



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: June 2, 2025

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Board of Trustees (BOT) Vice Chairman Aaron Ashley. Quorum of seven was verified with Chairman Gary I. Burke and Treasurer Raymond Huesties absent on personal leave.

New Business

Land Development Code Amendment - National Flood Insurance Plan (NFIP) Pre-Implementation Compliance Measures (25-040): The BOT unanimously approved a resolution amending the CTUIR's Land Development Code chapters 2, 3, 7, 8 and 19 to maintain compliance with the NFIP. The resolution also directs the executive director to implement a communications plan to support and inform property owners within the Flood Hazard Overlay Zone of new regulations and how they affect floodplain development.

Memorandum of Understanding - Nursery Bridge Passage Project (24-041): The BOT unanimously approved a MOU between the Milton-Freewater Control District, Bonneville Power Administration, Hudson Bay District Improvement Company and Walla Walla River Irrigation District, in coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, regarding the design, permitting and potential construction of a project to eliminate or reduce annual in-river work necessary to achieve fish passage at Nursery Bridge and adjacent water access. The Nursery Bridge Passage Project implements the CTUIR Fisheries Program's mission statement to provide sustainable harvest opportunities for aquatic species of the First Foods order by protecting, conserving and restoring native aquatic populations and their habitats. The resolution also authorizes the BOT chairman to execute the MOU on behalf of the CTUIR and the executive director to execute other documents, if any, necessary to carry out the MOU.

Amended and Restated Minors, Protected Persons and Missing Persons' Trust (25-042): The BOT unanimously passed a resolution directing general welfare benefits and per capita payments under the CTUIR 2024 General Revenue Allocation Plan to be protected for tribal members whose whereabouts are unknown and made available to them when they re-establish contact with the CTUIR.

Other Board Actions

Motion for Terminating Contract with Sacred Path: The BOT unanimously passed a resolution to terminate the contract with Sacred Path for the enhanced tribal identification cards and bring back a plan by July 31 to establish a program for tribal members to get reimbursed for the cost of a passport and/or state ID.

Executive Director Information

The BOT unanimously approved available BOT members to attend a June 27 site visit at Heritage University in the Tri-Cities area.

The BOT unanimously approved Member at Large Lisa Ganuelas to attend the 2025 Natural Resources Tribal Summit on June 23-24 hosted by the Squaxin Island Tribe at the Little Creek Casino Resort in Shelton, Washington.

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Executive Director Information continued

The BOT unanimously approved a \$1,500 sponsorship of the 2025 Pigskin Classic on June 14 at The Golf Course at Birch Creek as well as any participants from the BOT. The sponsorship will come from the BOT Reserve Fund.

(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 16, 2025

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