



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: July 7, 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 and Member at Large Toby Patrick on personal leave. Agenda was approved 6-0-0 with an amendment to correct a misspelling.

New Business

Cairnspring Mills Blue Mountain Flour Mills Project Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) (25-052): The BOT unanimously approved a MOA among the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Northwest Region, Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service and Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the CTUIR and CTUIR Tribal Historic Preservation Office regarding the CTUIR's Department of Economic and Community Development leasing a parcel of trust land within the Coyote Business Park so that Cairnspring Mills can build and operate the Blue Mountain Flour Mill. A business lease of tribal trust land requires BIA approval, and the construction and operation of the mill requires compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, which the BIA is the lead federal agency.

Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Plan (25-053): The BOT unanimously approved the 2026-2028 CCDF Plan application as the CCDF is the primary federal funding source devoted to supporting families with low incomes afford child care and to increasing the quality of child care for all children.

The Towers LLC Tipitina Cellular Communications Project Confidential Mitigation Agreement (25-054): The BOT unanimously approved a confidential mitigation agreement with The Towers LLC regarding a communications tower and associated equipment in Richland, Washington.

Executive Director Information

The BOT unanimously approved available BOT members to attend the Business Oregon Commission reception on July 10 at the Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

The BOT unanimously approved Economic Community Development Committee members to attend the Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Range public commission meeting on July 11 at the UAS site in Pendleton.

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