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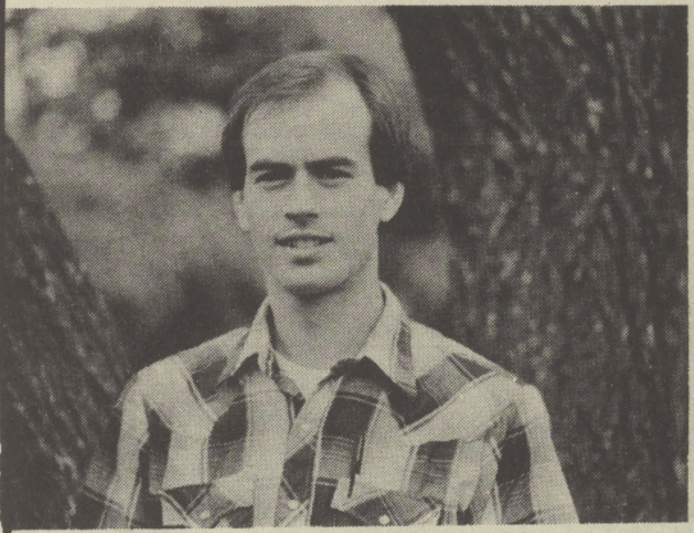

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Stedco Minutes

MEETING: Regular STEDCO Meeting
DATE: March 14, 1987
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Siletz Tribal Council Chambers

STEDCO MEMBERS PRESENT:
Delores Pigsley, Chairman; Kenneth Hatch, Secretary/Treasurer, Gary Sanders, Barney Dowdle, Lori Johnson, Vice Chairman, Joe Lane, Don Barth, Tom Walsh.

OTHERS PRESENT:
Art Bensell, Bud Lane, Phil Rilatos, Lillie Butler, Gary Butler, Kristi Martin, Bonnie Petersen.

STEDCO MEMBERS ABSENT:
John Gray, who resigned when his term expired.

Meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chairman Delores Pigsley. Roll call was taken. Quorum was established with seven members present. Barney Dowdle entered the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Delores asked to move executive session to last item on the agenda and add Bingo to new business.

MOTION #1 — Tom Walsh moved to approve the revised agenda. Seconded by Joe Lane. Motion approved by voice consent.

MOTION #2 — Don Barth moved to approve minutes of January 9, 1987 meeting as mailed. Seconded by Tom Walsh. Motion approved by voice consent.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT
Ted expressed his thanks to the Commission for the confidence they placed in him by appointing him to the Executive Director's position.

Ted presented his balance sheet and income statement. Don asked to have the long term debt and the buildings on separate breakdowns. Ted explained that the only long term debts that we have are the 8-plex and the property that Building 1¢2 sits on, but will breakdown the long term debt in the future.

Ted explained that according to LeRoy, since the property that we own is not reservation land, we are liable for state and federal taxes, and would be filing the tax reports soon.

Ted reported that we are now ready for the FY '86 audit and would be contracting with Harold Culbertson, the tribe's auditor. Don asked if this was a budgeted item. Ted stated that the cost would be approximately $300-500, but the next year we should budget for it since the cost will be more.

Ted explained the hand-outs on the projected revenue from the Tribal Council. The best and worst STEDCO can expect from the accelerated timber cut. Ted stated that the Council has established a budget and has agreed not to increase that budget by more than 2½ % per year. 5% will go to Lincoln County in lieu of taxes, 10% for the forestry management budget. The remaining is divided 1/2 STEDCO and 1/2 for a reserve fund established for the council to draw on when the accelerated cut is ended.

Ted explained the in-kind form that is handed out at each meeting. Since we have the ANA grant, we must contribute 25% matching funds. Those Commission members who do not want reimbursement for travel should enter the number of miles traveled, label the travel sheet "in-kind" and sign both the travel sheet and the in-kind form. This will help STEDCO with the matching fund requirement.

COMMISSION POSITIONS
Three positions on the Commission Board are open since the first year terms have expired.

Ted pointed out that when John accepted a seat on the Commission he did not want to serve more than one term. Ted explained that according to the STEDCO charter, there are no limits or restrictions to the length of time that members can serve on the Commission.

Don stated that since everyone was just getting acquainted, he would like to see the incumbents reinstated.

Lori felt that since there are several tribal members who would like to serve on the Commission, the positions should be advertised.

Dee said that she never really thought about it, but agreed with Don, that since the Commission members were just getting acquainted she feels that consistency is important and would be in favor of reinstating the incumbents.

Barney suggested that it may be time to review the charter and evaluate the section on the appointments of new Commission members to help depoliticize the board.

MOTION #3 — Tom moved to retain Gary Sanders and Joe Lane on the Commisison for a three year term. Seconded by Don Barth. Motion carried by voice consent.

Lori indicated that one of the reasons the tribal membership is discontent with STEDCO is that none of the members who are currently serving on the board, live in Siletz.

Bud noted that the tribal council appointed the intitial Commission, fully aware that the members appointed did not live in Siletz.

Dee stated that the Council looked at the background of the people and what they could contribute. Don stated that he hoped that would continue to be the primary focus.

Joe stated that the Commission would definitely miss John's expertise and feels that the Commission should submit John a letter of appreciation along with a plaque. Also, the Commission should inquire as to whether or not John would consent to being contacted on a consultant basis.

MOTION #4 — Joe moved to send a letter of appreciation and a plaque to John Gray as a token of appreciation for his services provided to STEDCO, and inquire if John will serve as consultant when possible. Seconded by Gary. Motion approved by voice consent.

Don asked if names were being drawn up to fill the position vacated by John Gray. He stated that whoever this person is, they should have the same or similar background.

Ken suggested that a sub-committee be established to look for a replacement to fill the vacancy.

It was decided that the sub-committee consist of: Dee Pigsley, Ted Werth and Tom Walsh.

Don submitted the name of Clyde Hamstreet, who is currently working as a consultant along these lines.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERNS
Dee introduced each tribal member that was present. Gary Butler asked to have the Commission members be introduced. Dee asked each Commission member to introduce themselves.

Ken stated that there should be some sort of mechanism to inform tribal members of vacant positions on STEDCO's board. Ted stated that the notice could be published in the newspaper.

Don asked if an application form could be sent to the Commission for review.

Gary Butler asked if a position came open on the board, would it be necessary to have a degree to serve?

Dee responded that a degree may not be necessary, but experience in business would help.

Barney stated that STEDCO needs to keep before the tribal membership the objectives of STEDCO. If we are going to be successful, the board cannot allow itself to become politicalized.

Lillie Butler read a letter asking for donations from STEDCO for Toledo's grad night. It was the consensus of the Commission that even though this was a good cause, STEDCO was not a business as such, but trustees for the investment of tribal assets and for this reason should not get involved in this type of activity.

Lillie stated that STEDCO needs to keep the membership informed of their activities and let the Tribal members know which direction STEDCO is headed. Don stated that it was not STEDCO's rsponsibility to inform the membership of its activities that this responsibility rests with the Tribal Council and tribal members.

It was decided that STEDCO would submit to the tribal newspaper an insert consisting of pertinent information to update tribal members of STEDCO's activities.

OLD BUSINESS
Ted updated the Commission on the timber marketing. Caffall Bros. anticipate the roads to be in by June or July, and if the market holds, Caffall plans on logging this year. STEDCO has until 1988 to log the timber.

NEW BUSINESS
Ted reported that he did research on the fern-sal marketing. He said there are plenty of workers in the field and enough variety in the minor forest products to keep a plant operating on a year round basis.

Much discussion was held on the possibility of erecting a plant on tribal land or leasing from a local fish plant a space that is not used much in the winter time. Also discussed was the fact that there are approximately four fern plants in the area which receives 80-90% of their forest products from tribal members. It was pointed out that in order to get on some of the land, the land may have to be leased and permits are required for some areas.

Barney suggested that Ted contact the state cooperative services publication on forest products. Gary asked when was the soonest Ted could bring back the information on the fern industry. Ted stated that since he has already done some work on the plan, he could probably have it ready for the next meeting. Dee stated that if something comes up before the next meeting a phone conference could be held.

MOTION #5 — Ken moved to grant Ted authority to hire a consultant to help develop a business plan for the fern operation for not more than $1,000.00. Seconded by Tom Walsh. Motion carried by voice consent.

TRIBAL MEMBER ASSISTANCE
There was concern about the tribal members receiving assistance with papers that need to be filled out to receive financial help from the Small Business Association.

Since this type of help was written into the EDA grant, the question is whether or not it is the Executive Director's job to get the people where they should be to get the acceptance they need.

It was suggested that Ted put some ideas down on paper just how far he can go in providing people technical assistance.

It was decided that the Commission Members would help provide the technical assistance needed in this area.

JANTZI PROPOSAL
This is a 33 acre parcel of land with timber on it. It has city water and no sewer. Jantzi is willing to sell this land for the value of the timber.

It was the consensus of the Commission that since this parcel of land is inconsistent with the original master plan the Commission will not pursue the purchase.

BINGO
Dee gave a brief background on the Bingo enterprise. THe tribal council asked if STEDCO would be willing to assume the responsibilities of bingo and attempt to make it a profitable business.

Ted stated that he took a look at the books and one of the greatest problems is there is too much adminstrative overhead.

It was the consensus of the Commission that they would be willing to take the responsibility of bingo and attempt to make it a profitable business.

Dee stated that in the original ordinance the profits from bingo are earmarked for social service. Don stated that it was fine that the profits are going into social service but asked if approximately 25-30% could be given to STEDCO.

Dee responded that it might be possible to give STEDCO a percentage of the profits.

MOTION #6 — Tom moved to enter executive session to discuss economic development. Seconded by Lori. Motion carried by voice consent.

MOTION #7 — Don moved to adjourn to regular session. Seconded by Joe. Motion carried by voice consent.

MOTION #8 — Don moved to instruct director to carry out the sense of the Commission relative to property acquisition discussed in executive session at agreed upon price. Tax lot #201 owned by Faulkner. Seconded by Gary. Motion carried by voice consent.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Ken Hatch
Secretary/Treasurer

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