

# Council Meeting Minutes

**MEETING:** Regular Tribal Council

**DATE:** September 17, 1983

**TIME:** 10:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Urban Indian Center, Portland, OR

Council members present: Elouise Case, Douglas Brown, Jane John, Robert Rilatos, Dee Pigsley, Art Bensell, JoAnn Miller, Ed Case, Sr., Mary Fisher.

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Chairman Art Bensell. Invocation given by Elouise Case. Roll call taken with all Council Members present.

**MOTION #1** — Mary Fisher moved to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Robert Rilatos. Unanimously approved.

**MOTION #2** — Robert Rilatos moved to approve the minutes of 8/5/83. Seconded by Mary Fisher. Unanimously approved.

**MOTION #3** — Delores Pigsley moved to approve the minutes of 8/6/83. Seconded by Mary Fisher. Unanimously approved.

**MOTION #4** — Delores Pigsley moved to approve the minutes of 8/8/83. Seconded by Mary Fisher. Unanimously approved.

**MOTION #5** — Robert Rilatos moved to approve the minutes of 8/12/83. Seconded by Mary Fisher. Unanimously approved.

Art Bensell introduced Elizabeth Furst and Tim Wapato of the National Coalition to Support Indian Treaties. The goals and the position of the Coalition were discussed.

Art introduced Bob Lockyear, new General Manager. Bob introduced Mike Cloughesy, new Tribal Forester and Tribal Accountant Alan Wilkinson, Programs Director Kugie Louis and Field Representative Terry Fisher.

**BIA — Bernard Topash** — Reported that BIA staff have been working on housing through the Jobs Bill and winding down the contracts to close them in a timely manner. He and David Bartels have spent about 6 days at the Cow Creeks inspecting housing. Amendments have delayed the Interior's appropriations bill but it may be signed by 10/1. Grand Ronde's bill has been progressing through Congress. It is identical to the Siletz.

Art opened the meeting to questions and discussion:

Concerns expressed: People in Portland should be entitled to the same benefits as the people in Siletz; the last General Manager only told the people in Portland what they could not do. Art said that in the area of education, the people in Portland are receiving the same benefits or more than the people in Siletz. Bernie Topash explained that to receive vocational training funding requires ¼ blood degree and you must be between 18 and 35 years old; higher education funding also requires a ¼ blood degree and you must be enrolled in a college or university. Pauline Montana complained that a letter written requesting information had not been answered. She called Wilma Strong twice to see if Terry Fisher had received it. He said he had not but she knows it was received and stamped in and Terry threw it in the wastebasket. Terry said to date he had not received the letter. Vernon Brown said it was the practice in that office to throw away letters. Bob Lockyear said a centralized mail system is needed and a record kept of mail received. Betty Unger said her son sent an application for college in January and did not receive a reply. Bernie Topash suggested that the newsletter print which staff person is responsible for which program each month. People in Portland do not always receive the newsletter. Several concerns were expressed on writing to the Springfield office and not receiving a reply on higher education. Robert Rilatos said to get word to Siletz on correct addresses and that Ms. Montana should have been referred to the right staff person. Discussion on opening mail and mail being misplaced. Bob Lockyear said a mail system would be developed. Elouise Case asked Bob Lockyear why Terry Fisher was over Nancy Simmons since he does not use her as a secretary. Elouise tried to get into the files but they were locked. Bob said he would check into this. Terry Fisher explained that Nancy is funded under two contracts and that he had been directed by the General Manager to place the housing files under lock & key. Elouise feels Nancy should not be under Terry because he is rude to her. Bob Lockyear has asked for an executive session after the meeting and perhaps this could be addressed then. Vernon Brown asked Terry Fisher if he had written a letter to Council on his housing appeal. Terry explained that the Housing Committee had denied Vernon's appeal and Vernon was told to contact Council. Jane John, Housing Committee member, verified this explanation. Bernie Topash recommended that Tribal members look to the State or other areas for programs similar to those offered in Siletz, such as the cheese distribution. Art Bensell said that people could come to the Commission on Indian Services & make their concerns known. The Commission is there to help people and is very powerful. Every bill that the Commission has introduced has become law. Art is willing to take questions to the Commission

meetings. The ramifications of changing the eight county service areas were again discussed. LeRoy Wilder, Tribal Attorney, explained that what the Legislative Committee wanted once the Reservation (3600 acres) was established, was to return to "on-or-near a Reservation", which would only apply to the people living in Siletz. The Executive Branch is looking for every way to save dollars and if a red flag is raised, the service area may be lost.

Break — 11:50 - 11:59 a.m.

Denise Johnson asked about a Planning meeting. Delores Pigsley said a meeting was held on Wednesday night and only 5 people attended, including staff and committee members. The purpose of the town hall meetings is to get input on long term goals for the Tribe. Andrew Delgado asked how many Tribal members worked on construction of the new building. One Tribal member subcontracted for the roof. Discussion on hiring workers on the new building. Bob Lockyear will look into this and try to have it written in future contracts to hire a percentage of Tribal members.

Break — 12:16 - 1:30 p.m.

Concerns: Yvonne Fish asked about the cut in funding for higher education students which would allow only \$600 per student. Bernie Topash explained that when FY 84 funds were received, students would be funded. Question asked on how the dollar amount per student was arrived at. Alan Wilkinson said he was not sure, but he would check into it. Questions asked on the use of timber revenue funds for education. The plan for timber funds is to develop an economic base through enterprises for the Tribe. Timber funds are also used for the operation and maintenance of Government Hill, Tribal Community Center and council expenses. Andy Viles asked if Tribal funds were ever used for education, would 1/8 blood degree members be eligible for assistance. Delores Pigsley said she thought a committee should be formed for education. Pauline Montana asked if a Tribal member could use the Tribal Attorney. LeRoy explained that an initial consultation would be without charge but after that his standard rate would be used. He further explained that his expenses for Tribal business were for specific contracts which are regulated by the BIA.

Tribal Court training ended with a mock trial at the Benton County Courthouse on 9/10. Two make-up sessions are needed and he suggested 10/22 and 11/12 in Corvallis. Twenty-five people completed the training. LeRoy distributed a revised bill deleting a telephone expenses for a call to his law firm in Washington, D.C. He explained that the bill appeared larger than it was because of the surveyor's bill and the binders for the Tribal Code. There was not an overwhelming response on claims and the potential claims will be sent to the BIA.

**MOTION #6** — Robert Rilatos moved to pay the Attorney's invoice for August. Seconded by Delores Pigsley. Mary Fisher asked about the all day meeting in Chemawa on IHS and what it consisted of, as the Council did not ask that he attend. Delores Pigsley stated that Art Bensell had approved LeRoy's attendance. Motion carried unanimously.

Marcella Butler wanted to clarify that she did not order the oversized table for the conference room. There was a Government Hill Committee, however, they had nothing to do with the dimensions. Mary Fisher said the table had been cut down and looks good.

Concerns: Elouise Case gave her resignation from the Housing Committee because of her many concerns involving her family members. Terry Fisher read the Category D criteria from the Housing Ordinance, as there were several questions concerning this category and that only the elderly and handicapped could apply. Frank Simmons asked the Housing Committee if Terry Fisher gave any negative input when the committee heard his appeal. He said he and Sheryl Fisher were outside the door and overheard Terry say if his appeal was approved then Terry would appeal it. Jane John clarified what Terry Fisher actually said. Terry Fisher explained how appeals were handled. Elouise stated again that she was resigning from the Committee. Robert Rilatos moved to accept the resignation. Vernon Brown stated that Cal Hewitt (former Acting Superintendent) had recommended to him that he would recommend that the Council fire Terry. Douglas Brown discussed his father's housing application and said that Terry Fisher isn't for the people as he isn't honest and fair and that Cal Hewitt recommended that Terry go to school for that. Robert Rilatos recommended that the Housing Committee, Bob Lockyear, Terry Fisher and BIA staff meet to review the ordinance and come back to the Council with recommendations.

**MOTION #7** — Mary Fisher moved to approve the recommendation that Bob Lockyear, the Housing Committee, Terry Fisher and BIA staff meet to review the Ordinance and make recommendations to the Council. Seconded by Elouise Case. Motion carried 9-0-0.

Elouise Case withdrew her resignation. Douglas Brown

asked if the Housing Committee wasn't satisfied with Terry's work could they make a recommendation to the Council that he be fired. Bob Lockyear said that decision would be up to Administration.

**MOTION #8** — Mary Fisher moved to go into executive session. Seconded by JoAnn Miller. Unanimously approved.

**MOTION #9** — Elouise Case moved to go out of executive session. Seconded by Ed Case. Unanimously approved.

**MOTION #10** — Robert Rilatos moved to accept the organizational chart presented by the General Manager, which will become part of the Comprehensive Plan when it is accepted. Seconded by Mary Fisher. Motion carried 9-0-0.

Meeting adjourned.

JoAnn Miller, Council Secretary

**MEETING:** Special Tribal Council

**DATE:** August 5, 1983

**PLACE:** BIA — Siletz, OR

**TIME:** 6:30 P.M.

Council Members present: Arthur Bensell, JoAnn Miller, Douglas Brown, Jane John, Edward Case, Sr., Mary Fisher. Council Members absent: Dee Pigsley, Elouise Case, Robert Rilatos.

Meeting called to order at 6:45. Roll call taken. Invocation by Art Bensell.

Mike Cloughesy, candidate for Tribal Forester, was introduced by Dale Hile. Mike discussed his education, background and reasons for applying for employment with the Siletz Tribe.

**MOTION #1** — Mary Fisher moved to approve the recommendation to hire Mike Cloughesy as the Tribal Forester. Seconded by Jane John. Motion carried 6-0-0.

**Revenue Sharing Requests**

**MOTION #2** — Mary Fisher moved to approve a \$100 emergency request by Dixie R. Snider. Seconded by Jane John. Motion carried 6-0-0.

A revenue sharing request by Renee Metcalf was referred to Kugie Louis. He will look for alternative funding sources and assistance for both Renee Metcalf and Dixie Snider. This was by consensus of Council members.

**MOTION #3** — Mary Fisher moved to approve a \$42 request from Rosella Butler. Seconded by Jane John. Motion carried 6-0-0. The \$42 is the difference between what IHS paid for glasses and the actual cost.

**Government Hill** — Dale Hile requested approval of a Resolution for acceptance of the Government Hill project and a Resolution for a maintenance budget. He acknowledged the CETA and YOP crews for doing an excellent job in working on the grounds on the Hill. Change order #5 on the project will give an extension to the contractor to 8/5/83. Change order #6 is for \$581 of electrical work. The kitchen utensils will arrive on 8/15 and office furnishings on 8/19. He recommends that Council take a two day retreat to work on the organizational chart and the comprehensive plan, with a consultant to facilitate the meeting. Job descriptions for a Groundskeeper and a Maintenance Supervisor and the budget for Government Hill were distributed. Dale would like approval of \$200 for materials for a waterline to the Pow-Wow ground. Dale and CETA crew will install.

**Programs Director** — Kugie Louis discussed the Social Services contract which requires a data base for a three year plan. Mike Hibberd from the U of O has been contacted to do the research as a consultant. This is a line item in the budget.

**MOTION #4** — Mary Fisher moved to approve the contract with Mike Hibberd to provide consultant services for development of a three year plan, as required by the Social Services contract. Seconded by JoAnn Miller. Motion carried 5-1-0.

Staff training will be held 8/11 and 12 in Corvallis.

Art asked the Council to consider who will be on the committee to review the applications for General Manager. There are two applications for the CPA contract.

Vernon Brown asked if Jim St. Martin appealed his firing and if Terry Fisher made any major decisions when he was acting Programs Director. Art and Kugie responded no, respectively.

Meeting adjourned 8:49 p.m.

JoAnn Miller  
Council Secretary

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