

**TUESDAY WORK SESSION AGENDA**  
**June 4, 2024**  
**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 and limited to 3 minutes) |
|           | 3. APPROVE MINUTES OF May 28, 2024                                  |
|           | 4. SKATS POLICY   |
|           | 5. HWY 22 & 51 DISCUSSION   |
|           | 6. 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.

A public meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners will be held on June 26, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. in the Polk County Courthouse. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 as approved by the Polk County Budget Committee.

A public meeting of the Polk County 4-H, Master Gardener, Agriculture, Forestry, Extension District will be held on June 26, 2024 at 10:00 am at Polk County Courthouse Conference Room, Dallas, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 as approved by the Polk County 4-H, Master Gardener, Agriculture, Forestry, Extension District Budget Committee.

The Grand Ronde Sanitary District Board is meeting on June 26, 2024 at 10:15 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR, 97338.

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**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 28, 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. and Commissioner Mordhorst was present and Commissioner Gordon was absent.

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

None.

**3. MINUTES:**      **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE  
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF May 21, 2024**

**MOTION PASSED BY VOTE OF THE QUORUM.**

**4. OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY UPDATE**

Michael Curran, District Forester, and Jeff Classen, Dallas Unit Forester, provided their yearly Oregon Department of Forestry update to the Board. Their update went over state wide and county wide updates. Mr. Curran stated that as of July 1st, 2023, the Private Forest Accord was implemented and he gave an explanation of what that is and spoke about some of the rules and regulations that were put into place. Next Mr. Curran talked about a Habitat Conservation Plan that they have been working on since 2018 and that they just received Board approval to move forward with implementing this plan. Mr. Curran explained what the HCP entails. Commissioner Pope thanked Mr. Curran for the information on that plan, but shared his concerns on this topic. Commissioner Mordhorst shared his concerns about the lack of listening to the public comments. Mr. Curran stated that he can pass along that feedback to his leadership in Salem. Mr. Curran spoke about a bill that did not pass, but what will be coming from that. Next, Mr. Curran provided a staffing update and stated that they are finally in a much more stable place. Mr. Curran shared some data and statistics with the Board and he wanted to share that on August 25th, 2023, we had 2 rounds of dry lightning, which is pretty rare for Oregon. He stated that staff did a great job in containing those fires and they were able to limit and contain the fire to 12 acres, which is very good. Mr. Classen provided a recap of fires that Polk County experienced in 2023. Mr. Curran spoke about what he thinks the fire season will look like for 2024 and stated that he thinks it will be a pretty average season for us, but at the end of the day, August still comes and it is always pretty hot and dry that time of year. Mr. Classen provided an update on three grants that Polk County has been benefiting from. Commissioner Pope asked what a grant application looks like and Mr. Classen answered his question. Mr. Curran provided an update on the Polk County Classification Process and he explained what that is. He stated that the Governor's Office has asked them to put a pause on this process until they receive resolution. Mr. Curran stated that this won't really have an impact on Polk County. Commissioner Pope shared his concerns with this pause and provided feedback for them to take back to their leadership in Salem. Commissioner Pope asked how they are funded for their fire staff and Mr. Curran answered his question. Next, Mr. Curran provided some data and projected revenues from State Forests. Mr. Classen provided an update on forestry resources. Commissioner Mordhorst asked for an ETA on cleanup for the roads to the Valley of the Giants and Mr. Classen answered him. Commissioner Pope asked for an update on Black Rock and the mountain bike trails and Mr. Curran answered his question.

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

None.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda  
Approved: June 4, 2024