

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2023

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Gordon declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session and led the Board and attending audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Pope and Commissioner Mordhorst were present.

2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda):

None.

3. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF February 21, 2023**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

4. SEDCOR UPDATE:

Alex Paraskevas and Erik Andersson, SEDCOR, presented an update to the Board of Commissioners that went over their work with Oregon Entrepreneurs Network (OEN), a contract for the development of a Regional Innovation Cluster (RIC), SEDCOR's participation in the planning and execution of the Youth Career Conference hosted by Polk County Family and Community Outreach, their involvement with Dallas High School & Dallas Community School, the Dallas Rotary, how SEDCOR has developed a regional stakeholder group for Oregon State University's Food and Beverage Industry Sustainability Center for Innovation Excellence, their involvement with the Willamette Valley Visitors Association (WVVA) and OSU Extension, their work with the Mid-Willamette Regional Innovation Hub and finally their involvement on updating the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The Commissioners asked some clarifying questions about what was presented and Mr. Paraskevas and Mr. Andersson answered their questions. Commissioner Pope asked if they have any information with the business expansion that may be happening at the Independence Airport. Mr. Paraskevas stated that he doesn't have all the specifics but can follow up with the Commissioners at a later time, but he did share his perspective on this topic. The Commissioners thanked both of them for all of their hard work and Commissioner Gordon stated he would like to hear more updates from SEDCOR. Mr. Paraskevas stated he would welcome a work session to speak/work more with the Commissioners and Polk County.

5. NON-LISTED ITEMS - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

None.

Commissioner Gordon adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.