

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 5, 2012**

1. At 9:04 a.m., Chairman Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Pope was present, Commissioner Wheeler was excused.
2. **MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 29, 2012.**

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

3. **LONG BOARD EVENT**

Brent DeMoe and Nicole Walker-Sundby with the Polk Commission for Children and Families updated the Board on the 'Dallas Ride & Slide' long board event that is being planned.

The dates for the event have tentatively been set for August 3, 4, & 5. There will be a kick-off party on Friday night at the Fox theater with a movie and barbeque. Saturday will be a push race (1 mile course for beginners, 6-7 mile course for experienced riders – Courses are still to be determined) and if an adequate location is found, a downhill race, and Sunday will be a slalom course and a slide jam course in Bridlewood. As the routes get finalized, staff will have a better idea of how many traffic control volunteers will be needed. The City of Dallas is covering the Liability Insurance for the event, with the County being secondary.

This event is funded by grants and sponsorships, no County funding is being used. Registration forms are required, and parents/guardians have to sign for those participants under age 18. The goal is to have 100 participants, but with Facebook, fliers, and word-of-mouth, there is not a way to accurately predict how many will attend and participate.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE LONG BOARD EVENT PLANNING.**

4. **SEDCOR ANNUAL DUES**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, presented the invoice received from SEDCOR for the FY 2012-2013 dues. The total billed is \$15,000. Commissioner Pope expressed concerns with the direction of the organization with the recent leadership changes. This is the last year that Commissioner Pope will support Polk County paying these dues until Polk County is represented on the Executive Board and services are provided equally. The Board directed Greg Hansen to draft a letter to send with the membership payment.

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

a. **MISTLETOE ROAD CORNER**

Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director informed the Board that there is an ongoing issue with bark trucks turning the wrong way out of the Weyerhaeuser facility and driving up Mistletoe Rd, and getting stuck on the sharp corner. An advanced warning sign was installed on Uglow, but since then, four additional trucks have been stuck.

Staff recommends that the next step be to install a regulatory sign prohibiting these trucks from proceeding. The Board recommended that in addition, staff should talk to the Scott's group to ask for their help in educating the drivers, and providing a sign for them to put on their property informing drivers of which way to turn.

b. **EXTENSION STRATEGIC PLAN**

Jim Clawson with the Polk Extension Citizen Advisory Network (PECAN) presented the recently completed strategic plan for the Extension District. There are 250 copies that are available in the Extension office for the public to read.

c. **COMMISSIONERS CHOICE FAIR AWARD**

Commissioner Pope received a request from Suzi Busler with 4-H to sponsor the Commissioners Choice Fair Award. Each Commissioner will have a chance to review all of the 4-H exhibits, and choose his or her favorite.

d. **NESMITH PARK REQUEST**

Heather Alvarez, Secretary, presented a request from Boy Scout Troop 266 from McMinnville to camp at Nesmith Park June 22-24. They plan to complete a service project in exchange for the use of the facilities.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE CAMPING REQUEST.**

e. **WALLACE BRIDGE EQUINE FACILITY**

J. W. Milligan attended the meeting to request a letter of support from the Commissioners. J. W. has 325 acres located at 22345 Highway 22, on which he would like to develop a world-class equestrian facility, which would increase tourism, tax revenue, and create jobs.

This property currently has a federal conservation zone that he would like to move to an adjoining property. There is a process to move the conservation zone, but it is an uphill battle. Therefore, J.W. is working to gather as much community support as possible to assist him in the process.

Staff expressed concerns with writing a letter in support of the facility, because it would jeopardize any land-use requests that will come before the Board regarding the development of the facility in the future. However, the Board could submit a generic letter in support of economic development and diversified agricultural land use.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO DRAFT A LETTER OF SUPPORT.**

Chairman Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez

Approved: June 12, 2012