

Tribal Council Minutes

MEETING: Special Tribal Council

DATE: July 14, 1987

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Siletz Tribal Community Center

Chairman, Delores Pigsley, called the meeting to order, 6:03 p.m. Roll call was taken, with 6 Council Members present and 2 absent. Lori Johnson has resigned from the Tribal Council as of July 5, 1987. Dolly requested Council Concerns be added to the agenda before announcements.

MOTION #1 -- Bud Lane moved to approve the amended Agenda, with the addition of Council's Concerns after Travel Requests. Seconded by Dolly Fisher. Motion approved, 6-0-0.

Sharon Butler requested corrections to the minutes from the 5/16/87 Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes on page 6 which referred to the non-Indian willing to train Indian people. Mary Brown made this statement, not Sharon Butler.

MOTION #2 -- Frank Simmons moved to approve the minutes of the 6/20/87 Council Meeting, and to correct the minutes from the 5/16/87 Council Meeting. Seconded by Bud Lane. Motion approved, 7-0-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT -- Phil introduced Greg Drexler, IHS, who gave an update on IHS's portion of the housing project. Greg introduced John Regal and Tim Stay, also from IHS. John is the new Project Engineer for IHS. Bid opening for IHS will be on August 11th. Construction should start in September, and will take approximately 200 days of construction time. Bid opening on the Site Developer and Turnkey Contractor is July 15th. Phil asked if when the construction starts if the contractors will be hiring local Indians. Greg noted that an Indian Preference clause is in their contract and the Contractor is required to contact the tribal employment person to know how many and what positions are needed. It does not have to be TERO, but can be within our own hiring procedures. Greg noted they have had two Indian construction firms who have requested plans, and may bid this package. A discussion was held on fluoridation of the water system, at a cost of approximately \$4.00 per month. Discussion was tabled. Meters will be installed so we will know how much water is going from the City into the Housing area. John discussed the Scattered Site Project -- #87502. It is a project to provide sanitation facilities to individual tribal members. There will be 4 projects. Phil asked about the projects IHS has already worked on which are not satisfactory. Greg reported that Rich Truitt requested they investigate the sites before he responds to the Tribe's letter. No action to transfer the facilities will be made until Rich responds to Dee's letter, which will include what they find are the problems and their recommendations.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (cont.) -- Phil reported the Harney/Evans Cemetery transfer is going along well. The Surveyor will be there this week, with completion of the survey by Friday. We will have to have the Cemetery appraised. Phil requested assistance from the Bureau in getting it appraised, but if they are unable to do it in time, Phil requested approval to pay for an appraisal from the Tribal Government -- Contingency line item. Mr. Coates and his family will be down August 7th for a week. There may be a problem with an easement on the G.P. road. Phil is working on this. Council agreed to pay for the appraisal from the Contingency line item if the BIA cannot appraise the property.

Phil checked into a food bank. Donny Magers, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, is putting a proposal together to open a food pantry. Our staff may want to assist when needed. Phil presented a request for a resolution to lease 15 acres of the Judd Property Subdivision for the housing project. This would be a ninety-nine (99) year lease between the Tribe and Siletz Indian Housing Authority. The property will always belong to with tribe. Tribal members will only purchase the house, the tribe keeps the land.

MOTION #3 -- Frank Simmons moved to approve lease of 15 acres of the Judd Property Subdivision to the Siletz Indian Housing Authority for their housing project, for a period of 99 years. Seconded by Alta Courville. Motion approved, 7-0-0.

Phil presented the VISTA Volunteer proposal for a person to develop and operate the Siletz Area Elders Program. The Tribal Council's responsibility is to provide matching funds in terms of travel (\$2,000) and supplies. Salary would be paid by VISTA.

MOTION #4 -- Dolly Fisher moved to approve submission of the VISTA Volunteer project proposal to Community Services Consortium. Seconded by Mary Alice Muncey. Discussion held. Bud noted the funding could come from contingency line item in Council budget. Motion approved, 7-0-0.

At the City of Siletz Council Meeting on 7/13/87, Mike Hart led a discussion on law enforcement for the Siletz area. He gave a presentation on an agreement between Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and the City of Siletz where they pay 80% of 2 deputies, at a cost of approximately \$57,000 for 80% of 2 deputies. They asked if Tribe interested in sponsoring part of the cost of the two deputies. These deputies would be assigned to the Siletz area. Phil asked how Council felt about people being on tribal property after 9:00 p.m. People have been coming up and parking on Government Hill after 9:00. Council agreed to curfew of 9:00 p.m., unless a specific activity is going on. Phil noted the Bureau had a problem with our labor force report. Judy John and Sharon Edenfield prepared a new report, which will be submitted to the Bureau. There are 1297 tribal members aged 16 and older in our eleven-county service area. Judy presented a proposal from the Western Oregon Service Unit. Funding is from the Department of Health & Human Services for proposals aimed at improving health or preventing the onset of diseases. The Service Unit put together a proposal that would service all 4 tribes and the students at Chemawa. Based on a meeting with representatives from the four tribes, Chemawa School and from the Salem, priority activities for this project are: alcohol, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, weight and smoking. The proposal would call for hiring one staff person at the Service Unit, funded by Health & Human services to coordinate activities that would address those 5 priority areas, and must provide services to all 4 tribes and the school. Judy requested Council to adopt a

resolution in support of sending this proposal to Health & Human Services. The budget of \$65,250 includes funding to purchase supplies and videos to provide to tribes, training, recreational activities. This staff person would be available to all tribes, but training would be provided to tribal employees who would present the films and videos for groups in our area.

MOTION #5 -- Delores Pigsley moved to send a resolution of support for the Western Oregon Service Unit's Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Program Proposal. Seconded by Douglas Brown. Motion approved, 7-0-0.

Bob Torres, who previously worked for Seattle Indian Center, has moved to Highline Indian Education, sent a letter requesting a tribal resolution of support for his vocational education program proposal.

MOTION #6 -- Alta Courville moved to send a resolution of support for the Highline Vocational Education Program proposal. Seconded by Frank Simmons. Motion approved 7-0-0.

The Family Services Project will run until September 30th. Currently, Bonnie Petersen is staff person for this project. Phil requested extension of Bonnie in this position until the end of the Project in lieu of advertising for the position, since it ends September 30th. If we get next year's proposal, we will advertise the position.

MOTION #7 -- Alta Courville moved to extend Bonnie Petersen in the Family Services Project until the end of the project on September 30, 1987, in lieu of advertising the position. Seconded by Dolly Fisher. Motion approved, 7-0-0.

Phil reported that on Friday he will be taking a work crew up, including a couple of YOP crewmembers, and getting about 60 tipi poles from tribal property. At the City of Siletz meeting, the Mayor was upset because there would be only one agreement. He did not want the old one re-written. The Mayor and City Attorney are not in agreement.

TRAVEL REQUESTS -- Travel requests were reviewed by Council.

MOTION #8 -- Dolly Fisher moved to approve the following travel requests: Judy John and Delores Pigsley to Ocean Shores, Washington to attend the Health Board Meeting on July 20-23; Irene Holland to Stanford, California to attend the Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Conference on July 20-22, 1987; Bonnie and Frank Petersen to the Domestic Violence Workshop in Spokane, Washington on July 27-28, 1987. Seconded by Bud Lane. Motion approved, 7-0-0.

TRIBAL COUNCIL CONCERNS -- Dolly asked about the STEDCO in-kind form she received in the mail. she asked for an explanation on why the entire Council Meeting's hours were listed. Phil will check into this. Dolly asked why Art's signature did not appear on the credit card application. Tina noted that it was given to National Security Bank and they said the application was fine. Dolly asked about Council's answer to Edmond Ben's concerns. Dee noted it would be brought up under Council Concerns at Saturday's Council Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -- There will be a Sacred Lands Meeting on Wednesday evening. The Council will not be having training this weekend. It has been postponed until September. Lori Johnson resigned from the Council. Dee will try to make a recommendation for her replacement at Saturday's meeting.

Meeting adjourned, 8:00 p.m.

Mary Alice Muncey
Tribal Council Secretary

MEETING: Regular Tribal Council Meeting

DATE: July 18, 1987

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Siletz Tribal Community Center

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Delores Pigsley, Chairman; Arthur S. Bensell, Alfred "Bud" Lane, III, Vice-Chairman; Frank Simmons, Mary Alice Muncey, Sec.; Mary "Dolly" Fisher, Douglas Brown (9:40-12:45).

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: Alta Courville

Chairman, Delores Pigsley, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Roll call was taken with 5 council members present and 3 absent, however, Douglas entered the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Mary Alice Muncy gave invocation.

MOTION #1 -- Bud Lane moved to approve the amended agenda, with the additions of Tribal Council Appointment after Chairman's Report and Other concerns after General Manager's Report. Seconded by Frank Simmons. Motion approved, 6-0-0.

Dee requested a change to the 7/14/87 Council Meeting minutes to read that the discussion on Edmond Ben's letter would be brought up under Council Concerns instead of as an agenda item. Phil requested a clarification that the 1297 tribal members in our service area were age 16 and older. Tina will make these corrections.

MOTION #2 -- Bud Lane moved to approve the amended Minutes from the 7/14/87 Special Council Meeting. Seconded by Frank Simmons. Motion approved, 6-0-0.

MOTION #3 -- Frank Simmons moved to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel, 9:12 a.m. Seconded by Bud Lane. Motion approved 7-0-0.

MOTION #4 -- Frank Simmons moved to return to Regular Session, 11:02 a.m. Seconded by Dolly Fisher. Motion approved, 7-0-0.

TRIBAL COUNCIL CONCERNS

Dolly asked if the revised archaeologist contract was completed. She also asked about the meeting between all four tribes and the archaeology service area. Dee noted that SLPC Committee were aware of it, so they requested that any request come from the Committee Chairman. They have not received any correspondence from the Chairman yet. Dolly asked about the Education Committee's concerns from 1985 regarding the Standing Committee Ordinance. Dee noted the Ordinance was reviewed and amended in 1985. Dolly asked why employees are receiving Miscellaneous Assistance. She feels they have a job and can make money so they should not need Miscellaneous Assistance. Phil responded that just because they are working for the tribe does not mean they do not need the help. Miscellaneous Assistance is handled by Social Services staff in all areas. Bud stated the ad hoc Pow-Wow Guidelines Committee was requesting an extension of time. They want to send out another survey, which will impact next year's pow-wow. Council agreed to this. Bud referred to a letter from Betty Unger requesting support for the upcoming positions at the Siletz BIA Agency. Council agreed to send a letter to the Agency to consider hiring a qualified tribal member. Mary Alice asked why she did not receive her full per diem when she went to Pi-Ume-Sha. Tina explained that she went on actual cost because her motel room exceeded the daily allowable rate, and did not have receipts or a log to claim her meal allowance. Dee was concerned about Committees not getting information or recommendations back to the Council in time for The Council to submit comments to the proper person or agencies in time. Dee asked that an ad hoc Committee be formed to discuss the telephone poll procedures and if the Council wants to continue to have telephone polls. This committee consists of Bud, Dolly and Art. Dee asked for an ad hoc Committee to make recommendations on honorary membership and adoption procedures. This committee will include Pauline Ricks and possibly Edmond Ben. Tina will put notice in the tribal newsletter requesting volunteers. Edmond Ben was concerned about procedures of the Tribal Court. He felt that some decisions were made based on non-existing rules and that the rules should be written down. Edmond felt that only matters in Executive Session that are of confidential nature should not be discussed outside Executive Session. Dee noted that the Council agreed that everything in Executive Session is considered confidential and is not to be discussed.

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT -- Dee reported she would be making a presentation at the Governor's Indian Interstate Council on August 20th. Siletz and Grand Ronde will be guest speakers. Dee reported the Culture Committee has been asked to participate in the Oregon State Fair by preparing a tipi display, including old pictures, brochures, news articles, slide and film presentations. The Tribe will also have the opportunity to provide a one-hour demonstration, possibly a basketry demonstration. Dee requested volunteers to help man the tipi and assist the Committee. Dee received a letter from Don Butsch regarding any rights we may have had for seal hunting. LeRoy checked into this and did not find anything. Dolly Fisher resigned from the SLPC Committee. Doug has agreed to sit on this Committee.

MOTION #5 -- Mary Alice Muncey moved to accept the resignation of Dolly Fisher and to appoint Douglas Brown to the Sacred Lands Preservation Committee. Seconded by Arthur S. Bensell. YES: Delores Pigsley, Dolly Fisher, Art Bensell, Mary Alice Muncey, Bud Lane, Frank Simmons. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Douglas Brown. Motion approved, 6-0-1.

TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTMENT -- Since Lori Johnson resigned, Dee has looked into replacements. She is recommending Bonnie Petersen be appointed to fill the remainder of Lori's term, which expires in February, 1988. If appointed, Bonnie will have to resign her position with the Tribal Court.

MOTION #6 -- Bud Lane moved to appoint Bonnie Petersen to the Tribal Council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Lori Johnson. Seconded by Frank Simmons. Motion approved, 7-0-0.

The Tribal Council will hold a Special Council Meeting on August 1, 1987, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Bonnie will be sworn in then and the Council will review the ad hoc Committee's recommendations on the hiring procedures.

STEDCO REPORT -- Ted reported that STEDCO's net worth is up between \$5,000 -- \$8,000. The 8-plex is paying for itself and building up equity. Their vacancy rate is about 4 1/2%. They have Don Cohen working on the advertisement of the BINGO operation. Their first efforts are to increase attendance through more public awareness. They intend to have a second Grand Opening, and are looking at having a second day of bingo per week. They have had newspaper ads and an advertisement on Channel 4, and have made connections with R.V. parks. Roy Martin has completed a preliminary report on the Fern Plant operation. He is recommending a 60'x60' pole building with a 30'x30' cooler. There will be a large initial capital outlay. We do have enough fern to export to Europe, where the market is up to 3 times the value. It will employ 7 people directly in the plant, plus about 13 fern pickers. Logging will begin soon on the Long Sam sale. The road will be graded and gravelled this week. They intend to start logging, probably mid-August and expect to receive between \$171-\$190 mmbf. Ted asked permission to involve the Timber Committee in the sale process so they understand the difference between a regular sale and one to STEDCO. Council agreed to this.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT -- Nelsen Witt will be on vacation for the next two weeks. The Bureau will have two positions open soon. One is a Forestry Clerk at the Siletz Agency, the other is a temporary position in Roseburn to work with the Cow Creek tribe. There has been no word on the Tribe's reprogramming request yet.

Council broke for lunch from 12:45-1:40 p.m. Douglas Brown did not return after lunch.