

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES May 8, 2019**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE**

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners to be in session. Commissioner Mordhorst and Commissioner Ainsworth were present.

Staff present:               Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer  
                                  Morgan Smith, County Counsel

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The meetings are held in the Courthouse Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon at 9:00 a.m. and is conducted according to a prepared agenda that lists the principal subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board may consider and take action on subjects that are not listed on the agenda.

Department Head/staff meetings with the Board of Commissioners are held on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. The meetings are held in the Board of Commissioners' Office Conference Room and are conducted between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The principal subjects anticipated to be considered are on-going, upcoming, and new matters bearing on County operations. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners may consider and take action on subjects not listed within this announcement.

The Polk County Budget Committee will meet for approval of the budget on May 29, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., in the Polk County Courthouse located at 850 Main St., Dallas, OR 97338.

The Polk Extension Service District Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Conference room, located at 850 Main St., Dallas, OR 97338.

**3. COMMENTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA)** – Commissioner Pope clarifies to the members of the audience that this is not a Public Hearing and the comments made cannot be specific to the Consent agenda items. Morgan Smith County Counsel explained that the opportunity for public comment was at a public hearing that was held back in December. He informed the audience that the hearing was held by the Hearings Officer and were then given the Hearings Officers report.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHOST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**MOTION PASSED 2 TO 1, WITH COMMISSIONER POPE AND MORDHORST IN FAVOR AND COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH OPPOSED.**

Commissioner Ainsworth stated that this has been going on since 2001, which is long before the current Commissioners were in office. He stated that he personally does not agree with digging a

large hole in some of the best farm land we have. He believes there is a lot of rock around including in the river. He just can't vote yes for the rock pit and is sorry that it is going to pass because he knows there have been studies that show it is not a risk but he doesn't think they can say without a doubt that it won't affect the water.

Commissioner Mordhorst explained that he would have liked to been able to discuss this with the constituents but by law he was not able to. He had to remain an impartial party to the vote. He did as much research as he could and could not find any legal validation to deny them the right to dig the rock pit. They followed the law and all of the environmental studies came back showing no risk of contaminating the well.

Commissioner Pope stated that he has been engaged in this for a very long time and was involved in all of the fact finding trying to make sure that we maintain the integrity of our process. He apologized and believes there is more work to be done. There should be a massive amount of oversight in this process. This action moves it from the County Commissioners to the state to provide the necessary oversight. He stated that he stand with them in making sure we maintain the integrity of the process and oversight.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF MAY 1, 2019**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2019.**

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUSLY.**

At 09:11 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth asked if there was a need for executive session. Staff answered that there was not and the meeting was adjourned.

The following items were approved by Motion under **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**(a) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ROCK PIT**

Ratify hearings Officer's decision as the final decision pursuant to PCZO 111.280 and ORS 215.431.

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Craig Pope, Chair

  
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Mike Ainsworth, Commissioner

  
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Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner