



# Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

## Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: July 21, 2025

Board of Trustees (BOT) Vice Chairman Aaron Ashley called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Quorum of seven was verified with Chairman Gary I. Burke, General Council Chairman Alan Crawford and Member at Large Lisa Ganuelas on personal leave. Agenda was approved 5-0-0.

### **New Business**

2025 Workforce Development Annual Budget and Work Plan (25-056): The BOT unanimously approved the Workforce Development Department's annual budget and work plan that includes moving programs, budgets and staff from certain CTUIR departments to the Workforce Development Department. The programs being moved include Building Our Life Skills, Training, and Employee Readiness Program (BOLSTER); Drone Program and its grant facilitator and grant administrative assistant; Transition coordinator and Summer Youth Employment Program; Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO); and Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

IHS PO-24-N84 Community Well Generator and Site Access (25-057): The BOT unanimously approved a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the CTUIR and Indian Health Service as well as a project summary for the IHS PO-24-N84 Community Well Generator and Site Improvement Project. The project aims to address deficiencies associated with the Mission Community water system infrastructure and requests IHS aid under Public Law 86-121. To address water deficiencies, the CTUIR approves the transfer of Environmental Protection Agency grant funds to the IHS and approves matching funding from the CTUIR Water and Sewer Fund.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund (25-058): The BOT unanimously approved a letter of inquiry for submission to the Spirit Mountain Community Fund's (SMCF) Tribal Grant Program. Recently, the SMCF announced the opening for letters of inquiry for the Tribal Grant Program offered to all nine Oregon Tribes. When the tribal assistant finance director distributed the SMCF offering to the tribal management team and grant writers to determine if any department or program had interest in applying, no interest was expressed. However, the Nixyáawii Community Financial Services (NCFS) had received three SMCF grants in 2020 and 2021. And on July 17, the BOT reviewed the SMCF resolution and project update for expanding the overall development services for NCFS.

### **Commissions/Committee Update/Other Board Actions**

Summer Youth Budget Motion: The BOT unanimously approved a request for supplemental funding for the 2025 Summer Youth Program to ensure full program access and maintain the growth trajectory.

Committee/Commission motions: The BOT unanimously approved a motion to send out a special public notice to advertise for two openings on the Water Commission for two weeks, closing on Aug. 4. The BOT also unanimously approved Pat Walters to the Economic Community Development Committee. The BOT also deferred Ken Hall's application to the Land Acquisition Committee by a 4-0-1 vote with Secretary Roberta Wilson abstaining.

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### **Executive Director Information**

The BOT unanimously approved all available BOT members to attend a site visit with Heritage College on Aug. 1.

The BOT unanimously approved sending information to CTUIR elders regarding the National Native American Boarding Schools Healing Coalition in Portland starting on Aug. 8 to gather experiences from the area.

The BOT unanimously approved Treasurer Raymond Huesties to attend the CTUIR-sponsored check presentations of the Tri-City Water Follies on July 27 in Kennewick, Washington.

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