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Five Tribal Council members appear to have listened. Pat Morrell, though she could not recall the vote in question, said that Tribal Council "usually goes along with recommendations from committees."

The Tribe's Timber Committee, according to unapproved minutes of its March 30, 1988 meeting, discussed the Lower Gorge timber sale and the "30,418 board feet of unutilized logs," fixing the volume of unutilized logs at 1.3% of the total "2,367,530 board feet removed and paid for." The Committee found the 1.3% nearly three times the "standard for an acceptable logging job."

Timber Committee minutes further stated that, "the owner of the logging company wants to walk the unit to see if agrees" with tribal estimates of unutilized logs. Tribal records indicate that over three-quarters of the timber left was in pieces at least 12 feet long. "If so, he [the logger] would probably re-yard the unit this summer...because he wants to maintain his reputation of doing a good logging job."

Timber Committee records fail to state whether an official recommendation was passed to Tribal Council. But both Lane and Simmons are members of the Timber Committee, a fact that leaves open the possibility that their "advice" to Tribal Council was taken as the recommendation of the Timber Committee.

Delores Pigsley, Tribal Council Chair, when contacted about the Council's action, stated that she remembered the idea to waive the \$5,000 bill coming from B.I.A. officials and Ted Werth, former Executive Director of STEDCO.

Nelsen Witt, Superintendent of the BIA's Siletz Agency, denies that he gave any advice or made any recommendation to cancel the bill-of-collection. "I'm not a forester. A recommendation like that would have come from our Forestry Department."

Varner said he made no such recommendation. "I don't recall any sort of dialogue between the B.I.A. and the Tribal Council that involves this cancellation."

Werth said that his understanding of the matter was that Caffall Brothers, the contractor, was holding the \$5,316.94 in retainage until the subcontractor, A.C. Brown and Co., decided either to relog the area or suffer the loss. "That was their choice," Werth said. "Either bring the logs out, or pay the bill-of-collection."

Werth did recall writing a letter suggesting that future

contracts adopt a more lenient standard but said he "was surprised when Tribal Council decided to waive the bill-of-collection" on the Lower Gorge Timber Sale. □

## Clinic Site Selected

The Tribe has hopes that a parcel of land just east of the Siletz City Hall will become home to the planned tribal health clinic. The City of Siletz owns the land. According to General Manager, Phil Rilatos, negotiations are going well to have the clinic constructed on the site.

The start-up date for construction is still up in the air. "But the projected completion is probably November or December, 1990," Rilatos said.

The health clinic, which will be "totally tribally run and operated," got a boost in 1989 when the U.S. Congress passed a special appropriations bill that earmarked \$470,000 for equipment and start-up costs of the Siletz Clinic. The Tribe had previously been awarded a \$250,000 Community Development block grant from H.U.D. to help fund the clinic. □

### General Council Meeting

February 3, 1990  
Siletz Tribal Community Center  
1:00 P.M.

#### Agenda

Call to Order  
Invocation  
Roll Call  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of Minutes  
Tribal Members Concerns  
Committee Reports  
Chairman's Report  
Chemawa School Presentation  
Guest--Chemawa Student Council  
Gerald Gray, Superintendent  
Announcements  
Adjournment