



MARION COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

July 17, 2025  
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Courthouse Square  
Commissioner's Boardroom  
Salem, Oregon

**Meeting Minutes**

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome**

Danielle Bethell, Chair

Chair Bethell called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

Chair Bethell, Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Cameron, CAO Fritz, County Counsel Elzinga, Public Works Director Nicholas, Senior Policy Analyst Lawyer were present

**2. Land Trust Discussion**

Steve Elzinga

County counsel discussed a property in NE Salem that may be going into land trust in order to better facilitate future construction. He asked the board if they wished to submit comment, the board declined.

**3. Property Acquisition**

Brian Nicholas

Brian discussed the property acquisition strategy for the water campus project, which involves obtaining permanent easements from Pacific Northwest Veg and Lineage Master for three parcels. The Board requested expedited review of the Pacific Northwest Veg purchase and sale agreement for next week's board meeting, while ongoing negotiations with Lineage Master are addressing their concerns about temporary easements and property tax implications. Marion expressed preference for the board to approve the easements on consent agenda to avoid complexity in public discussions.

**4. 250 Year Celebration**

Danielle Bethell

Commissioner Bethell discussed the 250-year anniversary countdown and timber receipts. For the anniversary, she suggested creating a readable countdown through board sessions and the website.

**5. Timber Receipts, BBB**

Danielle Bethell

Commissioner Bethell expressed concern about a 25% increase in harvest being insufficient, as it doesn't meet existing resource management plans. She proposed convening a meeting with Lori Chavez DeReamer's office to discuss increasing receipts and

jobs in the natural resource industry, while emphasizing the need to avoid conflicts with Commissioner Derek DeGroot's efforts.

**6. BOC Office**

**Jan Fritz**

Discussed the changes occurring the in the office with some staffing.

**7. Adjourn**

- a. Chair Bethell adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.