

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2024

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Mordhorst 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 Gordon was present and Commissioner Pope was absent.

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

None.

3. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF January 30, 2024**

MOTION PASSED BY VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

4. REGIONAL WATER PLANNING UPDATE

Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director, provided an update to the Board on some recent regional water planning. Mr. McGuigan provided the backstory and some history to this topic and then discussed what has been happening recently. Mr. McGuigan stated that unfortunately Commissioner Pope isn't present today because he has been very involved in this process. Mr. McGuigan talked about who all has been involved in this process, the timeline, what the process for establishing water rights looks like and what the projected costs could be depending on who all gets involved. Mr. McGuigan stated that they are expecting to have a close out document from the consultant who was hired to help them memorialize this process within the next couple of months. Commissioner Gordon stated that this was incredible work that he and Commissioner Pope have done to bring all the right players to the table. Commissioner Gordon asked if this will have any positive or negative impacts to our water deficits. Mr. McGuigan answered his question. Commissioner Mordhorst said that it is amazing how Polk County took the lead on this and he wanted to commend Mr. McGuigan on all of his hard work on this.

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

None.

Commissioner Mordhorst adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: February 20, 2024