

Council Meeting Minutes

MEETING: Regular Tribal Council
DATE: June 18, 1983
TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: Salem Area Office

Council Members Present:
Elouise Case
Jane John
Delores Pigsley
Douglas Brown
Ed Case, Sr.
Art Bensell
Mary Fisher

Council Members Absent:
Robert Rilatos
JoAnn Miller

Others Present:
LeRoy Wilder
Marcella Butler, Staff
Louise Klaila, Law Clerk
Rose Bremner, Tribal Member
Norma Kentta, Tribal Member
Chuck Lane, Tribal Member
Don Hudson, Tribal Member
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Mary Alice Muncey, Health Committee
Richard Koehler, Tribal Member
Dale Hile, Development Director
Jim St. Martin, General Manager
Kugie Lewis, Programs Director
Leonard Flanery, Tribal Member
Bernard Topash, Superintendent
Cassie Case
Mercelene Flagg, Tribal Member
Ernestine Wooten, Tribal Member
Ed Ben, Tribal Member
Bev Hatch, Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by Chairman Mary Fisher. Roll Call taken with two members absent. A few moments of silent invocation were observed.

LeRoy Wilder introduced Louise Klaila, Law Clerk, who will be reseraching potential Tribal claims.

Delores Pigsley asked that Tribal Council concerns be moved up to follow approval of the Minutes.

MOTION 1 — Ed Case moved to approve the Agenda with inclusions of travel requests, kitchen equipment approval, Art's report on workshop and Revenue Sharing request. Seconded by Art Bensell. Motion carried 7-0-0.

MOTION 2 — Art Bensell moved to approve the Minutes of 5/21/83 with corrections: **MOTION 15** should include the Health Administrator proposal; the General Manager contacted the County Commissioners, not the Solicitor. The memo on decisions made on 5/9/83 should include the five ball teams: T-Ball team, Springfield Winterhawks, Lou Surcamp Logging, Holiday Classic Men's team and Men's team for tournament in White Swan, WA. Seconded by Delores Pigsley. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Tribal Council Concerns — Delores Pigsley read a prepared statement giving her viewpoint on the Tribal Chairman and Council.

MOTION 3 — Delores Pigsley moved that an interim Tribal Chairman be elected to serve the Siletz Tribe until the next General Election; that a committee be formed of three Council members to define a policy under which the authority of the Tribal Chairman's office will be exercised; that the Council members and key staff meet to discuss or revise and approve a policy for this Council to operate under. Seconded by Elouise Case. Motion carried 5-0-2.

Consensus of Council to postpone action on this motion until a full Council is present.

BIA — Bernard Topash, Superintendent, discussed the Sugas Hill Timber Sale. There was not as much timber cut and removed as originally expected, which resulted in less income of approximately \$300,000 for the Tribe. The BIA Portland Area staff is checking on this. The Resolu-

tion on the FY 83 Timber Management Plan should be rescinded and a Resolution adopted on the FY 83 Timber Administrative Fees.

MOTION 4 — Delores Pigsley moved to amend Resolution No. 83-103, approving the FY 83 Forestry Management Plan to FY 83 Timber Administrative Fees. Seconded by Jane John. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Mr. Topash read a proposed Resolution on use of Jobs Bill funds for a Forest Development contract proposal.

MOTION 5 — Art Bensell moved to adopt the Resolution for a Forest Development contract proposal. Seconded by Delores Pigsley. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Discussion on the BIA realignment's impact on Siletz and the Cow Creeks use of the Siletz Agency's services.

Tax Status Workshop — Delores Pigsley reported on the Tax Status Workshop she attended in Seattle, WA, June 7-8.

Break — 12:30 — 1:55 P.M.

Health Committee — Mary Alice reported on the Health hearing in Seattle by the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, the Commission on Indian Services and the Food Share Program. She requested a Resolution be adopted and sent to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, attention of Patricia Zell, supporting the testimony given by the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.

MOTION 6 — Jane John moved to adopt a Resolution in support of the NW Portland Area Indian Health Board's testimony given to the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs. Seconded by Douglas Brown. Motion carried 7-0-0.

MOTION 7 — Elouise Case moved to go into Executive Session at 2:20 P.M. Seconded by Ed Case. Unanimously approved.

MOTION 8 — Elouise Case moved to go out of Executive Session at 2:50 P.M. Seconded by Jane John. Unanimously approved.

1980-1990 Census Work shop — Shirley Strickler submitted a written report. Recommendations should be given to Alice Solomon by the middle of July. She will be meeting with staff next week. There was no response from Siletz in 1980.

General Manager — Jim St. Martin reported on the CETA audit by Warm Springs. Only two small errors were found. He discussed a retirement plan workshop for Tribal CPA firm is interested in working with the Siletz Tribe. He's worked with several Tribes in the NW with good results and this is also an Indian-owned business. Discussion on applications for Tribal Forester. Jim will handle hiring the Forester. Robert Rilatos and Art Bensell have been appointed to the Timber Committee. Jim commends appointing an Ad-Hoc Planning Committee as this is a deliverable under the current FY Reservation Implementation contract. Delores Pigsley, Ed Case and Doug Brown are interested in serving on the committee.

MOTION 9 — Delores Pigsley moved to establish a three member Ad-Hoc Planning Committee. Seconded by Art Bensell. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Jim discussed using Timber Administrative fees to fund two staff that will not be covered under contracts. Dale feels a policy on use of the new Community Center is needed. Jim would like to know who will be moving to the new building. The building cannot be occupied until the road is completed and the building inspected. At the end of each meeting, Jim would like to briefly recap the meeting on what action should be taken and by whom.

"Equity in the 80's" Workshop — Art Bensell reported on the workshop he attended at Lewis & Clark College in Portland. He discussed his impressions on the various panels. The Grand Ronde Tribe wants a position on the Commission on Indian Services, he also reported.

Programs Director — Kugie Louis reported that he and Jim were developing plans on communications. Programs are being offered and services are being delivered. Some staff need to improve their skills as they are only minimally qualified. They should be fired or trained. Jim is in the process of setting up the new Springfield office.

Mary Fisher presented a plaque and an engraved pen to Lindsay John for almost ten years of continuous service on the Tribal Council.

Economic Development — Dale Hile distributed the agenda for the Warm Springs visit, June 22-23. Council members and LeRoy Wilder will meet at 1 P.M. on the 22nd to discuss what questions to ask. Dr. Gruber still would like the Tribe involved in his pre-fab housing venture. The Chinese are looking for a billion board feet of Douglas-fir. Gary Craigmiles, Alder Research, Inc., would like to talk to the Council on this.

Break 4:51 — 5:02 P.M.

Tribal Attorney — LeRoy Wilder discussed the eight county service area and recommended not pursuing changing the counties to include Multnomah because of the tenuous nature of the service area. He will prepare and send out a memo on garnishment of employees wages. IHS eligibility was published in the Federal Register June 6. He would like to work with the Health Committee on preparing comments and testimony to send. He has not been able to contact Phil Larsen on preparing the estimate for re-surveying the potential Iron Mtn. claim. Twenty people attended the Tribal Court training in Portland last week. He will send out a proposed schedule of training, including make-up sessions.

MOTION 10 — Art Bensell moved to approve LeRoy Wilder's May billing. Seconded by Ed Case. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Announcements

Mary Fisher reported that the Snoqualamie Tribe wrote asking for support on their federal recognition. LeRoy said they were probably going through administrative recognition, in which case, support from other Tribes would not matter.

The Hillsboro 4-H Club wrote asking for a speaker on Indian legends July 14 when their wagon train arrived in Tillamook. This will be referred to Title IV.

Revenue Sharing Requests

There was a request for sending a child to summer school.

Kitchen Equipment — Marcella Butler recommended accepting the bid from Boxer-Marcus for kitchen equipment.

MOTION 11 — Delores Pigsley moved to purchase the kitchen equipment from Boxer-Marcus. Seconded by Elouise Case. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Tribal Council Concerns — Art Bensell expressed a concern on receiving mail days after it had been received in one of the offices.

Other — Bev Hatch announced that Valerie Rilatos and Taylor Hatch, Siletz High School, were selected as two of the top twenty-five Indian students in the United States and invited to attend a workshop on Indian Youth Leadership.

There was discussion on the maintenance of Government Hill.

Jim recapped the meeting on what needs to be accomplished.

Meeting adjourned — 6 P.M.

**Next Council
Meeting
August 6, 1983**
