

# American Indian Week

May 17-23 has been designated American Indian Week in Oregon. At the State Capitol a number of activities have been scheduled during the week to commemorate the observance.

**PROCLAMATION SIGNING CEREMONY, MONDAY, MAY 18, 1987, 11 am, Governor Goldschmidt's Ceremonial Office, 254 State Capitol.** Drumming and singing by Arlie Neskahi and Chemawa students will be included as part of the ceremony. Various groups and individuals plan to attend. We invite you to join us. Bring your class, your colleagues, your family and friends and help us commemorate this important event. Stop by the Commission on Indian Services, Room 454, for refreshments after the ceremony.

**INDIAN SPIRITUAL LEADERS DELIVER INVOCATIONS.** A number of Indian spiritual leaders have generously agreed to deliver the opening invocations for both the House and Senate throughout the week. The schedule follows:

Monday, May 18, HOUSE, JAKE BIGHORN, Chemawa Indian School; SENATE, ARLIE NESKAHI, Chemawa Indian School.

Tuesday, May 19, SENATE, ED EDMO, Traditional Storyteller.

Thursday, May 21, SENATE, ART BENSELL, Siletz.

Friday, May 22, HOUSE, PROSSANNA WILLIAMS, Warm Springs; SENATE, VERBENA GREENE, Warm Springs.

These sessions are open to the public so plan to attend and watch your legislature in action. Daily sessions in both houses can convene any time between 9 and 11 am. To find out the exact time session will convene for a particular day, phone 1-800-332-2313 after 3 pm one day in advance.

## Tribal Council Minutes

**MEETING:** Special Council Meeting  
**DATE:** April 7, 1987  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Siletz Tribal Community Center

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
Delores Pigsley, Chairman (6:40 p.m.); Alfred "Bud" Lane, III, Vice-Chairman; Frank Simmons, Mary Alice Muncey, Secretary; Douglas Brown (7:15 p.m.), Arthur S. Bensell, Lori Johnson, Mary "Dolly" Fisher.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Alta Courville.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
Tina M. Jones, Secretary; Sharon Edenfield, Bus. Mgr.; Gary Butler, USDA Clerk, Alice McNamara, Joella Kline, Forestry Secretary; Phil Rilatos, General Manager; Darlene Carkhuff, Secretary; Jessica Rilatos, Sharon Butler, H.S. Teacher, Joan Fisher.

Vice-Chairman, Bud Lane, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Mary Alice Muncey gave invocation. Roll call was taken with 6 Council Members present and 3 absent. However, Dee entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m. and Douglas entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**MOTION #1** — Frank Simmons moved to approve the amended agenda, switching the General Manager and Tribal Chairman Report time slots and adding LeRoy Wilder before Travel Requests. Seconded by Dolly Fisher. Motion approved, 6-0-0.

**MOTION #2** — Frank Simmons moved to approve the minutes of the 3/17/87 Council Meeting. Seconded by Mary Alice Muncey. Motion approved, 6-0-0.

**TRIBAL COUNCIL CONCERNS** — Dolly asked about letters going and coming from Tribal Council that other Council members did not see. Specifically, she asked about a letter to Council members from LeRoy on 3/13, and on 3/24 a letter to John Roe requesting a 10-day extension on the Ed Ben petition. Bud explained that he had talked to John Roe about an extension just this last week. The letter from LeRoy was addressed to Dee and was his refusal of the Honorary Membership. Dolly asked about the request from Virginia Ryan to support the Samish Tribe's efforts for restoration. The Council discussed this before but chose not to take action. Dolly asked about the petition in the newsletter. Phil explained that it was not a petition, but was a notice of what was coming. The actual petition is going through the process of being validated and must first go to the Bureau for approval. Tribal Members cannot sign the petition in the paper, it is not valid. It was just an example. Bud mentioned that recently the Tribal Court needed travel approval in order to purchase tickets to attend a training. Council was not meeting in time, and in order to get the special discount rate they needed approval immediately. Bud told them to go ahead and that he would present the request before the Council at their next meeting for approval. Bud asked what he should do in these types of emergency situa-

tions. A discussion was held on telephone polls. Phil explained that in the draft Operations Manual, it had a provision for the Tribal Chairman or Vice-Chairman to approve the travel, pending formal approval by the Council at their next meeting. Dee noted the Tribal Council Rules and Procedures Ordinance should be updated to reflect these changes. Mary Alice was concerned about a letter she received from Kristi Martin requesting that a grave be moved. Kristi's family feels it is contained within an area of what they consider their family plot. Council agreed that it was unfortunate that a tribal member was buried so close, but they were unwilling to move the grave. Dee will draft a letter to Kristi explaining this. Frank asked if a Council Representative would be attending the Yakima CHR Conference. Dee explained that health staff was invited, not Council. Frank asked about tax exemption for State taxes for people living and working on the reservation. Dee explained that this provision applies to reservation land, not just trust land. Our service area is considered a reservation for some purposes, but not for State income tax purposes.

Lori asked if the Tribe were pursuing USDA distribution in Portland. Dee noted we were and that LeRoy was drafting a letter stating specific justification for granting a waiver for the Portland area. Lori asked if the JTPA appeal was based on the Tribe having priority or on UIC not being competent. Dee responded that it was two-fold. First, that UIC was not stable. Second, that the Tribe should have priority as a tribe. Lori asked what Allison's involvement with tribal members applying for JTPA at UIC could be. Phil responded that it would be referral only. Sharon noted that Allison has worked in JTPA before and if tribal members were having problems she would be able to follow up on them with the UIC counselors. Lori discussed proposed fundraising efforts of Michael Randall. She asked if the Council would be willing to establish an Endowment Fund for a tribal museum. This money would be set aside to help the museum project along, including a planning study. Bud asked for a planning study. Bud asked for additional information on the Endowment Fund and how much the Culture Committee is asking for.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** — Phil asked if Council was ready to approve the changes in the Operations Manual. All of the changes were discussed by Council previously. Two changes were ones Council requested at the last meeting. The Manual was renumbered and repaged for easier access. Council decided to review the manual and approve it at their next meeting. The original request for the Veterans Memorial Marker was to have the military emblem carved on the Memorial Marker and list the names alphabetically under the branch of service. Council agreed to this. The foundation will cost an additional \$1,100. Originally, someone else was going to do the foundation. Phil was concerned that if two contractors worked on the Memorial, the foundation will not fit the Marker. Oregon Memorials is willing to do the base and marker and says they will have it in by Memorial Day. There is enough left in the original line item to cover the additional cost of the base. Council agreed to have Oregon Memorials do the foundation as well. Phil asked if Council still wanted to have it placed outside the Council Chambers. A partial staff survey was conducted, and of those specifying, most wanted it down at the bottom of the hill. Council wanted it left outside the Council Chambers. SIHA has put out a bid for a Site Engineer and Turnkey Contractor. They asked if the Tribe would allow them to burn up on the hill in the Housing area and whether it was subject to DEQ regulations. This is a Council decision. Dee was concerned that if there were only three Indian Contractor bids, and four bidders are needed, the bids would be thrown out and it would be opened for the general public. Phil noted that new policies came out regarding Indian preference. The bids were supposed to close on the 17th, but because of the new information the bid deadline was extended until the 4th. Phil also noted that those were regarding the IHS contracts, which the Tribe does not have anything to do with. The Tribe has two contracts to deal with, the Site Engineer and Turnkey Contract. Dee was also concerned about Indian bidders being forced out of the bidding because they would be unable to come up with enough cash to pay up front for the contracts, and not getting paid until the project is completed.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office is getting a new emblem. They would like a symbol of the Tribe included in their patch. They asked for input from the Council. Council reviewed their drawings and tabled their decision until later in the meeting. Phil reported the Tribe had received a request from Ketchikan Indian Corporation requesting assistance with a home study on one of their ICW cases. Frank Petersen could do the home study. Council agreed to this. Lincoln County Council on Aging requesting a representative from the Tribe be appointed to sit on their Board of Directors. They meet on the second Thursday of each month. Dee asked for volunteers from the Council. This was tabled until later in the meeting. Our service area expansion was published in the Federal Register, including Clackamas, Multnomah & Washington counties. Bud asked about the significance of the elderly & handicapped regulation changes in the HIP Program. Phil noted that the 15 percent might apply to bigger tribes but not to ours because we have done this all along. Our immediate need is not just for the elderly, but for the younger generation. The Portland Area Office was in agreement that the younger generation was in need of housing assistance. Dee reported the deadline for comments was the 31st. Sharon stated the 93-638 meeting was considered consultation with tribes. Phil reported our SAIF rates increased \$6,000 from last quarter mostly due to Forestry & JTPA accidents. This affects everyone working for the Tribe, including the Council. Bud noted that the Timber committee had discussed this issue and suggested that individual programs with a lot of accidents will not be contracted in the future. Phil sent a memo out to all area offices requesting volunteers to put on the potluck during General Council meetings. They have agreed to sponsor the potlucks, but each area cannot bring all the food. They will be responsible for set up and clean up as well. Dee felt these were a good time for fundraisers.

Phil reported that in the Council packets was an IHS Resolution and Policy Paper from Tulsa. The Health Committee met and recommended the Council adopt the Tulsa Paper and CHR Paper. Dee felt we should support the National Indian Health Board position. They were in favor of the RAM allocation. Dr. Rhoades changed something at the last minute, which did not set well with tribes, so they reduced their feelings to the support paper. Tribes feel that health care is an IHS trust responsibility. By collecting Medicare/Medicaid and Health Insurances they are reducing the IHS budget and making people pick up insurance in order to get served. The Service Units get the insurance money and are using this money to spend in the Service Units. When IHS finds out you can do with less money they will allocate less. The other problem is that IHS is attempting to privatize health care services, probably through one or two care

givers, so you would be forced to go through only those health care providers. Tribes feel that Indian tribes should be dealt with on a government-to-government relationship and Administration is not doing this. Phil noted that no one has a problem with RAM, because we are better off, but it does not address the issue of appropriation dollars necessary to take care of Indian health. RAM shares the loss. IHS has added in privatization and less allocation initiatives. Dee stated the Northwest always gets less because we do not have hospitals. When IHS cuts contract care we are losing the only health care we have. Dee felt we needed to oppose the CHR program phase out. IHS is proposing to phase out the program over a 3-year period, at which time tribes would have to fund the CHR programs. Dee asked that a delegate be sent to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) meeting to support the position paper. She also felt it was time to send a resolution to NPAIHB for a seat on the Health Board. Cow Creek is the number one delegate and Coos is the number two delegate. Neither is representing us at the meetings as they do not attend. Phil reported the temporary Sanitation Engineers are being laid off. They are two years behind in this area of assistance. Dee asked that LeRoy help prepare a resolution to NPAIHB requesting they divide equally travel for all Council for all delegates rather than the system they have now. Right now they go by service units and whoever the service unit elects as their delegate represents all four tribes. Not all of our concerns are the same. Sharon Edenfield requested a resolution for the YOP program. It will fund an 8 person crew and 1 project leader, all in Siletz.

**MOTION #3** — Lori Johnson moved to approve submission of the Youth Opportunity Program proposal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Seconded by Douglas Brown. Motion approved, 7-0-0.

**HEAD START TRAVEL** — Dee reported there was a question of travel for the Head Start Program. The Washington, D.C. office was called to see if the Director must go. They said it was not etched in stone. Travel has already been approved for Rosemary to attend, her ticket has been purchased and there is no refund. Of the Training & Assistance money, there is \$209 left which can be used for an additional person. The Parent Committee said they would do fund raising for another person to go. The Committee wanted the Teacher and Aide to go, not the Director. Jessica Rilatos said that it was not that the Committee did not want Rosemary to go, but no one had informed them who would be going. Their preference is for Mona & Sharon to attend. She called the tribal office and was told the Director must go. Phil reported he contacted the Washington, D.C. Head Start Office and they said it was their policy to send the Director and any funds left over can be used to send an additional person. Dee stated that in the past the Council has paid attention to the Parent Committees' desires and she does not feel it should be different now. Alice McNamara, Secretary/Treasurer for the Parent Committee, stated that when the issue came up at the Parent Committee meeting, there was not a lot of information on who would get the most benefit from attending. She felt there was too much emphasis on the Parent Committee decision, because it was really only a 5 to 3 vote that the two parents go and the others were the Director go or the Teacher or one and one, so everybody would be represented. Also, there was no vote whatsoever concerning the funds being raised, it was brought up individually. The Parent Committee still has to discuss if they can come up with the funds for the other person. Phil noted an additional \$618 needed to be raised. The trip is scheduled for April 27th - May 2nd. Sharon Butler reported that when they received the flyer on the Conference, everyone wanted to attend the Conference. They asked Rose if there was enough time they would like to do fundraising to send Mona and Sharon to the Conference, also. Sharon contacted Washington, D.C. Head Start and New Orleans to get all the details on the conference and the funding before going to Rosemary. Dee felt it should have been from the Parent Committee as a proposal and Rosemary should have followed through with it. Phil reported he received a memo from Rosemary in February requesting approval to attend the Conference. It covers a lot of workshops. Dee felt there was a lack of communication with Administration and the Parent Committee. When a grant is written, you already write in what will be done with the money. When notified that we were not getting as much money, the Parent should have been notified so they could make plans what to do with the money. Since Rosemary's travel has already been approved and her ticket purchased, Dee felt she should attend and use the remaining \$209 for the Teacher to attend if the Parent Committee could raise enough funds to cover the additional costs. Frank felt that the Council should go with the Parent Committee's decision to send the Teacher and Aide. Sharon Butler stated that Head Start funds could only be used to send one person.

**MOTION #4** — Douglas Borwn moved to rescind Resolution 87-74. Seconded by Dolly Fisher. Motion approved, 8-0-0.

**MOTION #5** — Douglas Brown moved to approve out-of-state travel for Sharon Butler to the Head Start Conference in New Orleans; to approve use of the remaining \$209 from the T/A grant for an additional person to attend the Conference if additional funds can be raised by the Parent Committee. Seconded by Bud Lane. Discussion held. Phil stated Washington, D.C. had said that we can send the Director, and any remaining funds could send another person. Dee asked who would teach the students while the Teacher and Aide were gone. Jessica reported parents would volunteer to teach in the classroom. Motion approved, 8-0-0.

**TRIBAL COUNCIL RULES & PROCEDURES** — Dee reported the Council needs to review procedures regarding telephone polls and come up with changes. These changes should correspond with the Operations Manual. Bud asked if the Council would consider signing a waiver for all telephone polls during the year.

**TRIBAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** — We are appealing the USDA wiver. USDA has overlooked the fact that Grand Ronde is being served in Portland. Craig Higgins assisted us in getting a response from USDA. The 15% Indirect Cost proposal was scrapped by the Bureau. It was put in the 1987 supplement budget to not include it in 1988 requests. John Roe has given the Council a 10-day extension to answer Ed Ben's petition. In the ANA grant there is additional money to pay for a consultant to help the Council continue with their goal setting. The workshop has been set for Friday, June 19th, in the evening, and Saturday, June 20th, in the morning. Dee has a background paper on Mr. Sumeck for the Council to review. Pi-Ume-Sha is the last weekend in June. NCAI will be held on June 24-26 in Portland at the Red Lion. LeRoy Wilder's contract is negotiable. He will make a presentation at the next Council meeting. He will try to get it to the Council in advance. Dee noted the ATNI Plan of Action was really organized. Their goals and  
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