

**Dear Ms. Pigsley:**

I attended the Chamber of Commerce luncheon last Friday. I was very interested in finding out more information regarding the gaming center in Lincoln city. While I am personally opposed to gambling, I understand the need for this center.

I just wanted to let you know that I was very impressed with your presentation. You handled yourself well and presented the Tribe's position with grace and intelligence. I compliment you and the other people involved with the presentation for not letting a few noisy, and emotional Lincoln City citizens ruin this meeting.

I appreciate your concerns for our community in acknowledging the center's responsibilities towards police, schools,

housing, water, sewer and street maintenance.

I wish you well in your endeavors and hope that the gaming-convention center proceeds without incident.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Ayers Balano

**Dear Ms. Pigsley,**

Received information about new Casino while here in the desert (it's warm and not raining!) for holidays with our children. We live in Taft and, really, don't have much influence on anyone but wanted to make our opinion known. We wish you the "very best". We are behind you 100%. If people don't want gambling, then my husband and I say all gambling should stop, not selective gambling.

Many of us white people are ashamed of our history not only with Indians but also other

atrocities with others.

Some people will never change. They don't like you and never will. That's their choice. Some of us have always realized we own you big time. This note may not be politically correct, but I and my husband sincerely stand behind you (and beside you) in this exciting new venture.

Sincerely,  
Bob & Jeanne Minefer

**Dear Mrs. Pigsley,**

I'm writing to offer my support of the intended gaming facility-convention center in Lincoln City. I can't tell you how outraged and embarrassed I've been at the narrow mindedness, bigotry, and racism I've witnessed in the last several weeks over this issue on the part of several citizens in Lincoln City. I had considered

writing a letter to the editor of both local papers, but decided sending a positive message to you was more appropriate.

The Chinook Winds (wonderful name) has been the topic of conversation in town of late, but out of all this controversy and "words-taking-up-good-air space" rhetoric, I have been most impressed with your professionalism, dignity, and quiet wisdom in dealing with this.

Although I don't live in Lincoln City, I work and trade there daily. My family and I would like to extend our heartfelt welcome and should you need any help, please write or phone.

Most Sincerely,  
Kate C. Farriel

## Gaming Status Report

By: Jessie Davis,  
Chairman, Ad Hoc Gaming Committee

### Eleven Acre Site in Lincoln City is Now Reservation Land; Plans for Gaming Facility Moves Forward

LINCOLN CITY SITE NOW PART OF SILETZ RESERVATION:

In January 1995, as mandated by the U.S. Congress, the eleven acre site in Lincoln City was put under federal trust status for economic development and made part of the Siletz Reservation as of the date of our 1977 Restoration Act.

This was a major accomplishment which cleared the way for us to implement plans for the Chinook Winds Gaming and Convention Center in Lincoln City.

PLANS FOR ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY FACILITY UNDERWAY:

As provided for in our Compact with the State, plans are already underway for the establishment of a temporary facility at the site.

We will operate 250 video machines in the temporary facility- as many as Cow Creek now has in it's permanent gaming center. We will have 817 machines in the permanent facility.

Comstock Hotel and Casino will assist the Tribe in the operation of the temporary center under a consulting contract. The permanent gaming center will be managed by Comstock, when the Management Agreement, which we have already negotiated with Comstock, is approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission.

Candidates for the position of General Manager for the temporary center were interviewed however, to date, no selection has been made. A total of fifteen persons applied for this position.

Our target for the opening of the temporary facility is early summer which means we are on an extremely fast track. Numerous tasks must be accomplished and coordinated including: the construction of the temporary facility, the hiring and training of personnel, the establishment and training of a permanent Gaming Commission, the purchase and installation of gaming and other equipment and furnishings.

MEETINGS WITH LINCOLN CITY BEGINS ON POSITIVE NOTE:

We must also negotiate with the City of Lincoln City for essential municipal services. On January 30th, we held our first meeting with the Lincoln City Council to initiate

discussion of service issues.

This meeting was not intended to be an official negotiating session nor a public hearing but an opportunity for the Tribe and the City to get acquainted with each other, to lay the groundwork for addressing such municipal service issues as water, sewer, police and fire protection.

It will be staff responsibility to study the issues in depth and to make specific recommendations to the Tribe and the City to be negotiated.

The January 30th meeting was co-chaired by the Mayor and the Tribal Chairman and held at the Lincoln City Community Hall which was considered a neutral location for this government-to-government meeting.

Not all issues will be easily resolved; it will take time and good faith negotiations on both sides.

According to Kathleen Stockton in her letter to the Tribe dated January 17, 1995, "Lincoln City looks forward to developing a positive working relationship with the Tribe as we both work through the issues before us." We responded by stating that we are also "looking forward to working with the City in a spirit of cooperation".

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