



Council Chairman's Report

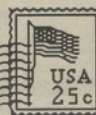
Delores Pigsley

New years is a time when we review the past year and think about how to change or improve in the coming months. Most of us take a look at ourselves and resolve to improve. Each of us involved in working with the tribe should take time to reflect on our past achievements to determine what we can change or how we can make things better. If we review our tribe's progress, we see a remarkable list of accomplishments. In a short decade since restoration, we have achieved much more than tribes that have not suffered 25 years of termination. Although we hear and often engage in grumbling and internal bickering, we enjoy a relatively peaceful existence. Tribal members who are unhappy with the way things were are provided with an opportunity to be heard. Our tribal court provides an opportunity for tribal members to seek remedies when they believe their rights are violated by Council. Our General Council provides members a chance to contribute their ideas and criticisms to the Council.

Our administration provides programs and services to a great number of tribal members in compliance with extremely complex regulations. Our tribe's audit record is spotless. We enjoy stable management provided primarily by tribal members in top management positions. STEDCO continues to make steady progress in economic development, despite the fact that new businesses have a failure rate of over 80% in Oregon. STEDCO has been profitable from the start.

Perhaps the most telling indicator of our progress is our fiscal management features under our law. Tribal Council spending is extremely limited. Our Budgeting Ordinance requires careful consideration of all proposals for spending and we are prohibited from any budget increases. We have established a savings account for tribal revenues to ensure a trust account for future generations. We have dedicated a specific and substantial amount of money to achieve our primary goal of economic development.

Letters to the Editor



To the Editor:

Although it is against my better judgment, I feel compelled to respond to Marlene Stuart's letter which was printed in last months Siletz News. Without going into specifics, I feel that Ms. Stuart has single-handedly belittled several staff people, publicly and wrongfully. These are the same people who, that very week, personally and professionally shared the sorrows of her family with the passing of Mr. Archie Ben. To my knowledge, each and every one of the four staff people she directly berated, assisted in some way with preparations for the funeral and meal which followed.

It is true, many tribal members are victims of federal regulations. True too, there are many tribal staff, who are also tribal members, paid to conduct programs in a manner which conforms to those regulations, otherwise it is tribal resources which will be responsible for repaying these federal dollars if any one of us makes a mistake. But - Mrs. Stuart - many of us accepted your challenge many years ago, and you have benefited from those efforts. It is unfortunate that too many people will read your letter and believe it as truth. Too many times people hear the negative rather than the positive work tribal staff accomplish. I for one, am a tribal employee **AND** a tribal member who knows that staff put forth 110% effort, all 54 of us.

Sincerely,
Judy L. John
Programs Director
Roll #1184

Tribal Members;

At the November 5, 1988 General Council Meeting I discussed a very important concern that I and other parents of Siletz share. It is the quality of education that our children are receiving here at the Siletz Middle School. I honestly cannot speak for the Grade School but I do know what has transpired in the Middle School. I asked for the Education Committee to support the efforts of approximately 20 parents in this community. We feel that our children are the future and deserve the best possible education that society has to offer. We felt the Siletz Middle School was letting our children down. I also stated that if the quality of education was going to keep right on failing our children then we should support the closing of the Siletz Middle School.

On November 1, 1988 a group of parents attended the local School Committee meeting to voice our concerns. We were accused of wanting teachers fired, and warned not to slander or accuse any teachers without an attorney and the accused being present. The

concept of our children's education was just about lost in all the bureaucracy scuttlebutt. It seems that some of us parents feel that the Education of our children is very important part of their lives. And if they can't receive it here in Siletz then bus them to Toledo. I honestly don't want to see this Middle School lost like we lost the High School a few years ago.

Kristi Martin - Bayya
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TO TRIBAL MEMBERS;

The tribe has a tribal court system set up that is suppose to allow tribal members to take issues into court if the members feel they have been wronged. I filed a petition with tribal court September 1st on Indian preference hiring policies and filed against the Confederated Tribes of Siletz and the tribe's corporation, STEDCO. I applied for a job with STEDCO, was interviewed by Ted Werth but Ted Werth felt a non-Indian should be working for him and hired that non-Indian. I have followed all deadlines for tribal court and now I'm being put off on a tribal court date. The tribal council attorney does not seem to have to follow any deadlines but if I was being paid a \$110 a hour from tribal members revenue and whatever he gets from STEDCO than I suppose I would delay also. The tribal council attorney is being paid \$110 a hour with tribal members revenue to fight against tribal members who have to go out and hire their own attorney with their own personal funds, if you can't afford an attorney, than you go into court on your own which I will be doing, if given a court date. Also, there were two petitions filed, my own and another tribal member, the tribal attorney feels our petitions will be heard together. Why should my case be heard with another case when our cases are totally different and if the attorney heard two different cases than that \$110 a hour would really add up. AS YOU MEMBERS KNOW, elections for tribal council are coming. Dee Pigsley is running for council again. Dee Pigsley and her attorney will NOT get my vote for tribal council.

Lillie (Logan) Butler
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