are not necessarily limited to) conserving water, capturing nutrients, and growing and harvesting food within our community; **AND BE IT FINALLY**

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees encourages all Tribal government departments, enterprises, and other entities to devote the necessary and appropriate resources and capacity to effectively participate in coordinated system-level approaches to achieve sustainable and resilient food systems and practices that support the First Foods, a healthy and vibrant Confederated Tribes community, and future generations;

**AND,** that said Resolution has not been modified, amended, or repealed and is still in full force and effect.

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**DATED** this 15th day of October, 2026.

N. Kathryn Brigham, Chair
Board of Trustees

**A T T E S T:**

Monica Paradise, Secretary
Board of Trustees

**Exhibit 1:** **CTUIR Food Waste Assessment**

| NAME | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | LEAVE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| N. Kathryn Brigham, BOT Chair | | | | |
| Aaron Ashley, BOT Vice-Chair | | | | |
| Raymond Huesties, BOT Treasurer | | | | |
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