

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On Feb. 4, the Siletz general election was held and I am proud to say it went very smoothly thanks to the tribe's dedicated and competent Election Board.

Credit also must go to our voting membership that takes part in our electoral process as responsible citizens. Unlike some nations in other parts of the world where elections have recently been fraught with conflict, violence, and uncertain futures, we are blessed with an electoral process and resulting tribal government of stability and continuity.

The election brought back three members who are not strangers to the Tribal Council. Reggie Butler was re-elected from among the three incumbents. Frank Simmons returned to the council after an absence of a few years and Jessie Davis, who was unseated last year, regained a seat on the council this year.

I want to personally extend my welcome and congratulations to Frank, Jessie, and Reggie, each of whom will serve three-year terms. Based on their experience, knowledge, and dedication, I know they will make important contributions to the mission of the tribe. I look forward to working with all three of them.

As for the officers of the council, Bud Lane was elected vice chair; Phil Rilatos, treasurer; and Lillie Butler, secretary. I was again elected to serve as tribal chairman, a position I accept knowing that this office carries with it awesome responsibilities.

In addition to internal Siletz Tribal issues, as tribal chairman I will continue to be involved in intertribal issues. As vice-chair of the Oregon Gaming Alliance, I will work on critical gaming



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issues that affect – and endanger – all Oregon tribes.

I also have taken the lead on Oregon's intertribal Meth Task Force, an issue of major importance that affects all tribes and that I referred to in previous issues of *Siletz News*. This was a specific agenda item at the last conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.

In closing, I would like to touch on a few other items that I'm sure are of interest to our members.

Keizer Station

The development of the joint Grand Ronde/Siletz tribal project known as Keizer Station is moving steadily ahead.

By June 1, it's expected that all elements of Phase I site development will be completed. This involves the infrastructure, the loop road, and underground utilities, including water lines.

Phase II will include a restaurant, a travel center, and possibly a hotel and retail outlets.

Both tribes, however, have encountered some difficulty in obtaining financing for the second phase because of a problem involving the deed. We are working to get that problem resolved, which likely will take congressional action.

Councilman Bud Lane and I recently visited with the Oregon congressional delegation, including committee staffers in Washington, D.C., to pave the way for appropriate legislation in support of this project. We were assured of their commitment to assist us in this effort.

Council Member Report Cards

Included in this issue at the bottom of this page is a report of the pay and expenses incurred by each and every council member during 2005. Council members were paid \$10.33 per hour for work on the council and for expenses according to tribal policy at the same rate paid to tribal employees.

I am providing this report not only in response to specific questions from many tribal members, but also to keep our commitment of full disclosure.

Charter School Progress

Principal Van Peters reported at the January meeting of the Tribal Council that Siletz Valley School students have

increased their math and reading abilities, as reflected in their scores, by leaps and bounds. Scores from the 2003/2004 school year as compared to 2005 are as follows:

	2004	2005
Reading	57%	91%
Math	65%	89%
Science	32%	71%

The low marks that the school received were in attendance. With 151 students, the attendance rate is at 90.7 percent compared to the state rate of 94.2 percent.

It's important to remember that just two years ago, Siletz School was doomed to be closed. The county school board already had made that decision. It took the determined effort of community members, including concerned parents and the Tribal Council, to succeed in keeping the school in Siletz.

Van, a highly respected BIA educator, was brought out of retirement to coordinate the establishment of Siletz Valley School. He also was persuaded to serve as its principal.

Van reported to the council that in response to the desire expressed by many community and tribal members, the school is laying the groundwork for incorporating a high school program in September 2006. The program will fill an important educational need and is another accomplishment of which we can be proud.

Tribal Council Report Card 2005

	Travel Reimb.	Lodging	Airfare	Car Rental & Parking Fees	Registrations	Total
Dee	15,976.28	10,004.48	3,734.00	1,025.87	2,565.00	33,305.63
Lillie	7,798.49	5,131.23	2,725.68	569.60	1,690.00	17,915.00
Reggie	7,370.05	0.00	2,095.88	0.00	1,830.00	11,295.93
Bud	2,481.69	1,674.26	2,015.00	0.00	0.00	6,170.95
Dave	7,190.33	2,563.03	1,364.80	105.25	175.00	11,398.41
Lorraine	5,197.62	1,569.22	1,853.80	24.00	990.00	9,634.64
Robert	1,135.98	839.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,975.08
Phil	4,776.52	286.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,063.35
JoAnn	5,075.94	1,825.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,901.19
Jessie	1,281.75	987.63	0.00	0.00	400.00	2,669.38
Jane	906.75	822.58	603.78	0.00	0.00	2,333.11
Rosemary	1,854.43	1,320.67	0.00	12.75	0.00	3,187.85
Total Expense	57,002.90	23,893.40	13,789.16	1,724.72	7,250.00	

Salaries	Hours	Amount Pd.	
Dee	2,341.50	24,183.47	
Lillie	2,077.00	21,451.67	
Reggie	2,116.00	21,853.14	
Bud	570.50	5,893.27	
Dave	1,410.00	14,565.31	
Lorraine	940.50	9,715.37	
Robert	518.50	5,356.14	
Phil	1,318.75	13,622.70	
JoAnn	1,185.25	12,242.64	
Jessie	235.00	2,421.86	for 1 mo.
Jane	210.50	2,173.48	for 1 mo.
Rosemary	154.00	1,589.62	for 1 mo.

Some Siletz Tribal Children Need You!

The Indian Child Welfare Program needs good homes for temporary and long-term placement for some of our Siletz Tribal children. Foster homes and homes for relative placements are needed, both locally and within the 11-county service area.

If you are thinking of becoming a foster parent or relative placement, or just have questions, contact Sandra Simmons at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1275, or 541-444-8275. Packets on the certification process and information sessions are available upon request.

Most Often Requested Numbers

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	1-800-922-1399
Salem Area Office	503-390-9494
Salem Finance Office	1-888-870-9051
Portland Area Office	503-238-1512
Eugene Area Office	541-484-4234
Springfield Siletz Tribal Head Start	541-747-0161
Contract Health Services (CHS)	1-800-628-5720
Siletz Community Health Clinic	1-800-648-0449
Siletz Alcohol and Drug	1-800-600-5599
Chinook Winds Casino Resort	1-888-244-6665
Chemawa Health Clinic	1-800-452-7823
Bureau of Indian Affairs	1-800-323-8517
Web Site	www.ctsi.nsn.us