



**Combined Meeting**  
**CoIPac EDD & NOEA**  
 April 9, 2026  
 10:00a – 12:00p

**Columbia River PUD**  
 64001 Columbia River Hwy, Deer Island, OR 97054  
[Zoom Link](#)  
 Meeting ID: 823 2268 7995  
 Passcode: 664765

10:00a	1. Welcome and Introductions		
10:05a	2. NOEA Business Meeting a. February 2026 Minutes b. Operational Update c. Brownfield Updates	✓	Casey Garrett Sarah Lu Heath
10:15a	3. CoIPac Regular Business a. February 2026 Minutes b. Operations Update	✓	Casey Garrett Sarah Lu Heath
10:30a	4. Columbia County Energy Updates		Michael Sykes
11:00a	5. Clatsop County Industrial Symbiosis		Sarah Lu Heath Angee Hunt
11:30a	6. HB3395 Updates		Sarah Lu Heath
11:45a	7. Roundtable Updates		All

**Next Combined Meeting: June 11, Clatsop County**



**Minutes of Combined Meeting**  
**Columbia Pacific Economic Development District (ColPac)**  
**& NW Oregon Economic Alliance (NOEA)**  
**Thursday, February 12, 2026**  
**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**City of Banks, Fire District #13**  
 1455 N Roosevelt Drive  
 Seaside, OR 97138

10:00a	1. Welcome & Introductions	Casey Garrett
10:05a	2. NOEA Business Meeting a. December 2025 Minutes	Casey Garrett Sarah Lu Heath
10:05a	3. ColPac Regular Business a. December 2025 Minutes b. January 2026 Minutes c. Financial Report d. Elect 2026 Officers	Casey Garrett Sarah Lu Heath
10:30a	4. Forest Grove & Cornelis Chamber of Commerce Program Updates	Claudia Yakos
10:45a	5. Business Oregon Statewide Economic Development Strategy	Melanie Olson
11:00a	6. Oregon's Prosperity Roadmap	Tim Knopp
11:30p	7. ColPac Membership Dues Adjustment	All
11:45p	8. Roundtable Updates	All

**Next Combined Meeting:**  
**April 9, 2025 in Columbia County**

<p><b>Board of Directors (*in attendance):</b></p> <p><b>Mary Faith Bell*</b> Don Bohn <b>Michele Bradley*</b> <b>Peter Brandom*</b> Aaron Burris <b>Sean Clark*</b> <b>Andy Davis*</b> <b>Heather DeSart*</b> <b>Brian Fawcett*</b> Thaddeus Fickel <b>Casey Garrett*</b> <b>Angeles Godinez-Valencia*</b> Jarrod Hogue Will Isom Paul Jarrell <b>Betsy Johnson*</b> <b>Scott Jorgensen*</b> <b>Mark Kujala*</b></p>	<p><b>Marsha Kirk*</b> <b>Kevin Leahy*</b> <b>Sean Lewis*</b> <b>Chelsey Lynne*</b> <b>David McCall*</b> Patrick McHugh Paul Mitchell <b>Matt Mumford*</b> <b>John Nygaard*</b> Don Odermott Bruce St. Denis <b>Leon Telesmanich*</b> <b>John Walsh*</b> <b>Liane Welch*</b> <b>Jerry Willey*</b> Jeff Wong <b>Steve Wright*</b> <b>Claudia Yakos*</b></p>
<p><b>Guests in attendance:</b></p> <p>Sarah Lu Heath, Executive Director, ColPac Jacquie Puett, Program Coordinator, ColPac Bill Jablonski, ODOT Jolynn Becker, City of Banks</p>	<p>Tim Knopp, Chief Prosperity Office – State of OR Melyssa Graeper, DEQ Gail Henrikson, Clatsop County John Lansung, Representative Javadi Nate Stice, Business Oregon</p>

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

President Garrett brought the meeting to order at 10:00 am and welcomed those in attendance. Introductions were made.

**2. NOEA Business**

**a. December 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Directors Bradley/Welch made a motion to approve the December 11, 2025, NOEA meeting minutes. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

**3. ColPac Regular Business**

**a. December 2025 Minutes**

**b. January 2026 Minutes**

Director McCall made a motion to approve both sets of minutes, as presented. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

### **c. Financial Report**

Executive Director Heath presented the financial report. Director Jorgensen made a motion to accept the financial report. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

### **d. Elect 2026 Officers**

Director Johnson made a motion to re-elect the following officers for the 2026 calendar year:

Director Casey Garrett – President

Director Steve Wright –

Director Liane Welch / Director David McCall (alternate) –

Director Jerry Willey –

The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

### **4. Forest Grove & Cornelius Chamber of Commerce Program Updates**

Claudia Yakos provided a presentation on their small business incubator program, highlighting its impact on the local economy and the diverse range of businesses it supports. She emphasized the importance of culturally and linguistically responsive business systems in communities with a high percentage of Hispanic or Latino residents.

### **5. Business Oregon Statewide Economic Development Strategy**

Former Senator Tim Knopp - now Chief Prosperity Officer for the State of Oregon - discussed Oregon's economic development goals, including increasing GDP growth, creating more living wage jobs, and retaining existing businesses. He announced plans for upcoming prosperity council meetings and business roundtables across the state, encouraging input through an online survey.

Mr. Knopp discussed the Prosperity Council's commitment to supporting the governor's economic growth bill and monitoring potentially damaging legislation. He emphasized the need for achievable and financially viable regulations, particularly for natural resource industries struggling with high fees and unattainable clean water requirements. He also expressed his focus on fostering a customer-centered culture within agencies and addressing contradictory advice given to businesses. Lastly, there was support for deregulation and business tax reform.

### **6. Oregon's Prosperity Road Map**

The Honorable Tim Knopp, recently appointed by Governor Kotek as the Chair of the Prosperity Council, joined the board meeting. He shared the intent of the Prosperity Council to reestablish Oregon as a competitive business state. Directors shared feedback on the regulatory environment, requesting state agencies work together to resolve conflicts in regulation, and the need for rural infrastructure investment.

### **7. ColPac Membership Dues Adjustment**

Executive Director Heath introduced the agenda item and explained the need for balanced income streams to stabilize and balance the organization's revenue streams. The board reviewed a new dues structure by entity type. Some members raised questions about the classification of cities based on population, particularly regarding the distinction between small and large cities.

Director Mumford made a motion to approve the proposed dues increase for ColPac members, setting new rates of \$600 for small cities, \$1,500 for large cities, \$2,000 for ports, and \$6,000 for counties, with no annual CPI adjustments. The motion was duly seconded and passed with one dissenting vote from Director Betsy Johnson.

The board agreed to review dues annually as part of the budget process, rather than implementing a

fixed schedule of increases.

**8. Roundtable Updates & Adjournment**

President Garrett adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

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Casey Garrett, ColPac EDD Board President

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Casey Garrett, NOEA Board Chair

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Drafted: Sarah Lu Heath, Executive Director

Recorded: Jacquie Puett, Program Coordinator



# Northwest Oregon Economic Alliance

Clatsop—Columbia—Tillamook Counties

CORPORATE RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZED BANKING SIGNATORIES  
and  
UPDATE CONTACTS FOR NOEA LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL

The Board of NW Oregon Economic Alliance (NOEA), at its April 9, 2026 meeting, RESOLVED that Casey Garrett, Board member and Mark Kujala, Board member shall serve as the authorized signers on all bank accounts for NOEA from April 9, 2026 until notified of any changes.

It was further RESOLVED, that Sarah Lu Heath, Executive Director of the Columbia Pacific Economic Development District, shall be authorized to have access to all information regarding NOEA financial accounts, but shall not be authorized as a check signer or to withdraw bank funds, until notified of any changes.

It was further RESOVLED, that the aforementioned Casey Garrett, Mark Kujala, and Sarah Lu Heath will be added to the Oregon Treasury's Local Government Investment Pool account as Registered Contacts.

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Mark Kujala, Vice Chair

### Certification

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the resolution presented and adopted by the NW Oregon Economic Alliance at a meeting duly called and held virtually and in-person at the Columbia River PUD at which a quorum was present and voted, that such resolution is duly recorded in the minutes, and the signatures are true and genuine.

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Mary Faith Bell, Secretary Treasurer



CORPORATE RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZED SIGNER AND ACCOUNT CLOSURE

The Executive Board of the Columbia Pacific Economic Development District (ColPac), at its April 9, 2026 meeting, RESOLVED that Sarah Lu Heath, Executive Director shall serve as the authorized signers on bank accounts at BMO for ColPac from April 9, 2026 until notified of any changes.

It was further RESOLVED that ColPac's will close all accounts held at BMO and transfer those funds to WAUNA FCU.

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Casey Garrett, Chair

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Jerry Willey, Secretary Treasurer