

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES July 12, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE**

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

Staff present: Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer  
Morgan Smith, County Counsel  
Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. Each meeting is held in the Courthouse 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 principle 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. 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, Dallas, Oregon.

The Homeless Prevention Advisory Council meeting on July 12, 2023 has been canceled.

The Polk County Board of Commissioners will be attending a lunch and learn meeting with the Polk County District Attorney's office on July 18, 2023, located at 820 SE Church St Ste 100, Dallas Oregon.

**3. COMMENTS**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Gordon stated that due to a clerical error, there would be an add on to the agenda of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde & Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife MOA, which was incorrectly scheduled on the July 11, 2023 agenda.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADD ON.**

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF July 5, 2023**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF July 5, 2023.**

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.**

**6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.**

**7. CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE & ODFW MOA**

Colby Drake, CTGR Natural Resource Manager, Sheryl Kennedy, CTGR Council Chair, and

Rob Greene, Attorney for the CTGR, came to discuss with the Board of Commissioners about a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the CTGR and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW.) Mr. Drake provided background information on the MOA and presented a map that showed the proposed hunting and fishing units. Mrs. Kennedy explained why this MOA is important to the CTGR and shared some history of the Tribes. Mrs. Kennedy asked the Commissioners for their support. Mr. Greene stated that this is a process they have been working on for several years and that they have been entering into agreements over the years for the Tribe to gain rights to be able to hunt and fish on their land. Commissioner Mordhorst asked if they will have hunting seasons or if it be year around. Mr. Drake answered his question. Commissioner Pope stated his concerns and asked why they would ask for the support of the Commission when they haven't resolved all the issues they currently have in this MOA with the other Tribes in Oregon. Mr. Greene answered his question. Commissioner Gordon asked how do they plan to share their data from these agreements. Mr. Greene answered his question and then Mr. Drake shared how he plans to share his data and how they plan to continue their partnerships and communication with the other Tribes.

**8. LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS**

The Board of Commissioners and staff recognized the following employees for their years of service:

- Josh James, 15 years of service
- Donna Smith, 15 years of service


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

- a) Polk County Contract No. 23-136, Employment Agreement  
(Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer)
- b) Polk County Contract No. 23-137, Employment Agreement  
(Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer)
- c) Polk County Contract No 23-138, Service Contract  
(Aaron Felton, District Attorney)
- d) Polk County Contract No. 23-140, Department of Justice, Child Support  
Services  
(Aaron Felton, District Attorney)

At 9:40 a.m. County Counsel announced that the meeting was recessed to Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Jeremy Gordon, Chair

  
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Craig Pope, Commissioner

  
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Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner

Minutes: Nicole Pineda  
Approved: July 19, 2023