

Salem Casino

I received a call from Gov. Tina Kotek in mid-April letting me know that she was issuing a letter to all Oregon Tribes to notify them that she was not going to approve the Siletz application to take land into trust in Salem for the proposed casino.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has not yet made a decision on our application. The Tribe is close to getting a decision.

I let her know how disappointed I was in her judgement. The governor believes there is a "one casino policy," while we and the state legislature know there is no such policy. I reminded her that we negotiated a compact more than 20 years ago and the Tribe as well as the state need to live up to that negotiation.

Once we get a BIA decision, the Tribe will determine how best to move forward.

Consent Decree

The negotiation on the consent decree has not yet moved forward. We had hoped to be on the Oregon Department Fish & Wildlife agenda in June. Siletz and Grand Ronde were to come up with a plan to move forward.

With regard to the federal legislation about the consent decree, it was to move forward very soon in Congress. Rep. Val Hoyle will introduce the legislation in the House of Representatives; not sure who will be co-sponsors yet. Sen. Jeff Merkley will re-introduce it in the Senate.

This action is still a high priority for the Tribe and we hope to have a hearing in the House soon.

Chinook Nation

A motion was passed at our last regular council meeting to support the Chinook Indian Restoration.

Chemawa Station

The Keizer City Council on April 17, 2023, approved an amendment to the Chemawa Station plan. It will allow us to alter somewhat the kinds of businesses that will go on the property.

The City of Keizer has been very supportive of our efforts and we are excited to see the development take place.

Memorial Day

Please join us for our Memorial Day Ceremony in Siletz as we give our thanks and our appreciation to all veterans who have given their lives during peace and war times.



Delores Pigsley

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- FARM TOUR AND RAINWATER CATCHMENT DEMO
- VEGETABLE PLANTING IN THE GARDEN
- RIPARIAN BRUSH MANAGEMENT
- BEAVER HABITAT RESTORATION

This activity is running concurrently with the Center for Rural Livelihoods & Live Oak Consulting's event.

For information about the Siletz Tribe, visit our website at www.ctsi.nsn.us.

Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council will host an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the banquet room at Aces Sports Bar & Grill in Lincoln City, Ore.

If you have any questions, please contact the Elders Program at 541-444-8212.

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