



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: March 9, 2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) Vice Chair Aaron Ashley called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum of eight was verified with Chair N. Kathryn Brigham on personal leave.

Old Business

Polled Motion re: Six Sovereigns joint letter FY27 Appropriations (26-007): The BOT ratified a joint letter of the Six Sovereigns (CTUIR, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Yakama Nation, Nez Perce Tribe, and states of Oregon and Washington) to the U.S. House and Senate Appropriation committees regarding fiscal year 2027 appropriations for Columbia Basin Salmon Fisheries.

New Business

None

Executive Director Information

The BOT approved the draft agenda outline of the State/Tribal Water Policy Engagement Forum, which is tentatively scheduled for April 6 in Salem.

The BOT approved hosting the Franklin County (WA) Commissioners for a government-to-government meeting on April 23 and to extend an invitation for a brief tour of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

The BOT approved Senior Archaeologist Carey Miller to meet with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for consultation regarding the Corps' responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for an application it received to replace an in-stream diversion structure and fish ladder.

The BOT approved Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) staff to attend the first bi-annual Corrections Indian Policy Advisory Committee meeting via Zoom on March 19 and for staff to report back to the BOT.

The BOT approved a sponsorship in the amount of \$15,000 from the Contingency Fund for the fifth annual EPSON TOUR Wildhorse Ladies Golf Classic Tournament set for Aug. 17-23.

The BOT approved Treasurer Raymond Huesties and pertinent staff to attend the March webinar "From Fire to Food: Tribal Climate Adaptation and Indigenous Food Sovereignty" on March 12.

The BOT approved Department of Natural Resources Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator Audie Huber and Assistant Program Manager Bambi Rodriguez to participate in government-to-government consultation with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department regarding a proposed restoration project at Rooster Rock State Park in the Columbia River Gorge.

The BOT approved \$2,500 from the Contingency Fund for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission's 2026 Salmon Camp that is set for June 15-19 and being hosted by the Warm Springs Tribe.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: 9 a.m., March 16, 2026

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The BOT approved any available BOT members to attend the Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International Cascade Chapter Spring Symposium April 22-23 in Pendleton.

The BOT approved Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator Audie Huber to participate in government-to-government consultation regarding Federal Aviation Administration of Certificate of Waiver for Aerobatic Practice Area near Ken Jernstedt Airfield in Hood River.

The BOT approved Trustee Toby Patrick to attend an interagency site visit and consultation with the National Park Service, Bridger-Teton National Forest and National Elk Refuge May 8-12 in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

The BOT approved Vice Chair Ashley to be a speaker on a panel called “Leading with Learned Experience” at the League of Oregon Cities Conference on April 23 in Pendleton.

The BOT approved Workforce Development Director Brandie Weaskus to the Union Pacific Eastern Oregon Advisory Board and to attend its meeting on March 12 in La Grande.

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