



TILLAMOOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Paul Fournier - Mary Faith Bell - Erin Skaar

EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING 3/17/2026

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 12:30 PM

Join In Person:

County Courthouse, Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room 106, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook

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CALL TO ORDER – March 17, 2026 12:38 p.m.

1. Discussion of a Letter of Support for the Grand Ronde Tribal Lands Bill/Commissioners Paul Fournier, Mary Faith Bell, and Erin Skaar

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The Board discussed the letter and the consensus was to discuss further at the March 18, 2026 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' EMERGENCY MEETING

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

	Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Paul Fournier	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	Rachel Hagerty	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Mary Faith Bell	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	Bryan Libel	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Erin Skaar	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>			

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Name

Email

There were no sign-ins

(Please use reverse if necessary)



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Paul Fournier, Chair
Mary Faith Bell, Vice-Chair
Erin D. Skaar, Commissioner

March 18, 2026

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
United States Senate
531 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Andrea Salinas
United States House of Representatives
403 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Merkley, Senator Wyden, and Congresswoman Salinas:

We, the undersigned, are writing on behalf of Tillamook County to express strong support for the 2026 Grand Ronde Tribal Lands Bill. This legislation would expand Tribal lands and strengthen forest stewardship in Oregon.

For years, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community have been a supportive, responsible, and vital partner to Tillamook County. Since time immemorial, they have been wonderful managers of Oregon's lands. They have a proven track record of responsible and sustainable ecological care. We are confident that this legislation will both restore tribal lands and strengthen forest stewardship in Oregon.

Restoring ancestral lands to the Tribe promotes not only reconciliation between the Tribe and the state and federal governments but will also have a positive economic impact on the region. Expanding the Tribe's lands will expand hunting, fishing, and natural recreation opportunities for Tribal members and other Oregonians alike. These new opportunities, in addition to sustainable harvesting practices, will generate jobs and revenue in this region.

We urge you to join Tillamook County in supporting legislation to correct historical injustices, strengthen Oregon's forests, and stimulate local economic growth through the return of important portions of the Grand Ronde Tribe's ancestral lands.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

Paul Fournier, Chair

Mary Faith Bell, Vice-Chair

Erin D. Skaar, Commissioner