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sees as the consciousness of what is going on vs. the authority.

Lisa stated that we are still a democratic tribe and the people have the right to vote why would she not have the right to voice her opinion and what right do you have to infringe on her right to vote by filing in federal district court?

Ed stated that it is nothing against her, buy only to see if tribal council are following the legal steps to get the election.

Bensell stated that the rights with the consent decree now and as part of the tribal council business they did not get publicly involved in this

issue prior to gaming. There are several people working on the back ground of the decree as well as the water rights for the tribe. They have been involved with getting the history of the tribe to establish the facts. He stated that we have 7 treaties, but we have to watch how we use them. They are working on establishing the Hunting & Fishing rights, water rights, and MOU's with different National Forest for the purpose of the gathering, etc. We need to be sure of our position.

Clifford Case stated that he respects the things done by tribal council. He stated that he attended a meeting in February and at that time he was still living in Washington and at that time he brought to council the idea of having a general council committee. He sees a lot of money coming into the tribe and he feels that an ethics committee is needed to take care of issues. He stated that we are the General Council and the people need to vote. He feels that a lot of our wants and desires are being expressed and nothing is happening. He stated that it can be bad if you let it but you have to have responsible people. He feels that if an issue comes up it should be taken to the people and then to tribal council. He stated that this is nothing personal.

Dee stated that an ethics committee would look into ethic issues.

Lori stated that everybody hears things differently depending on what side your on. She feels that somebody needs to look into this. She asked if tribal council can research, get input, or give input because General Council needs to be more organized.

Dee stated that in her opinion other tribes who have or have had a general council committee are out on a witch hunt.

Ron Hudson stated that when he attended the meetings in Salem regarding the blood degree that he thought that if he voted to keep it the same and it got the most votes that it would remain the same. He did not feel that this was fair. He is expressing his frustration. He feels that his rights were violated.

Ed Ben submitted a letter regarding the blood quantum request to the Secretary of the Interior to lower the blood quantum. He stated that when

he looked in the dictionary for the word plurality that it read - In contest of more than two alternatives and the one with the most votes should be the one decided on.

Geneva stated that if the blood quantum is lowered to 1/16 then there will be no Siletz left because it keeps getting lower and lower.

Frank Aspria from the Depoe family stated that his grandfather got a house in Siletz and was kicked out because the people thought he had another home. Frank stated that his grandfather did not have another home but had friends that would let him stay in a home for free. He would like to see us all get along and put all the energy towards something positive. He stated that he applied for the food and beverage position with the gaming center. He went into the interview with Mr. John Fults. He explained to Mr. Fults that he would like to have traditional native cuisine. He stated that John Fults told him that if it was up to him he would have an Irish cuisine. He stated that there are no Native American restaurants around. He dreams constantly that our people can get along without fighting.

Geneva Johnson stated that she brought a name for the ICW task force review and she would like to recommend Clifford Case to take the place of Joe Lane on the task force.

Lillie Butler stated that at the last council meeting there was discussion on having a full time council person. She believes in a full time council or at least a couple full time positions. She would like to know from the General Council what their feelings are about having a full time council?

Rose Bremner stated that the Tribal Council should submit how many hours a day and description of the duties. She feels that it is ridiculous all the hours spent in meetings.

Ron Hudson stated that the Council and employee's travel a lot. He would like to see the tribal council and employees devote their frequent flyer miles to the elders for free trips.

Dee stated that if we have to go through GSA then we will not be able to do this because they are non transferable.

Lori stated that we need a full-time council. She feels that then the council would be able to deal with the issues. She feels that the problems come from staff.

Denise Peterson agrees that there should be at least 3 full time tribal council positions.

The elders had a meeting with 16 in attendance and their discussion went into discussion regarding ICW, Nelsen Witt, and Craig Dorsay. The elder's are concerned and do not understand how we are able to continue with these high salaries.

Elaine Thomas is concerned with what is happening at Chemawa where she has heard that the 5 tribes are taking their money from the clinic and closing down one department. She would like to know where the Siletz stands with this. She said that Dee had made a speech regarding Chemawa.

Dee stated that the tribe is not contracting services with Chemawa. She stated that there are 3 tribes (Cow Creek, Coos, and Coquille) that provide no services and their concern is that they want a facility to provide medical services in

their areas. The Bureau was in the process of giving out the shares. All the tribes agreed that they wanted the clinic to provide the services at Chemawa. Any Indian can get services there. Dee stated that they were told that as long as Grand Ronde and Siletz do not pull their funds out then the services will continue. This has not been resolved within the five tribes. She stated that a letter of intent from the five tribes to the area director wanting identification of the resources and the shares. Dee stated that the Tribe had to identify our shares. She stated that between the Grand Ronde and Siletz that it is 70% of the funding.

Elaine was also concerned because only Chemawa was available to utilize these services and the other concern is that those that do utilize the facility will have to go to the Portland area for services and the funds aren't there. She stated that she is also concerned with the Oregon Health Plan.

Rosemary stated that the 3 southern tribes want to form their own Southern Oregon Service Unit. Brenda stated that during the negotiations the letter was sent in to identify the funds and what it is for, but there still no agreement regarding the disbursements. The Siletz Tribe does not agree with the disbursements. She stated that nothing has been settled and there is still a lot of negotiations going on. She said all the correct information needs to get out.

Gerald Ben stated that this could be the same thing that happened with the BIA. He stated that a lot of this stuff may wash away.

Dee stated that the tribes argument is over the portion of the shares. She thinks that Siletz's shares our about 37% of the budget. During the negotiations Siletz asked if the 3 tribes took their shares would there be enough funds to keep the service unit going and the response was probably. The tribes concern is that if there is a lot of overhead staff that it could be reduced in order to keep the services. 62% of the services are not being provided to the tribal members or the students and that if you take away the Indian tribes that are funded then all you would have left is the school. The obligation is there to serve all Indians.

Rosemary stated that the Coquille have a service unit in the works and the Cow Creeks are working on a service unit in Roseburg. They would also be servicing other affiliated Indians.

Bill Towner had a few concerns, first is the lack of communication. He stated that at 7:00 last night he found out about a funeral that was on Thursday. Secondly, trips for elders. He has been left out on 3 elders trips and he is not sure if it is because of his wheelchair or what. Thirdly, he would like to know if the Salem Area Office has a handicap entrance yet?

Dee does not know what the guidelines are for determining who goes on the trips. She stated that the council did vote to purchase a larger van with extra storage space.

Bill stated that he gets to travel but not as much as he would like to.

Stan thinks under the American Disability Act

