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Council Report

This is the first report to the people through our newspaper medium and it is hoped that it will be interesting, informative and a help toward bringing your Council's activities closer to the people. Highlights only will be given as minutes of their meetings are available to every member by just calling and asking that your name be put on the mailing list.

August 9th meeting - Present were Eugene Greene, Rita Squiemphen, Zane Jackson, Elmer Quinn, Larry Calica, Amos Simtustus, Jacob Frank, Nick Kalama and Karen Wallulatum. Delbert Frank was attending a meeting of the Northwest Attorneys General in Seattle on Indian jurisdiction, water rights and taxation as a Council delegate. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service reported on our hatchery operation; the Planners discussed the Simnasho-Schoolie Flat Water System and were instructed to determine the needs in the other rural areas as well as designs and costs so we will be able to establish a line of priority; the Drought-Range Board reported on spring protection and development and progress of the hay purchase program. Because of inflation, cost of rural access roads to new homes being built was raised to \$1,100 by adopting Resolution No. 5019; these monies are administered through the Credit Department.

August 10th meeting - Present were Eugene Greene, Rita Squiemphen, Zane Jackson, Elmer Quinn, Larry Calica, Karen Wallulatum, Nick Kalama, Amos Simtustus and Jacob Frank. Delbert was still away at the Seattle meeting. Results of the referendum were received indicating that it went down the drain for lack of 13 votes, although those that did vote were 5 to 1 in favor of the Simnasho-Schoolie Flat Water System. Everyone agreed that either district meetings or General Councils should be held and another referendum scheduled for September. One point which should be made clear to the people is that we are not talking about only one area; we are talking about the whole Reservation but we can only do one system at a time.

509-J and the Education Committee reported that the summer tutoring program was highly successful; future programs were also discussed and the Council was assured that the Simnasho School would be kept open for this next school year. Student enrollment has been dropping each year so economics will determine if it can be kept open after that.

August 15th meeting - Present were Delbert Frank, Larry Calica, Zane Jackson, Karen Wallulatum, Nick Kalama and Amos Simtustus. Four of our Councilmen (Rita Squiemphen, Elmer Quinn, Jacob Frank and Eugene Greene) were away on vacation and annual leave. A General Council to explain the Schoolie Flat Water System was scheduled for the evening of August 29th; to be held at the Simnasho Longhouse.

The flags for the graves of our veterans have been delivered and you may pick them up at the Tribal Council office just prior to Veterans Day.

At a previous meeting, Council adopted Resolution No. 5016, closing the Warm Springs River to all fishing one-half mile upstream and one-half mile downstream from the Fish Hatchery site. This was done in an effort to protect the migrating fish who are stopped by the dam and have to mill around in those areas until they can find the fish ladder.

To The Editor

I'd like to thank all the people who backed up our petition with their signatures. It is our hope to have a policy set forth to set up an Indian Labor Board for the W.S.-F.P.I., and eventually used for all labor on the reservation, giving the Indian employee a place to turn in time of need or when any problem arises.

Tony J. Suppah

Commission on Indian Services Elects Officers

The Commission on Indian Services unanimously approved Warren "Rudy" Clements and Arthur Bensell as its chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, for a second one-year term. Clements is the municipal manager for the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, and Bensell is the chairman of the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz.

Meeting at the State Capitol in Salem on July 29, 1977, the Commission also reviewed its activities during its first year of existence and established a schedule for its work during the next two years. The Commission will be conducting a series of meetings throughout the state to learn from Indian communities what problems they see in state programs serving them and what recommendations they would offer to correct these problems. The next meeting will be at the Umatilla Indian Reservation on August 19, 1977, and future monthly meetings will be held in Burns, Klamath Falls, and the south coast, north coast, Willamette Valley, and Portland urban areas.

The Commission considered the success of the first such meeting, held in mid-July on the Warm Springs Reservation, as warranting continuation of these meetings throughout the state. At the Warm Springs meeting, members of the Commission and local state legislators met with tribal staff to learn of their programs in the areas of education and mental health, and with the tribal council of the Warm Springs Tribes; a general meeting was held in the evening to receive input from others concerned with state services available for their communities. This session included testimony from Celilo Wyam Board on the needs of Indians in Celilo Village for a range of social services, including housing, education, and employment opportunities. Representatives of the Celilo Wyam Board also described their proposal for the construction of a longhouse at Celilo as a focus for the community's cultural and economic development. Members of the Commission offered the assistance of the Commission in suggesting possible funding sources for the project and in helping the Celilo Wyam Board establish the needs of the Indian community for state services.

Other concerns expressed in these sessions included the lack of staff training resources for the Warm Springs early childhood education program, the need for improved policies in the public schools on truancy, the need for improved curriculum and teacher training standards, and the establishment of better communications among the schools, the tribe, the community, and Indian families. In addition, the Commission learned about problems being experienced on the Warm Springs Reservation with drug abuse among juveniles, and the need for better coordination between the tribe's youth care programs and the state's.

The Commission will be examining these issues in the other sessions to be held in the state to assist the Commission in recommending appropriate changes to state agencies or the 1979 legislature.

In addition to the monthly meetings, the Commission will continue its work in the areas of state budgets, children's services, corrections, and education through committees with responsibilities to investigate these issues; full Commission meetings will be held every three months through June 1978.

Persons interested in additional information about the Commission or its meetings, may write to the Commission on Indian Services, 454 State Capitol, Salem, Oregon 97310, or phone (503) 378-5481.

The Commission on Indian Services was established by law in 1975 to advise the legislature and other state officials of the needs of Indians in the state and to recommend appropriate solutions. The Commission members are appointed jointly by the Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives and the President of the Oregon Senate. The present members of the Commission are: Senator Victor Atiyeh, (R-Beaverton), Arthur Bensell (Siletz), Robert Bojorcas (Eugene), William Brainard (Coos Bay), Rudy Clements (Warm Springs), Representative Sam Johnson (R-Redmond), William Johnson (Pendleton), John Green (Klamath Falls), and Jim St. Martin (Burns).

Water Law Short Courses Instream Flow-

The Instream Flow Group, in cooperation with other agencies, will be conducting two short courses on water law in the fall of 77. Two previous short courses generated extensive interest in the subject. The first course held in Fort Collins, Colorado, in February of this year, and the second one held here in Warm Springs in May, also of this year.

Those scheduled for this fall will focus on the issue of protecting instream flows. This course will be held at Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, Or. November 29 to December 1, 1977.

It is a unique course and the following subjects will be covered: (1) Judicial Philoso-

phy, (2) history of western water law, (3) appropriation doctrine, (4) Reservation doctrine, (5) water quality law, and (6) expert witnessing on instream flow issues.

The course is designed for water resources managers, fisheries biologists, hydrologists, and other interested parties. Sponsors of the course are the Instream Flow Group, the Natural Resources Law Institute at Lewis and Clark Law School, the Fish and Wildlife Service-Region 1, and the State of Washington Department of Ecology.

Those interested in securing enrollment in the course should do so as soon as possible.

Tribal Council Agenda

Aug. 22 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Realty

3. 2:00 p.m. - Sanders-Rickard Progress Report

Aug. 23 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

1. Funds for Capitalized Projects
2. Zone Change
3. Community Fencing
4. P.M. - Delegates leave for Spokane

August 24th - August 26th -

Affiliated Tribes Meeting, Spokane

Aug. 29 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Wasco-Paiute Room, Kah-Nee-Ta

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Joint Meeting - Tribal Council and All Committee Members

Aug. 30 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

1. Management Reports
2. 1:30 p.m. - Joint Meeting - Tribal Council-Management