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Xmas Trees in the Red

A memo sent to Tribal Council and STEDCO Commission members dated March 14, 1990 and signed by Tribal General Manager Phil Rilatos reported that STEDCO spent \$78,658.51 in upkeep on the Chemawa Tree Farm but tallied only \$13,450 from the sale of Christmas trees last year.

In addition, STEDCO donated \$2,000 to the Chemawa High School student body, leaving the venture with a \$67,208.51 net loss for the year.

\$400,000 Loan Repayment

At a special meeting on 3/29/90, the Board approved the purchase of 238 acres of land on Rock Creek. Included in the land purchase is an 18 acre property home to a fish hatchery currently not in use.

The land deal came at the request of the Siletz Tribal Council who asked for STEDCO to use the \$163,036.85 purchase price as the first installment in the repayment of a \$400,000 loan made by the Tribe to STEDCO in 1986.

Other STEDCO Board Action

FEBRUARY 10TH MEETING:

STEDCO Commissioners authorized the recruitment and advertisement of a Forester/Timber Marketer position. Commissioners discussed the position again at its April 14th meeting and again agreed to advertise the position.

In a 5-0-0 vote, the Board also passed a recommendation onto Tribal Council that would have allowed "Phil Rilatos to continue in the capacity as STEDCO Director for one year..." Tribal Council, after a lengthy discussion with members Delores Pigsley, Monte Kentta, Jane John and Lillie Butler speaking against the proposal and with Dolly Fisher, Frank Simmons and Jessie Davis with words of praise for the plan, let STEDCO's recommendation die a natural death at its February 17th meeting.

MARCH 10, 1990 MEETING:

By resolution, the Board directed Dan Van Otten to draft a policy statement defining "conflict of interest."

The Board reviewed a study by Walker and Macy Consultants concerning the design and layout of an RV park in Siletz. The Board directed the firm to prepare estimates of cost and agreed to fund a market study.

In an unanimous vote, the Board elected Bud Shoemake to the office of Vice-Chair.

In a 5-0-0 vote, the Board approved a 3.5% cost of living allowance to STEDCO staff retroactive to 1/1/90.

Commissioners approved the placement of the Health Clinic on property owned by STEDCO.

After interviewing 5 finalist, the Board hired Curt Mader as Executive Director at the annual salary of \$32,000.

MARCH 29, 1990 MEETING:

The Board, after agreeing to buy the fish hatchery property, approved the submission of a \$37,000 grant application to the Economic Development Administration.

APRIL 14, 1990 MEETING:

The Board listened to complaints and recommendations of tribal members opposed to future timber marketing contracts with Caffall Bros. Forest Products, Inc.

The Board reviewed a proposal by Manager Frankie Rilatos to expand the physical plant of the Evergreen Enterprise.

Commissioners directed Curt Mader to set up training for the Board on the topic of economic development.

The Board approved a new contract for marketing Christmas trees from the Chemawa tree farm and directed Commissioner John Miller and Manager Frankie Rilatos to begin negotiations with buyers.

The Board approved a \$500 contract with tribal member Leonard Flanary to survey the condition of STEDCO rental property.

The Board awarded a contract to erect fencing around STEDCO Offices to James M. Teague, the lowest bidder.

Commissioners reviewed a proposal to purchase the Snow Mist Plant on Newport's Bayfront from the City of Newport and directed Bud Shoemake and Curt Mader to report to the Board at its next meeting potential money making ventures that could be operated by STEDCO at the Snow Mist site. □

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