

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

Microsoft Teams and Nixyáawii Governance Center, Waluula and Wanaquit Conference Rooms
September 14, 2021

Due to in-person meeting restrictions during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Commission members were invited to attend in-person, though staff and the public were able to attend the meeting virtually.

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

Members Absent: Travis Olsen, **Vice-Chair**; Brian Startzel-Holt, **Member**.

Planning Staff: J.D. Tovey, Planning Director; Patty Perry, Senior Planner; Holly Anderson, Associate Planner; Lora Elliott, Assistant Planner.

Others Present: Joe Pitt, OLC.

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call to Order

The Commission meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Ray Huesties, Chair.

2. Rollcall

A quorum was established by roll call with Ray Huesties and Sam Spino attending in person, and Lindsey X. Watchman attending the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

3. Review and approval of Agenda

Motion: Sam. 2nd: Lindsey. Vote: 2-0-0.

4. Action Items:

a. Review and approval of July 13, 2021 minutes

Motion: Sam moved to approve the minutes as written. 2nd: Lindsey. Vote: 2-0-0.

5. Non-Action Items:

a. **American Rescue Plan Act Solicitation for Concept Proposals**

J.D. Tovey summarized the request for project concepts for American Rescue Plan Act funding. The Commissioners discussed several ideas to propose, including (1) hiring a Tribal surveyor to help prepare surveys and alleviate a barrier to land actions and purchases of tribal trust and allotted lands; (2) increase funding for failing septic systems and wells, and increasing funding towards home maintenance funding for Tribal Elders; (3) expanding financial education services through Nixyáawii Community Financial Services (NCFS) to include long-term financial management for post-retirement spending. They also discussed how a Tribal surveyor could assist with an issue raised in an e-mail submitted to the Commission by Kathleen Peterson.

6. OLC Process for Commission Attorney Advising

Joe Pitt explained the policy for Committees and Commission who wish to seek opinions or information from the Office of Legal Counsel.

7. Adjournment:

Sam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m. 2nd: Lindsey. Vote: 2-0-0.

8. Next Meeting Date:

The next Land Protection Planning Commission Meeting will be September 28, 2021 in the Waluula and Wanaqit Conference Room at the Nixyáawii Governance Center in Pendleton, Oregon at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by:

Lindsey X. Watchman, Secretary
Land Protection Planning Commission