

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 2, 2024**

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope 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 and Commissioner Mordhorst were present.

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

None.

**3. MINUTES:**      **COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST  
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF March 26, 2024**

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

**4. SEDCOR UPDATE:**

Alex Paraskevas & Erik Andersson, SEDCOR, provided an update to the Board of Commissioners. Their power point presentation went over the Strategic Economic Development Corporation, their mission, Economic Development Strategy, Business Retention & Expansion, Recruitment & Industrial Lands, and Entrepreneurship. Mr. Andersson spoke about trends that they are tracking with supply chain development, workforce availability specifically with child care and housing, and industrial land inventory. Mr. Paraskevas discussed specific events that have happened recently in regards to Workforce Development & Regional Innovation for agriculture, food and technology. Commissioner Gordon asked if they have seen an increased rate in participation and Mr. Paraskevas answered his question. Mr. Parskevas thanked the Commissioners for supporting the annual Ag Breakfast that SEDCOR hosts. Commissioner Mordhorst stated what he enjoyed the most from the Ag Breakfast and stated that he would like them to expand their executive board to involve more Polk and Marion County reps. Commissioner Pope praised them for being more vocal about the work they are doing in the community. Commissioner Gordon asked a clarifying question about workforce housing and Mr. Parskevas answered his question. Commissioner Pope wanted to address the fact that dairy farms are leaving the agriculture sector faster every day and stated his concerns on this topic. Commissioner Pope stated he wants SEDCOR and its members to start addressing these issues more. Mr. Paraskevas and Mr. Andersson addressed his concerns. Commissioner Mordhorst asked clarifying questions on how local government has become more involved and Mr. Ansdersson answered his question.

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

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.