

TUESDAY WORK SESSION AGENDA
May 16, 2023
Courthouse Conference Room

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MEETING VIRTUALLY.

**Approximate
Time**

AGENDA

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| 9:00 a.m. | 1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE |
| | 2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda) |
| | 3. APPROVE MINUTES OF May 9, 2023 |
| | 4. OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY UPDATE – Jeff Classen
& Michael Curran |
| | 5. NON-LISTED ITEMS (Pursuant to ORS 192.640) |

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The meetings are held in the Board of Commissioners' conference room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. Each meeting begins 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 of Commissioners may consider and take action on subjects that are not listed on the agenda. The Board also holds a department staff meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Every Monday in the Commissioners Conference Room at 850 main Street, Oregon.

The Polk County Budget Committee will meet on May 17, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. That meeting will take place in the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR, 97338.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

The Board sets aside a time at each regular meeting for comment by the public on subjects not appearing on the Agenda. Individuals may come forward and make any statement they wish, but not to exceed three (3) minutes in length, except as is required to give concise answers to questions from Board members. If the subject will require a lengthier presentation, or merits inclusion as an item on the Agenda of a future meeting, the Board shall schedule it accordingly.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2023

1. At 9:03 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 was present. Commissioner Mordhorst was absent.

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

None.

3. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF May 2, 2023**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

4. POLK COUNTY SHERIFF UPDATE:

Sheriff Garton, gave an update on the departments past and future events (Diaper Deliveries and Touch a Truck), current hiring process, changes in corrections facility, and the possibility of a new CAD system being implemented as early as next week.

5. OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH & PROCLAMATION 23-03:

Betty Sledge, gave an update on the current work she doing with the seniors 60 plus community. Betty will be involved with the county fair hosting "with these hand" program, she is also advocating for senior housing opportunities and senior staff members within the Public Health department. Gordon asked, if she has noticed the homeless rate within the senior community increasing? Betty answered. Gordon asked, do you know why homeless care for seniors is hard to find? Betty answered.

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

Commissioner Gordon adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Minutes: Kayla Welsler
Approved: May 16, 2023



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"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

West Oregon District, Oregon Department of Forestry

- Headquarters at 24533 Alsea Hwy, Philomath OR 97370
- Three administrative units:
 - Philomath Unit (Benton County) – **541 929 3266**
 - Dallas Unit (Polk County and southern half of Yamhill County) – **503 934 8146**
 - Toledo Unit (Lincoln County and far southern portion of Tillamook County) – **541 336 2273**
- Employee base – 26 permanent and approximately 32 seasonal personnel (org chart attached)
- Provide wildfire protection (prevention and suppression) on 1.08 million acres of private, state, county, tribal, and misc. federal lands (BLM, USFWS)
- Responsible for the administration of the Oregon Forest Practices Act (harvest/reforestation/resource protection and associated rules) in the counties served within our three administrative units
 - Help various federal agencies (NRCS, FSA, multiple others) administer cost share programs
 - Implementation of the new Small Forestland Owner Rules through the Private Forest Accord
- Responsible for the administration of the Oregon Smoke Management Program (burning of excess logging debris and hazardous fuels reduction)
- Manage 36,710 acres (spread amongst Benton, Polk and Lincoln Counties) of state forest land for greatest permanent value to provide for economic, environmental and social benefits to all Oregonians
 - 29,979 acres of Board of Forestry owned timberland. 2/3 of revenues go to local counties and taxing districts. Remainder of revenue goes back to ODF for operating costs
 - 6,730 acres of common school land. Revenue goes back into the state's common school fund
 - Average harvest of 12 mmbf/year
 - 2 main recreation areas in the district include Mt. Baber ATV trail system which involves both state and privately owned timberlands and the Black Rock Mountain Bike area
- Answer to a Board of Directors for our fire protection program with a rich and long history
 - West Oregon Forest Protective Association
 - Board make-up of both large and small landowners from across the counties to provide oversight and input on budgeting items relating to the district
- Administration of fuels reduction grants to create defensible space and fuel breaks on private properties
- Several ties to local governments, groups, non-profits as work projects intersect with our business. Included but not limited to are some of the local entities we interact with:
 - County and municipal governments
 - Federal government agencies (Siuslaw National Forest, BLM, USFWS, NRCS, FSA)
 - Other state agencies (ODFW, DEQ, ODA)
 - Rural and city fire departments along with Oregon State Fire Marshal
 - Local watershed councils
 - OSU college of forestry and local OSU extension service
 - Mid-coast water planning partnership
 - Confederated tribes of Siletz
 - Confederated tribes of Grand Ronde
 - Mary's Peak stewardship group
 - Philomath high school forestry club advisory committee

West Oregon District Organizational Chart

April 2023

