Council Minutes Continued

MOTION #4 — Arthur Bensell moved to with the two present sites of Mill Creek and Euchre Creek, and the Hunting and Fishing Committee will recommend a third site on Rock Creek. Seconded by Kristi Martin. Motion unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Attorney's Report — LeRoy Wilder — At a previous meeting, Council decided to explore acquiring additional BLM lands. The Planning Committee has also been discussing this, it is also stated in the Comprehensive Plan. At the moment, BLM and the Forest Service are trying to swap 30 million acres of timber land. Council can consider contacting our congressional delegation to include additional Siletz lands in that legislation. Another opportunity is the legislation for the Grand Ronde reservation land. Chairman said that Council has already passed a motion to increase our land base, but have not committed money to do that. Mike Cloughesy said that we could quadruple our land base, this would be a significant step towards economic development. Phil Rilatos said that the Planning Committee has recommended a budget of $10,000 to pursue land acquisition. Chairman said that these funds would be used for travel and to draft a bill. We need to convince Hatfield and AuCoin that we cannot become self-sufficient with the amount of land we have now. Arthur Bensell said that they are convinced already. When the Reservation Bill was introduced, they said that we did not ask for enough land. They are very strong in Congress at this time, should do something now. LeRoy said that Hatfield may support this beause he does not agree with the BLM/-Department of Agriculture swap. He may support the swap if Siletz is included in the legislation.

MOTION #5 — Bud Lane moved to approve budget of $10,000 for economic development, specifically, land acquisition. Seconded by Kristi Martin. Motion unanimously approved 8-0-0.

LeRoy said that the Federal Budget has been introduced and there are some things that will affect us. Staff should identify these and prepare some testimony. LeRoy then handed out some bills that will be introduced at the state level regarding Indian issues. The bills deal with representation on the Commission on Indian Services, "E" plates for Indian Tribes and a bill which authorizes the Governor to enter into agreements with Indian Tribes. LeRoy suggested that letters be sent supporting all of these bills. Art Bensell said that there is another bill we should support dealing with an Education Specialist for Tribes.

LeRoy said that at the last meeting, it was discussed whether Siletz should be eligible for more Revenue Sharing funds based on populations in Lane and Marion counties. We receive funds based on a population of 511 in Lincoln County, this is about 100 more than we actually have. Revenue Sharing is scheduled to be discontinued in 1986. May not be worth the trouble to fight for more money. The IRS has indicated that they will fight this. It was decided not to pursue this further because we might lose what we get. Mary Fisher said that at the Affiliated Tribes agreed not to make Revenue Sharing an issue. LeRoy stated that the ANA Grant calls for establishment of a Law Revision Committee to monitor the Civil Code and Operations Manual. LeRoy's proposal to the state regarding restraining orders has been accepted. The Hoopa Tribe has sent a request to suport them in their court case. LeRoy will draft a letter which does not take a position. LeRoy explained the Jessie Short case and the effects it has on Tribes. Kristi Martin asked LeRoy about being a lottery agent. LeRoy said that the Ordinance would have to be amended. May not be worth the time because there will be so many other businesses selling the tickets. LeRoy handed out copies of his January billing and it is also time to renegotiate the attorney contract. The new contract does not have to be approved until the next meeting. LeRoy drafted a letter regarding expansion of the service area, which goes through Nelsen Witt first. LeRoy read the letter. Mary Alice Muncey asked where we will get the money to serve the Portalnd people. Chairman explained that we will not receive additional funding except in JOM. Mary Alice said that the people in the 8 counties will have to make sacrifices for those people. Douglas Brown disagreed. The letter wil be sent.

LeRoy reviewed his proposed General Counsel Contract. Chairman instructed Council to be prepared to discuss this at the next meeting.

MOTION #6 — Vernon Brown moved to approve January Attorney Invoice. Seconded by Frank Simmons. Motion unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Mary Fisher asked when a report will be made on the Washington, D.C. trip. Delores Pigsley said that she can make it at the next General Council meeting.

Lunch Break 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

MOTION #7 — Bud Lane moved to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel, 1:00 p.m. Seconded by Arthur Bensell. Motion unanimously approved 8-0-0.

MOTION #8 — Timber Report — Mike Cloughesy — Council received minutes of February 8 Timber Committee meeting. Appraisal has been completed on the Burbank Creek Timber Sale. It is $138.00, the Timber Committee thought this was low when compared to the Cerrine Creek appraisal, which was around $160.00. The Timber Committee suggests waiting on the Burbank Creek Timber sale until after the bid opening on the Cerrine Creek. The Rock Creek sale did not get appraisal completed yet. Bid opening for the Cerrine Creek sale is March 19 at $160 per thousand, then the Timber Committee will meet after that to look at Little Rock Creek and Burbank Creek. Will mail out these resolutions to Council, then conduct a Telephone Poll for approval. The committee has been looking at Indian Preference Timber purchase and enterprise. Are looking into some options. The Committee has also been looking into the trade mission to China, Louis Sleeper is heading that mission. The mission has been delayed until April. The Inter-tribal Timber Council will be meeting on May 1 and 2. Some people should go to that meeting. The Timber Committee has recommended approval of the Interim Forest Management Plan for the Siletz Indian Reservation. The Bureau requires a final plan to govern every aspect of our forestry operation. The deadline for submission to the Bureau is December 31. It is important that Tribal Council adopt this Plan. Mike handed out copies of the Plan and asked that it be approved at next month's meeting. Mike then reported that he wrecked the Tribe's Bronco last week. There is about $3,200 worth of damages. Forestry program will pay the deductible.

Tribal/State Agreement — Frank Peterson — The Tribe submitted a pre-application for funding to development of an agreement between the Tribe and State of Oregon regarding implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act. We have received notice that the pre-application was accepted, so we now have to submit an application. The Grant would be in the amount of $5,000 and will last 12 months. The funds would be used to cover about 40 hours of the attorney's time and cover some staff expenses. The proposal is due on March 8.

MOTION #9 — Kristi Martin moved to approve resolution to submit application for funding to develop a Tribal/State agreement for Indian Child Welfare. Seconded by Frank Simmons. Motion unanimusly approved 8-0-0.

Culture Program — Andy Viles — The Culture Committee has been meeting in Salem with about 12 Tribal members attending the meeting. Bob Tom and Jane John have been the most active. The Committee has worked up a budget and activities description to hire four part-time people as Information Gatherers in the Siletz, Salem, Springfield and Portland areas. The budget is for $25,000, which has been budgeted in the Tribal Government Budget. The Committee will be meeting next Sunday to work up Job Descriptions. The Information Gatherers will also organize a Culture Fair in each area, and have one major fair in Siletz. Oregon State University is interested in working with the Tribe, training staff on use of equipment, etc. The Information Gatherers will be supervised by the respective Area Supervisors, Bob Tom will supervise the Portland staff person.

MOTION #10 — Arthur Bensell moved to approve cultural budget and activity description. Seconded by Kristi Martin. Motion unanimously approved 8-0-0.

General Manager's Report — Bob Lockyear — LeRoy is reviewing the papers for the purchase of the Judd property. The agreement is $15,000 down for seven years, with $5,000 paid as earnest money. Bob requested an additional $732.36 to pay property taxes to July 1 and half of the escrow fee.

MOTION #11 — Bud Lane moved to approve $732.76 additional funds from Timber Revenue to pay taxes and half of the escrow fee for purchase of Judd Property. Seconded by Vernon Brown. Motion unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Chairman suggested we refer to the property under a different name, or it will stick forever. Art Bensell agreed that we should come up with a name.

The General Manager then reviewed a Disability Plan for the employees. Cost would be $354.94 per month, which would increase the fringe benefits by .7 percent. Funds are already budgeted in the contracts. The Plan is through Union Mutual from Portland, Maine.

MOTION #12 — Arthur Bensell moved to approve Employee's Disability Plan. Seconded by Bud Lane. Motion unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Contracts and grants were received on January 22. All quarterly reports were submitted and the programs are operating on schedule. Bob would like Council members involved in the review process. The Tribe operates about 20 contracts at this time. Staff will be meeting next Thursday to listen to the economic development presentation that was given at General Council.

Bob was directed to review the Employee Evaluation Form. Met with the Personnel Director from the University of Oregon. He is willing to provide training. Hope to have a new form by the next Council meeting. Funds are now available to build the bullpen for Tribal vehicles. Need direction on where it is to be built. The bullpen is 50x50 and will be wired into the security system. Chairman appointed an ad hock committee of Art Bensell, Bud Lane and Mary Fisher to work with Bob Lockyear on where to build the bullpen. Bob then reported that on January 23 or 24, someone cut the locks on the tool shed and stole three chain saws and a generator. Two of the saws were Alton Butler's, it has been turned over to the insurance company. SAIF sent a letter stating that the Tribe's record has been much improved.

Mary Fisher asked when the Judd property will be put into Trust. The Tribe has to own it outright before it can be put into Trust.

Doni White said that the applicaton for continued funding for Head Start is due. Chairman read the resolution. Amount of funding will be the same as this year.

MOTION #13 — Kristi Martin moved to approve resolution to submit application for continuing funding for the Head Start Program. Seconded by Vernon Brown. Motion unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Chuck Tessaro was here all last week monitoring the USDA Program. Held an Exit Conference on Friday, Bobby Simmons is doing a good job, there has been no interruption in the delivery of services. They are still concerned about the heating system, and USDA has some capitol equipment money. Doni will be exploring installing portable heaters. USDA will soon be publishing new regulations, and we may want to submit testimony at that time to include Portland in the service area. Doni also asked Mr. Tessaro about including other Tribes in our USDA Program, he thought that was a good idea, it may be the only way they'll have a program because USDA has a long list of new applications from Tribes.

Doni reported that an Audiologist will be in Siletz testing school children on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. She wil be available on Thrusday evening from 5-8 p.m. for drop in screening, and Saturday by appointment. There are also funds available from Rural Health, abut $2,700 which we can apply for. Would like to have Cardio-vascular screening because heart problems are still our #1 cause of death. Kim McCarthy has been looking into the cost for this, hearing no objections, will go ahead and submit a proposal.

The President's budget for JTPA is the same as this year. Have been notified that we are supposed to get funding for the Summer Youth Program in March, so hopefully will have a better organized summer youth this year.

Doni also reported that she attended the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board meeting in Portland. There are concerns that Headquarters in Washington D.C. has instructed the Area Offices to cover pay increases for IHS employees out of program money. Another issue brought up was the Tribal Specific Health Plans. We are still going to have to do them, so staff will be working on that. Delores mentioned that Indian Health distributed the Siletz Plan as an example. Another concern at the Health meeting was that Indian Health has contracted with Loui Bruce to study eligibility for IHS.

Frank Simmons asked if there was anything else the JTPA people can do besides cutting brush. Doni said that they can do a lot of things, have one client in a library and another in a health care center.

Phil Rilatos handed out expenditure reports. Mary Brown put these out by herself this month. He said that the money for the CHR's and transportation, it was suggested that a proposal be sent to Council on how much they need and why. This could come from the Special Projects line in Revenue Sharing. Phil requested that check signers be re-authorized.

MOTION #14 — Bud Lane moved to approve the following persons as Tribal Check signers: Arthur Bensell, Douglas Brown, Delores Pigsley, Kristi Martin, Mary Alice Muncey and Bob Lockyear. Seconded by Frank Simmons. Motion unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Jeff Williams, Housing Coordinator, briefly discussed issues rearding housing. Jeff reported that the 8 county housing inventory is completed, need to get the survey done for the Portland area. Jeff recommended that we begin exploring establishing an Indian Housing Authority, which would make us eligible for HUD funding and block grants. HUD has housing units available now. The federal budget for FY 86 reflects a reduction in housing funds, they want to cut out Category "D" completely. HIP monies may be eliminated in the near future. A letter has been mailed to the Bureau about the four housing appeals, we have not heard yet and it is holding up our FY 85 program. Jeff will have a more complete report for the next meeting.

Bob Lockyear said that Alta's accident has been turned over to the insurance company, he does not know if they will pay.

Chairman said that a salary increase for Jim Willis was discussed in executive session.

MOTION #15 — Arthur Bensell moved to increase salary of Jim Willis up to $20,764.00, subject to the approval of the Administration for Native Americans. Seconded by Bud Lane. Motion unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Committee Assignments — Council members have received a list of the Tribal Members who have aplied for committees, what their priority is, and a list of the present committee members. Chairman explained that she went through the list trying to fill all the positions and is making recommendations. The list was written on the blackboard as follows:

Health Committee: Alta Courville, Mary Alice Muncey, Delores Pigsley, Gloria Werth, Wilma Strong.

Housing Committee: Mary Fisher, Judy John, Kristi Martin, Vernon Brown.

Family Welfare Committee: Tina Jones, Joella Kline, Judy John, Gloria Werth, Jessie Davis.

Planning Committee: Tina Jones, Delores Pigsley; Douglas Brown, Bud Lane, Kristi Martin, Jessie Davis.

Hunting & Fishing Committee: Stan Werth, Keith Hatch, Walt Easter, Lillie Butler, Everett Butler, Douglas Brown.

Culture Committee: Jane John, Andy Viles, Cynthia Viles, Alta Courvile, Bob Tom, John Roe.

Pow Wow Committee: Vernon Brown, Bill Towner, Joella Kline, Gilbert Towner, Douglas Brown.

Timber Committee: Arthur Bensell, Frank Simmons, Bud Lane, Walt Easter, DeAnn Brown, Manual Rilatos, Ken Blacketer.

Education Committee: 3 JOM Parent Committee Chairmen, Arthur Bensell, Gloria Werth, Bev Owen.

Bingo Commission: Dan Rilatos, Bill Towner, Jane Jon, Bud Lane, Kristi Martin.

Andy Viles said that Tribal Court is just as important as these other committees and recommended that Council make a standing committee. An article will be put in the newsletter for volunteers for the Education Committee, Bingo Commission and Tribal Court Committee.

MOTION #16 — Vernon Brown moved to approve list of FY 85 Committee Appointments. Seconded by Arthur Bensell. Motion unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Letters will be sent to those appointed, and those not re-appointed. The Council member on each committee will schedule the first meeting to elect a chairman. A Law Revision Committee now needs to be established, as required in the ANA Grant. This committee will work with the Chief Judge. Chairman recommended Bud Lane, Andy Viles and herself.

MOTION #17 — Douglas Brown moved to approve members to Law Revision Committee as Bud Lane, Andy Viles and Delores Pigsley. Seconded by Vernon Brown. Motion unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Jane John and Delores Pigsley have been the alternates to ISRP/LC, sometimes it is very informative, and sometimes not. The meeetings are held in Seattle, about one day a month. Will not re-appoint these today. Chairman said that Mary Fisher is an alternate to NCAI. Asked if Council wanted to change this. Mary Fisher said that she would like to remain an alternate. Art Bensell is the delegate to the Commission on Indian Services and Self Development of a People's Committee.

MOTION #18 — Douglas Brown moved to approve NCAI Delegate and Alternates as follows: Delegate: Kristi Martin; 1st Alternate: Delores Pigsley; 2nd Alternate: Arthur Bensell; 3rd Alternate: Mary Fisher. Seconded by Mary Alice Muncey. Motion unanimously approved 8-0-0.

The next meeting of NCAI is March 4, 5 and 6. Will need to approve travel today.

Tribal Court — John Roe — John requested a meeting of the ad hoc committee as soon as possible to provide some input before the next Council meeting. Chairman apologized to John for not discussing with him before the Associate Judges were selected. John stated that he had no objection to the method of selection, but he received calls from the Judges, without knowing what happened. John stated that he is concerned about the funding for the Family Court. Asked how long the judges on the panel are going to serve. The judges not selected are still certified, if they attend the training and will there be a selection of a new panel. He also has questions about selecting the Chief Family Court Judge because of budget problems involved. He also needs to appoint an Alternate Acting Chief Judge. He also has questions about creating an inter-tribal court system, this is something the committee may consider. Mr. Roe atended the Northwest Tribal Court Judge's Association meeting and had a 9th District Court of Appeals Judge attend the meeting. He was asked to sit on a committee to study the President's Commission on Indian Reservation Economies, and how it would affect Tribal Court systems. The Assistant Director of the Urban Indian Council is interested in meeting with the Council, he does a lot of lobbying.Also discussed at the meeting was agreements between the Tribes to enforce each others' decisions. Mr. Roe also briefly discussed the possibility of a sister city in Japan, if anyone is interested, he can provide more information. Would like to schedule a meeting of the ad hoc committee. Vernon Brown said that our Court is in trouble financially. The Chief Judge said that the committee should consider cutting back the hours for the Court Clerk, maybe she could work into some other part time job. Chairman tentatively scheduled the committee meeting for Thursday, February 21.

President's Commission on Indian Reservation Economies — Chairman explained that the Affiliated Tribes' position was not to accept the Report. The Tribe needs to take a position because it will probably be discussed at NCAI. LeRoy Wilder reviewed the recommendations as stated in the Report. After lengthy discussion it was decided to identify only those recommendations that we should obviously support. Those recommendations were the repeal of the Termination Act, support the Indian Tax Status Act and support those positions dealing with development incentives, in principle.

MOTION #19 — Kristi Martin moved to suport the following recommendations as stated in the Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economies Report: #1 — Repeal of the Termination Act; #2 — Indian Tax Status Act; #3 — Those portions dealing with development incentives are supported in principle. Seconded by Douglas Brown. Motion unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Travel Requests —

MOTION #20 — Bud Lane moved to approve the following travel requests: Head Start Coordinator, Teacher Aid and two Parent Committee Members to Richland, WA on March 11, 12 and 14 to attend Region X Head Start meeting; Doni White, Phil Rilatos and Bob Lockyear to San Diego, CA on February 27, 28 and March 1 to attend Indirect Cost training; two accounting personnel to Phoenix , AZ in mid-March to attend A-102 Audit training. Seconded by Kristi Martin. Motion unanimously approved 8-0-0.

MOTION #21 — Kristi Martin moved to approve travel to NCAI in Washington, D.C. on March 4, 5 and 6 for Delores Pigsley, Arthur Bensell, Kristi Martin, Mary Fisher, Vernon Brown and Mary Alice Muncey. Accounting Department will reimburse for actual costs. Seconded by Mary Alice Muncey. Motion unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Meetings will be scheduled with the congressional delegation to address certain issues. All people going to Washington should attend the next Planning Committee meeting on February 27 at 1:00 to draft some fact sheets. Chairman will call NCAI to get the registration fees, etc. so advances can be submitted.

Announcements — Chairman said that Betty Vogal called requesting someone to speak to a small group regarding the Siletz Tribe. Chairman will call and get more information.

Judy John presented two Revenue Sharing requests that have been received.

MOTION #22 — Vernon Brown moved to approve two Revenue Sharing requests.

It was pointed out that the Revenue Sharing Budget has not yet been approved and published in the newsletter. LeRoy suggested that if these are approved without due notice to the membership, we may have a Court case. Vernon Brown rescinded his motion to approve the requests.

Judy John handed out new telephone calling cards to all Council members. Chairman then explained the process of filing out the Time Reports. Some of the costs can be charged to Indirect for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman hours.

Meeting Adjourned 7:00 p.m.

/s/ Mary Alice Muncey
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Council Secretary