

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 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 was present and 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 October 10, 2023**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

4. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT UPDATE – POLK COUNTY PROJECTS

Matt Betenson, BLM Mary's Peak Field Manager, wanted to come today to meet and introduce himself to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Betenson provided some background information about himself and what his role is within the BLM. Mr. Betenson also provided an update on what is happening within the BLM in the Polk County region. Commissioner Pope asked Mr. Betenson to talk more about where the funding comes from for the riparian projects and he answered his question. Commissioner Gordon stated that he wanted to discuss public access to the Valley of the Giants and stated he has heard of safety concerns with the trip to get there. Commissioner Gordon stated that he would like to find a solution to ensure that the public can safely travel to and from there. Mr. Betenson stated that he would be more than happy to start that discussion.

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 9:28 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: October 24, 2023