

Camas Commissioner Meeting Minutes September 22, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m. by Commissioner Kramer. Also present were Commissioner Colter, Commissioner Ralph, Prosecuting Attorney Jim Thomas, and County Clerk Deanna Lenker.

The Board reviewed the agenda. Commissioner Colter made a motion to approve the September 22, 2025 meeting agenda as posted, seconded by Commissioner Kramer, approved.

The Board reviewed the September 15, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Colter made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Kramer, approved.

The Board reviewed the September 15, 2025 brief synopsis. Commissioner Colter made a motion to approve the brief synopsis as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Kramer, approved.

Mathew Filbert, Fairfield District Ranger, joined the meeting to discuss the Paradise prescribed burn scheduled for October 2025. The project aims to restore natural fire processes within this fire-dependent ecosystem, and promote aspen regeneration by creating canopy openings, and enhance wildlife habitat by increasing available food and cover. Fire restrictions were lifted during the week of September 15-19, 2025.

At 10:08 a.m. the Board resumed deliberations on the Agricultural Protection Area (APA). Discussion centered on compliance with the State mandate on regulations, with Commissioner Kramer emphasizing the need for a formal ordinance to protect both landowners and Camas County. It was noted that termination of APA designation should only occur in cases of hardship. The Board also discussed the importance of ensuring that homeowners are fully informed of APA guidelines. It was clarified that no local taxpayer funds would be used to support the program, and the current application fee is set at \$200.00. No action taken during this session. Deliberations are scheduled to continue on October 20, 2025. Recording concluded at 10:57 a.m.

Jen Fredrickson, Treasurer presented the August financial report.

Carol Reagan presented the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the University of Idaho Co-operative Agreement to the Commissioners for review.

Commissioner Colter moved to approve the Co-operative agreement with University of Idaho. Commissioner Ralph seconded the motion.

Carol provided an update on current youth programs, noting increased interest in day camps such as hiking, drone activities, and sewing clubs. She also reported attending the Idaho Department Fish and Game (IDFG) events in Boise, where she participated in an owl pellet dissection workshop. Additionally, she has been actively restocking the Think Trailer to support after-school programming.

Jim Thomas continued discussions on the Camas County Airport Contract Commissioner Colter moved to postpone until Jim Thomas gets a draft contract finished. Commissioner Ralph seconded the motion.

Leigh Weidman expressed concern regarding ditches being filled in by the current property owner on Peck Road in Soldier, Idaho. She noted the potential impact this may have on drainage and surrounding properties.

Commissioner Colter moved to sign the 2026 Passthrough agreement, Commissioner Ralph seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session, per Idaho Code §31-874 Indigent matters 1:42 p.m. End executive session 1:52 p.m.

Josh Ashmead, Road & Bridge Supervisor, discussed restructuring staffing by consolidating several part-time positions. He proposed hiring one individual to serve as both a part-time plow operator and a part-time mechanic apprentice.

Commissioner Colter moved to approve the supervisor's request to replace an existing full-time position with one part-time summer position and two part-time winter positions. Commissioner Ralph seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

An updated invoice from Western States CAT was presented. The Commissioners approved a payment of \$8,500.00 from the FY 2025 budget, with the remaining balance of \$280,000.00 to be paid from the FY 2026 budget.

Wildlife fencing quote Luke Hubert \$8,800.00 plus \$1,500 for corner post, this does not include removal, Tyler Buzzie with S & B Fencing, quote of \$4,800.00, \$750.00 corner post, removal \$4,000.00 This will meet BLM guidelines.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Attest:

Travis Kramer, Chairman

Attest:

Deanna Lenker, County Clerk

Sept 22, 2025 Synopsis

Motion Passed: Agenda, Minutes, ADA deliberation, Treasurer August Financial, MOU University of Idaho Agreement, Public Comment, County Airport Contract, Sign 2026 Passthrough agreement, Synopsis, Executive Session Idaho Code §31-874 Indigent matters, Road & Bridge employee matter, update on equipment.