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General Council Minutes May 6, 1995

Transcribed by Connie Plaggman

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Keizer City Hall

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Delores Pigsley, Chairman
Mike Darcy
Jessie Davis, Vice-Chairman
Phil Rilatos
JoAnn Miller, Secretary/Treasurer
Reggie Butler
Bensell Breon
Rosemary Landis
Lillie Butler

OTHERS PRESENT:

Connie Plaggman, Executive Secretary
(See attached List)

Chairman, Delores Pigsley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Invocation by Rosemary Landis. Roll Call was taken with 9 Present and 0 Absent.

MOTION #1 - Frank Simmons moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Seconded by Ed Ben. Motion Carried.

MOTION #2 - Rose Bremner moved to approve the February 1995 General Council Minutes. Seconded by Frank Simmons. Motion Carried.

Mike Darcy gave out the following awards:
Outstanding Service Award to Bob Tom
Outstanding Service Award to Lou Mosikous,
Terry Perrson, and Lori Brown Godfrey.
Lori Brown -Godfrey stated that this award was possible through Bob Toms efforts to schedule meetings and keep things going.
Superior Accomplishments to Wayne Case.
Superior Accomplishments to Yvonne Haverland.
Employee of the Quarter and Outstanding Service to Connie Plaggman.

Dee gave a special presentation to Mary "Dolly" Fisher for her years of service and dedication

along with a gift from the Tribal Council.

GERALD BEN:

I come here today to ask the tribal membership to pay honor to one of our elders. A few weeks ago Mr. Joe Lane was talking to me about our failure to pay our respects to people who have served our tribe. We never seem to honor our leaders in a timely fashion. He pointed out the honor of making my grandfather Archie Ben an honorary chief after his passing. He said we should be honoring people before their passing. I feel we did not fully recognize Pauline Ricks before she passed away.

Pauline has been a strength to this tribe and the Siletz people for many years. We honored Archie Ben for keeping the tribal traditions alive during the period that we were not recognized as Indians. It may not be known to people outside the family, but Grandfather was the leader of his Siletz area family group, it was Pauline who kept the Springfield arm of the group together. She packed, transported, dressed, and undressed her whole family. She taught and performed the dances. She kept the traditions alive.

When the tribe was seeking recognition she worked hard to achieve the goal of becoming "Indian" again. She worked many hours to establish a tribe. She worked on the constitution, the tribal council, the pow wow committee, all aspects of the tribal business. This she did with all her heart and the utmost dignity. Always she represented the tribe with dignity.

If anything should stand to the memory of Pauline it is the August Pow Wow. Few people seem to remember that the August pow wow, the "Circle of Friends", was started by the Archie Ben family dancers, the Frank White Buffalo Man family, and the Bow and Arrow Club of Portland in the early 1970's. Archie Ben, Ed Ben, Pauline Ricks, Clarice McKnight, Ester Easter, Robert Rilatos, Frank White Buffalo and their families started the pow wow in conjunction with the Siletz Raft Race Committee. As the race part of the celebration faded the pow wow grew. After restoration the tribe took over sponsorship of the celebration. Today that event is one of the largest in the Northwest. Pauline continued her participation in the festivities as whip woman making sure that the pow wow was conducted with respect and dignity. She attended every day of each celebration dancing and tending to her duties. For several years she also was escort to the princess and her court, transporting them all over the country representing the tribe.

When I wanted to come up with some way to honor Pauline the first thing that came to mind was the pow wow. I could think of no better way to honor Pauline than to connect her memory with the August Pow Wow. She helped start the event and continued to participate every year for 20 years.

Therefore, I would like to make a motion that the tribe honor Ms. Ricks by naming the pow wow grounds on Government Hill, outside of the tribal center, the Pauline Ricks Pow Wow Grounds.

MOTION #3 - Gerald Ben moved that the tribe honor Ms. Ricks by naming the pow wow grounds on Government Hill, outside of the tribal center, the Pauline Ricks Pow Wow Grounds.

Seconded by Shirley Walker. Motion Carried.

Robert Kentta introduced the group from Fort Hoskins.

Benton County purchased the old fort site and they are wanting the Tribal Council's input on what it has meant to the Tribe. The Fort Hoskins task force was formed to start identifying the stories and to help with the initial conceptions of the park. Fort Hoskins is located about 16 miles from Corvallis and was built in 1856. The fort was used to monitor the 3 known accesses to the coast. Fort Umpqua for Hoskin and the Lucky Mute river. In 1856 Lieutenant Sheraton selected this site for the fort for monitoring traffic across the coast range. There was a controversy on the site, the Indian agents wanted the fort located on the Siletz Reservation. The site was selected by the military who had originally wanted it located on the Lucky Mute river. Companies F and G were the first two companies located at Fort Hoskins. The first known pictures of the fort were from the 1920's. There is not a lot of evidence of the soldiers being at the fort. This is a very intact archeological site. The land has never been plowed where the officers were because if it had been the evidence would be destroyed. The U.S. army left sets of dishes, bottles, and bowls. In 1976 and 1977 the task force began working with the Doane family because they heard rumors that the Doane family was going to sell the property. The task force was trying to get as much information as possible on the site. Some of the materials left around the site were ammunition, mini balls, variety of gun parts, buttons from clothing, Bugle insignia,

Company insignia, marbles, a leather doll (the doll has been sent to the Smithsonian for further observation). There were also items of everyday use such as civil war days toothbrushes, safety pins, hair combs, bone toothpicks, gold locket, beach agates, clay pipes, brandy sifters, wine bottles, bones from cattle, pig, elk, deer, chicken geese, etc. and other alcohol bottles. The work done at the fort demonstrated that we can now determine daily life at that post. This fort was on the end of every supply line possible. U.S. Troops served at the Fort during 1856-1861. When the U.S. Troops pulled out in December 1864 - 1865 the fort was closed down. The Fort Hoskins task group would like the entire history of the southern Kings Valley, other Indians, early settlers, and the establishment of the reservation before and after the fort. There is an old house that was built on the Fort Hoskins site that will hopefully become a museum. The task group would like for the Tribe to have the opportunity for gathering rights and hunting rights on the land.

Jerry Davis explained the site plan for the 130 acre Fort Site. He stated that there are plans for the home site to be a interpretive center and there will be a trail system to see around the area.

Robert asked for elder's to share their stories of their families with the Fort Hoskins task group that may be helpful to them.

The Task Group wants to work with the Native American programs. They are making an effort to include the information that they have never seen before which is the true Indian aspect. They do not want any important part of history left out. Robert Kentta sits on the advisory committee.

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