

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Economic Development

The Siletz Tribal Business Corporation (STBC) is moving forward with a number of major projects. Regarding the Salem/Portland Road property, we're focusing first on the RV park, followed by the office space/flex industrial development.

The work will begin almost immediately with an architectural design. Access to our property will be from Blossom Drive since we haven't resolved issues with the entrance on Astoria Way. We've arrived at a viable alternative plan that will be reduced to design and implementation.

At the same time, we're well on our way in developing the RV park on Logan Road that sits strategically close to Chinook Winds.

We're still examining the possibility of purchasing the Shilo Inn, but haven't yet made a decision. We also haven't yet made a decision on the Lakeside Golf Course property, although both of them could enhance our casino. Both of these properties are still undergoing careful analysis by STBC as to their economic feasibility.

NW Budget Requests for FY2006

Most of you probably already have heard that the future budget for Indian tribes looks grim. At a recent BIA budget meeting in Phoenix, Ariz., the glaring deficiencies in BIA funding were persuasively and eloquently addressed by Garland Bruno and Ron Allen, chairmen of the Warm Springs and Jamestown S'Klallam tribes, respectively.



Chairman Delores Pigsley

I was there along with many tribal leaders to concur with, and give support to, the points expressed by Garland and Ron on behalf of the Northwest. Here's a summary of their presentation:

- The restoration of tribal priority allocations funds held back for all across-the-board cuts – congressional, departmental and bureau-wide – plus a 10 percent increase over the restored FY2004 amount
- A moratorium to be placed on all across-the-board reductions for all bureau/tribal programs
- Full funding provided for contract support costs (including both direct and indirect costs)

FY2006 Tribal Priorities and Initiatives

- Provide tribes with the resources they need to foster strong and stable tribal governments and exercise their authority as sovereign nations

- Provide tribes with the resources necessary to develop a self-sustaining economic base that in turn will work to empower tribes
- Provide quality education opportunities from early childhood through life in accordance with tribal needs for cultural and economic well-being, in keeping with the wide diversity of tribes and Alaska Native villages as distinct cultural and government entities
- Provide quality investigative and police services and technical expertise to tribes
- Assist tribes in protecting and preserving their natural resources on trust land and shared off-reservation resources

Report Card on Tribal Council

The following statistics of meetings and resolutions will reveal how active the Tribal Council was during 2003 and represent the entire gamut of tribal programs, services, and issues that required council action.

During 2003, all council members were required to attend the following meetings (except for those with excused absences): 28 Special Tribal Council meetings, 12 Regular Tribal Council meetings, four General Council meetings, three Health Board meetings, two Gaming Board meetings and one Special General Council meeting.

In addition, every council member was assigned to represent the Tribal Council on tribal committees, i.e.,

Education, Cultural, Housing, Natural Resources, Health, etc., as well as represent the tribe as members of various state, regional, and national inter-tribal organizations. These individual assignments aren't reflected in the statistics above.

The statistics reveal that although there were some dissenting votes, we should be proud of the fact that there was remarkable unanimity on issues among our council members. A total of 485 resolutions were adopted unanimously, with 55 resolutions that passed with at least one dissenting vote.

Following are the hours claimed and compensation paid for council members in 2003:

D. Pigsley	2,264.75	\$22,480.91
J. Davis	2,343.25	\$23,259.58
J. John	1,954.50	\$19,401.58
D. Fisher	184.75	\$1,829.95
J. Miller	1,298.50	\$12,889.36
L. Butler	2,209.00	\$21,926.21
R. Butler Sr.	2,204.75	\$21,884.00
R. Landis	1,896.75	\$18,822.67
D. Hatch	1,691.00	\$16,782.26

Each council member claimed the following travel costs:

Delores Pigsley	\$13,081.61
Jessie Davis	\$12,894.70
Jane John	\$11,810.54
Dolly Fisher	\$480.62
JoAnn Miller	\$3,553.54
Lillie Butler	\$3,684.88
Reggie Butler Sr.	\$7,604.27
Rosemary Landis	\$18,531.00
David Hatch	\$8,185.50

Historians Seek Trails/Treaties Info

The Pacific Northwest Historians Guild in Seattle, Wash., has begun planning for its 2005 conference, "Trails and Treaties in the Pacific Northwest: Time for Reconsideration."

Our goal is to encourage a fresh look at the complicated and oftentimes little understood early Pacific Northwest history leading up to the treaties and the expected and unexpected consequences of treaty making on the region today.

Presentation topics can include environmental and economic territorial histories, in-depth looks at lesser-known figures in our trail and treaty

history, reconsiderations of pivotal events and people, as well as critical assessments of present-day treaty and trail commemorations and their meaning. Proposals are due by Sept. 30, 2004.

We especially encourage panels or presentations that include representation from the tribes. The guild is getting the word out early so new research can be initiated and then presented at the conference. Presentations in film, poetry, or other media also are encouraged.

For more information, contact Maria Pascualy, conference program coordinator, at mp1955@comcast.net or 206-632-7910.

General Council Meeting

May 1, 2004

Wittenberg Inn – Keizer, Oregon

1 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order
Invocation
Roll Call
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes
Program Reports

Language Program: Bud Lane
ESP Program: Shelley Christensen
Tribal Member Concerns
Chairman's Report
Announcements
Adjournment