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anniversary of the Tribe's restoration and Bob suggested that we do something special, like list accomplishments from the last 10 years. Bud said his idea is to start an Elder group or Steering Committee in conjunction with the Culture Program. He feels elders and tribal members need to participate fully and make their thoughts known so we can put together an acceptable language. John Roe responded that the Culture Committee had met and were discussing recommending an Athabascan-based language since four groups of our Tribe used this language base. Cindy has contacted a linguist to look at this. They are also trying to contact a former tribal employee who may have some tapes with elders speaking the old languages. Dee asked that tribal members contact the Central Office with additions or corrections of names for the Memorial Marker. We are trying to get the marker in place. Additional names can be added in the future. Dee noted she was in favor of administration signing checks and will bring this issue up at the next Tribal Council meeting. Stan Werth is concerned at the lack of participation on the Hunting & Fishing Committee. They are unable to conduct any business for lack of a quorum. They recommended the Council write a letter to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife that the Siletz Tribe be the only user group of mussels, and that a minimum size of at least 4 inches be required. Dee noted the letter has been written. Stan urged tribal members to take part in the tribal government by showing up for their meetings. Ed Ben read the Council minutes and did not find where the Tribal Council had discussed this issue. Ed Ben requested the tape be disconnected while he sang a song. This was done. Ed presented a tape of the song and a hand drum to Delbert Bell. The song he sang was one of Henry Bell's songs. Ed explained that a few years ago Shine and Ruby Rilatos and Ed Ben made a war bonnet for Art Bensell. Delbert has worked hard in getting Art elected to the Indian Athletic Hall of Fame. He also presented Eagle Feathers to Delbert, feathers from the same bird that he used to make Art's headdress. Delbert thanked Ed Ben and said he would cherish these for the rest of his life. He said that Art did all the work, Delbert just followed up on it. Dee noted that it took Delbert 4 or 5 years to accomplish the appointment. The Tribe has another appointment, Rueben Sanders. The Tribe is fortunate in having 2 in the Indian Athletic Hall of Fame. There will be numerous fund raising activities in the future to help pay the way of Delbert Bell. Gary Butler was concerned about STEDCO. He is not clear what their duties are — to create jobs or make money. STEDCO decisions have been made in Executive Session so that when tribal members read their minutes they are not sure what STEDCO is voting for. Funding cuts are coming from the federal government but we have no jobs for tribal members. He also asked if STEDCO would hold meetings in Siletz so tribal members could attend. Dee reported that the Council had endorsed a separate commission to deal with economic development. The Commission was formed after sending Council and Planning Committee members to other tribes with successful economic development projects. Most all tribes recommended forming an autonomous body to make these decisions. She said the only time they go into Executive Session is when discussing Personnel or business purchases. STEDCO's charter was published in the newsletter and is available for viewing. Their meetings are open and it is up to tribal members to get involved with STEDCO. Bud added that it took approximately 2½ years to get STEDCO off the ground and several open meetings were held during this time. Gary asked for the cost of the apartment complex and the 2 office spaces in the apartment complex. Dee said that information will be available soon. Lillie Butler felt that STEDCO is in the hands of white people and this is what caused termination before. Dee explained that in order to make the best decisions possible we approached the best decision makers. There are 4 non-tribal members on STEDCO, all good business people. The 5 tribal members are primarily business people, also, with the exception of the Tribal Chairman. Dee gave a report on all 9 of the STEDCO Commissioners' backgrounds.

Dee asked Pauline Ricks to come forward and announced that Pauline had been voted as Tribal Whipwoman. She has been active in the Tribe and in previous pow-wows. She will be presented a gift at the next Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow. Pauline felt many people deserved this honor and would work hard to live up to this honor. She was thankful for all that has been bestowed on the Tribe, and appreciates people like Ed Ben and his family for their cultural efforts. She felt that although we do not always agree, we still love each other. Dee asked Kristi Martin to come forward and presented her with a gift for the time she spent serving on the Tribal Council. She resigned the Council to take the Newsletter Editor/Hunting & Fishing Liaison position. Kristi stated that she enjoyed serving on the Council and that she grew a lot while serving. She commended the candidates for their hard work in trying to get elected. Dee asked LeRoy Wilder to come forward and presented him with a plaque, bestowing the title of Honorary Tribal Member on LeRoy. Since he was hired, the Council has relied on him for legal issues and his expertise in Economic Development. We are lucky to have an Indian attorney to rely on. LeRoy felt it was quite an honor. He has presented many ideas to the Council, and the Council is not afraid of trying new things or of being a leader. He felt it was an honor to be someone the Council can rely on. The Federal Government has done all they possibly can to the Siletz Tribe, but they are still here and working on languages and LeRoy hopes the Tribe will have better hunting & fishing rights in the future. He stated we have come so far because we do not take no for an answer.

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT — For the past 2½ years we have been working on land acquisition, trying to obtain an additional nearly 12,000 acres in Lincoln County. It has been kept low-key to date. We have been waiting for Grand Ronde to obtain their reservation. The Council and administrative staff have met with several agencies to present our proposal. We need to prove to Congress we need the additional land and what we will do with it. When the Tribe put together their Reservation Plan, it was felt the 3,600 acres would be enough to support the Tribe and their needs. Since then, the timber market dropped and federal grants and contracts have diminished. A report was prepared and our goal now is to let these agencies, County, State and local, know that they will be better off with the land transferred to the Tribe. We will be cutting timber and additional money will be flowing through their markets where it isn't now. Other tribes have allowed the Bureau to manage their timber, but we are looking at a couple of options where we would manage it privately. The privatization concept would set up a trust, giving each tribal member an issuance of stock. It would not be a per capita payment. We will have to study the best method possi-

ble to get the land by projecting tax revenues. The Tribal Council will be making a decision on how to manage the land. Once this decision is made, we will take an aggressive stance and look for letters of support from church groups, community groups, governmental agencies and tribal members. Recently, Dee came back from a trip to Washington, D.C. She met with congressional staff to discuss the privatization concept. It will be discussed at the February 21st Council Meeting.

TRIBAL HISTORY — Joe Lane discussed how the Tribe gained restoration. He said that many people worked long and hard all the way through. Prior to restoration, he came on the hill and saw the buildings and land had deteriorated. Many people got together and put ads in newspapers in Eugene, Tillamook, Portland, and the Lincoln County Leader inviting tribal members to meet and discuss the possibility of restoration. Bob Rilatos was a prime mover all the way through the Restoration effort. About 66 people attended the meeting. A nucleus group decided to organize and try to once again become a Confederated Tribe. They elected a Tribal Council and set their meetings. They realized that to be recognized, they needed to be more than just a group of people, so they incorporated as the Confederated Tribes of Siletz. They had no money to assist them. They needed an attorney, and Adolph Tronson contacted a friend working for Legal Aid. This attorney assisted them in writing their articles for incorporation, which was filed with the Department of Commerce. Our first restoration bill was developed by Wendall Wyatt. It was not approved as it was introduced in Congress during the time of Watergate. Much legislation was held up because of Watergate, including ours. The work did not stop here. They began to raise money and many people volunteered to help. We needed another attorney and had heard of Native American Rights Fund (NARF). They had assisted other Native Americans. Joe's wife bought Joe a ticket to Colorado and he went in person. There were 12 - 14 people there to see John Echhawk, Director of NARF. The first 9 people were turned down. Joe explained what we needed and NARF agreed to help. At this time, Art Bensell took over as Tribal Chairman. There were more and more meetings and due to the expense, Joe decided not to run for Council. Art carried the ball for several years. Finally, P.L. 95-195 was enacted. Joe reiterated that there were many people who helped and were involved in the restoration effort. There were many meetings with Steelheaders and the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission. Many were afraid we were trying to circumvent the hunting & fish laws. Sister Francella Griggs lobbied for the Tribe, taking 7 trips to Washington, D.C. before the bill was introduced. Joe & Sister Francella Griggs approached both Congressman AuCoin and Senator Mark Hatfield to seek their support. It was decided to run the bill through the House & Senate together so there would be no chance of it being dropped if one or the other opposed it. Sister Griggs even approached Senator Kennedy for support. We gained support from Senator Kennedy, Oklahoma leaders and Alaska Senators. The Bureau of Indian Affairs did not want anything to do with the Tribe. The results of this effort are seen here today in the beautiful Tribal Community Center. We are able to see doctors and dentists, send our children to college. Joe feels this is the best Council he has ever seen. We are not making the same mistakes as other tribes because we are making decisions slowly. We are lucky to have an attorney who is Indian. We would not be able to buy the services of people like John Gray, Tom Walsh, Barney Dowdle and Don Barth. They donate their services. People who helped with restoration, including Joe, did not ask for money. Rather, it cost them in time away from work and travelling expenses. He suggested that tribal members should support our Tribal Council, because they were voted in by a majority of those voting. During restoration, Joe and his wife spent about \$7,500 of their own money for travel expenses. He introduced his wife and asked her to stand. She personally donated \$5,000 at a time when we needed it the most. He also identified Adolph Tronson for obtaining our first attorney.

Joe discussed how he helped keep Chemawa by writing letters to the Statesman Journal, letting businesses know how much money would be lost if Chemawa were closed. Businesses supported keeping Chemawa. Joe also discussed the formation of the Commission on Indian Services. Some tribes were not willing to support it. The bill creating it was introduced by Senator Vic Atiyeh.

TRIBAL COURT UPDATE — John Roe reported the goal of Tribal Court was to resolve disputes under the ordinances. Last quarter there were no disputes and John felt the Council and staff were doing a good job. Court Clerk, Bonnie Petersen, keeps the Tribal Court office open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Judges were reduced to 6. Training sessions have been held on the Indian Civil Rights Act and the Indian Child Welfare Act. As a result of this training and the State/Tribal Agreement, they were able to certify their first Foster Home. Gary Butler asked if the Court were pursuing a paralegal to assist tribal members. This has been discussed, but in the last three years we have averaged only 3 cases and we cannot afford to increase the Court budget. In the future, there will be more people living on the reservation, so there may be a larger Tribal Court budget then.

PROGRAM UPDATE — Phil Rilatos reported the 1986 Accomplishment Report for Tribal Council and Tribal Programs was completed. It is 42 pages long and will be available for viewing in the near future. He is impressed and proud of staff for the outstanding job they are doing. He challenged the Council and tribal members to read the Accomplishment Report so that they would be aware of what tribal staff are doing. He stated he appreciated the confidence and support the Council has shown him in the last year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Maxine asked if there was any way the Council could provide a donation of money or something to assist Jamie Lewis. She is from the Kosydar family and they are long-time Siletz area residents. Council agreed to discuss this at their next Council meeting. Dee thanked all the volunteers who assisted with the wood cutting for the elders. They were able to get out 15 pickup loads of wood. Next time they will try to get advanced notice out. Tina announced that there is a volunteer group getting started, called "Help the Elders". They will be hosting a potluck dinner on February 22, 1987, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Tribal Community Center. She invited elders and tribal members to attend, and elders in the Siletz area needing a ride can contact the Central office. The "Help the Elders" group will try to assist with transportation.

Meeting adjourned, 4:10 p.m.

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Health Professions Scholarships Available For New Applicants

The Indian Health Service (IHS), Department of Health and Human Services, is now accepting applications for the fiscal year (FY) 1987 scholarship cycle for three scholarship programs authorized by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (Public Law 94-437) and its amendments. Awards made during this cycle will be for funding in the 1987-1988 school year. This will be the only scholarship cycle in FY 1987 for the following programs:

a) HEALTH PROFESSIONS PREPARATORY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (Section 103) — This program provides financial assistance for Indian students only to enroll in courses that will prepare them for acceptance into health professions schools. Courses may be either compensatory (required to improve science, mathematics, or other basic skills and knowledge) or preprofessional (required in order to qualify for admission into a health professions program).

Priority Health Career Category for Section 103 — In order for an applicant to be considered for Section 103 funding during the FY 1987 scholarship cycle, he/she must be accepted by and/or enrolled in a program beginning in Fall 1987 for the single priority career category of:

Prenursing — preparatory to entry into BSN programs only

Preaccounting — preparatory to entry into an Accounting program.

b) HEALTH PROFESSIONS PREGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (Section 3(b) (1) of the Indian Health Care Amendments of 1980, Public Law 96-537) — This program provides financial support for Indian students only to enroll in courses leading to a baccalaureate degree in

specific preprofessional areas.

Priority Health Career Category for (Section 3(b) (1) of the Indian Health Care Amendments of 1980, Public

Law 96-537) — For the 1986 scholarship cycle, an applicant must be accepted by and/or enrolled in a program beginning in Fall 1987 for the priority career categories of:

Premedicine — Junior/Senior level only

Pre dentistry — Junior/Senior level only

c) HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (Section 104) — This program provides financial assistance to students enrolled in health professions and allied health professions programs. For the Section 104

program, there are service obligation and payback requirements that the recipient incurs upon acceptance of the scholarship funding.

Priority Health Career Categories for Section 104 — For the 1987-1988 scholarship cycle, an applicant must be accepted by and/or enrolled in a program beginning in

Fall 1987 for one of the following priority career categories:

Dentistry — Applicant must be enrolled in an ac-

credited school of dentistry.

Engineering — Applicant must be enrolled in a baccalaureate or master's degree program for civil, environmental, and mechanical engineering only.

Health Records — Applicant must be in an accredited

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