



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: August 3, 2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) Chair N. Kathryn Brigham called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. A full quorum of nine was present.

Old Business

Cooperating Agency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Yellowstone National Park Bison Management Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) (2026-042): The BOT approved a polled resolution that approves a MOU between the CTUIR and National Park Service concerning the Yellowstone National Park Bison Management SEIS. The SEIS will involve decisions regarding management of Yellowstone bison herds that have the potential to affect the availability of bison for hunting on unclaimed lands adjacent to Yellowstone.

Relief Payments to CTUIR Tribal Members (2026-043): The BOT approved a polled resolution that approves an inflation relief distribution for each eligibly enrolled tribal member to help offset the burden of rising living costs, recent wildfires, hazardous air quality and workplace closures.

Letter Nominating Chair Brigham to the Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (2026-019): The BOT approved a polled letter nominating Chair Brigham to serve on the Department of Interior Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee.

New Business

Saddle Butte Wind Project Mitigation Agreement (26-044): The BOT approved a confidential mitigation agreement between the CTUIR and Saddle Butte Wind LLC regarding a wind energy facility in Gilliam County.

Walla Walla Trust Water Right Appeal (26-045): The BOT approved a resolution authorizing the Office of Legal Counsel to file a petition to intervene in the Washington Pollution Control Hearings Board to protect instream lease No. S3-31044 and to preserve Washington's ability to protect water rights instream from Oregon.

Executive Director Information

The BOT deferred a motion to approve a delegate to meet with the Tribal Funders Conservation on Aug. 22 at Hamley Steakhouse in Pendleton.

The BOT approved a motion for the Office of Executive Director to schedule a work session regarding CTUIR's response to the U.S. Forest Service's updated forest plans for the Blue Mountain National Forests impacting Malheur, Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests.

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Next Board of Trustees Meeting: 9 a.m., August 10, 2026

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