

as planned, on schedule. On June 21st, we had another design meeting with representatives of Kane and Johnson and key members of PLC, the company to construct the facility.

Of high priority for is to complete the foundation work and steel structure before the weather turns on us. Our schedule calls for groundbreaking to begin this summer.

The Environmental Assessment

Bill Graham of Tierra Environmental Services of San Diego has been under tribal contract to conduct the Environmental Assessment. His report will address the impact of the gaming center on water, sewer, law enforcement, cultural, biological, traffic, and other issues.

It is on the basis of the basic research conducted by our tribal Staff and consultants that Graham will be able to put together the draft Environmental Assessment before our Management Agreement can be approved.

Those contributing reports to Graham were Mike Kennedy on biological issues, Robert Kentta on cultural; Jeff Clark of Kittleston Associates on traffic; Dietmar Goebel and Dennis Lowery on water, sewer and related issues.

We anticipate that Graham will prepare for tribal review, a consolidated draft report sometime early this month.

The No Casino Association's latest tactic to obstruct our gaming center is a letter by Brian Green, attorney for the Association, dated June 6, 1995 to Graham, claiming that Chinook Winds will have an adverse impact on the environment. Green's letter was accompanied by a report by Richard Townsend of Townsend Environmental of Otis.

Our Environmental Assessment will address all issues he raises. In our opinion, most of his data and conclusions are "off the wall". For example, regarding the environmental impact on Salmon River and Highway 18 caused by the increased traffic to the gaming center, he states: "As the cars travel the highway (to the gaming center), oil, leaded gasoline, and many other pollutants will be left on the roadway and washed into the river by rain. The many fish, birds and other wildlife in the river and forest area could be adversely affected."

Where were the Green's and

the Townsends when other entities, (state, federal, and private) chose to develop areas in Lincoln County? Where were they when action was needed to aide in the prevention of the depletion of the salmon, our native food? Are we to believe that the patrons of Chinook Winds, one small facility among countless tourist attractions, are solely responsible for the pollution of the environment on the Oregon Coast?

Negotiations With The City For Municipal Services

This has been a primary responsibility of Tribal Attorney Craig Dorsay, in view of the City's insistence that negotiations be handled through the attorneys representing the City and the Tribe. There has been a number of offers and Counter offers and it appears that we are on the verge of finalizing an agreement. We anticipate this will occur this month.

Sharon House Training Sessions

For four days, from June 16th thru June 19th, Sharon House, Oneida attorney conducted sessions for the tribal Gaming Commission, Tribal Council and Monitor, Other representatives of the tribe had an opportunity of meeting with her on an individual basis.

Sharon coordinated NIGA'S team in the preparation of the National Indian Gaming Association's draft Minimum Internal Control Standards, which was the focus of her workshop sessions for the Siletz Tribe.

Sharon, who has served as an attorney for the National Indian Gaming Association, brought with her a wealth of knowledge and experience. She discussed our Siletz gaming project and issues in the context of the critical issues currently facing tribes at the national level.

In view of the current effort to damage, if not destroy, Indian Gaming, Sharon emphasized the importance of tribal adoption and application of minimum control standards. She added however, that Indian gaming is the most regulated of all gaming in this country but is under constant scrutiny by anti-Indian gaming forces.

Sharon repeatedly commended the high calibre of the Siletz Gaming Commission and the Tribal Monitor. Although by its very nature, verses operational, she was

very pleased to see a spirit of cooperation between the two and the serious effort being made to define their respective roles.

Planning For The Children's Center

A planning team has been appointed to assist in the planning for the construction and operation of a children's center near the permanent gaming and convention center. The team members are: Amos Arden, Mike Darcy, Jane John and Geneva Johnson.

At our first meeting, the various purposes of a children's center were identified:

- * child care services for employees and customers and for community members
- * fun center for children 5 thru 12
- * arcade for teens

Materials prepared by programs such as Play Works of Mystic Lake and Kids' Quest which operate children's centers for the Grand Casinos, were reviewed. Members of the team had an opportunity of visiting these centers last winter and will explore other programs, some of which are located in Oregon, i.e., Discovery Zone.

GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 5, 1995

at

**SILETZ TRIBAL CENTER
SILETZ, OR**

Starting at 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Call to Order
Invocation
Roll Call
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes
Awards Presentation
Tribal Members Concerns
Pow Wow Update
Gaming Report
STEDCO Report
Chairman's Report
Announcements
Adjournment

