

VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Economic Development

The executive order that expresses the state's policy of government-to-government relations between Oregon tribes and the state of Oregon is alive and well. This policy is exemplified by the various cluster groups that meet on a quarterly basis to address specific issues (health, education, culture, economic development, public safety, etc.)

The cluster group on economic development met recently in Coos Bay, hosted by the Coos Tribe in its new administration building. Cluster groups were established as a result of SB770, which recognizes tribes as a government.

At the meeting, the state proposed that Web sites be established as a communications network, linking all Oregon tribes with each other and with the state disseminating information about each tribe's economic development projects. Not only will tribes be informed and able to communicate with each other, the state can respond to inquiries from outside the state as to what each tribe is doing, especially with companies with interest in potentially locating to Oregon.

It also was announced that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has initiated the first phase of a 10-year, \$2.6 billion bridge construction project. Over the next 10 years, ODOT will work on all bridges needing repair or replacement.



Vice Chairman Jessie Davis

The Oregon Bridge Delivery Partners is an essential component of ODOT's construction program, whose purpose is to maximize subcontracting with minority groups. Indian companies are encouraged to apply. Andre Baugh is the designated contact person at ODOT, 503-587-2963 or e-mail andre.baugh@obdp.org. Any tribal company or individual can apply for a job with Andre.

Conference participants included officials from ODOT, Oregon Tourism, Department of Revenue, and representatives from all nine Oregon tribes and other Indian entities, including Dave Tovey of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and Karen Quigley, executive director of the Commission on Indian Services, among others.

TLC Attitudes of Gratitude

An evening chill is in the air, has been since early September. Autumn is definitely here! Time to get out your "woolies" and be thankful you have 'em.

At the TLC, we always have things, people, and events to be thankful for. Although volunteers still are away on vacation or medical leave, we have several women who graciously give of their time to make sure overnight coverage happens.

In August and early September, those wonderful women were Elizabeth Kosydar, Carrie White, Denise Riding In, Jackie Ashley, and Lisa Brown. Thanks for providing emotional security!

Another different kind of volunteer gave of his time. Jerry Kosydar, handy-

man extraordinaire, spent a couple hours doing some repairs to the greenhouse so we can use it this winter. Despite the cool evenings, our potted tomatoes are looking pretty good. Appreciation to you, Jerry.

Mark Tom finished out his summer youth employment doing yard work on the A&D/TLC grounds. He kept our transplants alive by keeping them watered during our extended hot spell. He also popped a lot of dandelions and other weeds out of the lawn. If he could have been here 24/7, we might have gotten rid of all of them. Thanks, Mark!

We have folks in the community who support our service and clients in several ways. Patti and Jim, we loved the

Gaming Issues

Important Indian gaming issues were discussed recently at the Northwest Indian Gaming Conference sponsored by the Washington Indian Gaming Association. The association is comprised of tribes from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

An issue affecting a number of states involves private entities that want to do gambling with slot machines in their establishments similar to Indian casinos. Additionally, some private entities want tribal gaming compacts opened up, even those that are already approved, to force tribes to share their gaming revenue with cities, counties, and states to help balance state budgets.

The National Labor Relations Board also is making moves to require Indian casinos to unionize. A bill is being proposed on Capitol Hill to counter this NLRB proposal. Despite the fact that tribes are sovereign governments and are exempt from such authority, NLRB feels it has the authority over tribes because of its status as a federal agency. Tribes and members of the tribal caucus in the Senate do not agree.

In a panel on proposed amendments to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), our former consultant, Franklin Ducheneaux, clearly stated that tribes have primary regulatory oversight authority over Indian gaming. The role of the National Indian Gam-

ing Commission, he said, is basically to review the tribe's regulatory decisions. In other words, tribes are primary regulators; NIGC should not perform audits, but should review the audits conducted by tribes.

In 1988, Franklin not only served as staff for the congressional committee that shepherded the passage of IGRA, but also was the principal author of the act.

Logan Road RV Park

Because of some red tape and resulting delays in securing permits, the opening of the RV park on Logan Road on the hill above Chinook Winds has been re-scheduled. The ribbon cutting will take place in November.

Nuu-wee-ya'

(our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center

Oct. 11 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 9 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office

Oct. 18 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 8 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office

Oct. 20 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 1 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office

Oct. 6 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 3 – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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