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Pierson Mitchell, right, and an unidentified VFW member, bring in the colors while Jacob Frank Sr. and his drummers sing the flag song at the dinner held for Vona Houtz, National President of the Woman's Auxiliary, Tuesday, November 13. See page 3 for more photos.

Spilyay Tymoo Photo by Stwyer

15 adoptions approved, voters okay housing

In the November 15 referendum election tribal voters okayed a \$6.6 million housing package and approved membership status for 15 of the 23 adoption candidates.

The tally on the housing projects was 339 yes votes and 158 no votes. A total of 497 cast ballots on the housing question with 68% voting affirmatively.

On the adoption vote the eight individuals who were not approved for membership into the Confederated Tribes were: Jerry Alan Clements, John Rustin Marcum, Russell Johnny Graham, Eric Manuel Langnese, Donald Bagley, Karla Bagley, William Bagley and Lena Mitts.

The other 15 candidates were approved for membership by over 50 percent of the eligible voters. A total of 581 adoption ballots were cast out of a possible 1,112.

Tallying the votes proved to be a marathon task for the Counting Board. According to Madeline Craig of the Vital Statistics Department, they didn't finish counting, until 8 p.m. Friday night. Each of the adoption candidate's votes had to be tallied separately.

General Manager Ken Smith said he feels great about the housing vote and that he is glad the members approved the projects. "Now, we've got our work cut out for us," he said. He also noted that, hopefully, future projects will reflect some of the other ideas and needs expressed at the Nov. 6 general council meeting. "We want to give everybody the opportunity to own a home."

Upon hearing the results of the housing vote, Planning director Ray Rangila said that the Tribal Council has taken a very big step in relieving the housing shortage for all age groups. "The support of the tribal membership in spending up to \$6.6 million in tribal funds indicates that Tribal government can be self-determining without federal reliance."

"The Council isn't just giving lip service to meeting tribal member housing needs," Rangila continued. "We still have a way to go, especially for the unemployed and limited income families, but the community seems to be pulling together to find the right direction."

Bonus amount larger

The Tribal Council last Tuesday authorized the payment of \$3,498,000 in 1979 bonus dividends to enrolled tribal members. Each enrollee is to receive \$1,500 which will be paid in two installments - \$500 in mid-December and \$1,000 in January.

This year's bonus amount is up \$300 over last year's \$1,200 figure. The larger bonus amount reflects increased profits from tribal operations in 1979. Also, this year's bonus allotment is 42 percent of the Tribes' estimated 1979 surplus while last year it was just 25 percent.

But apparently not everyone will receive the entire \$1,500.

The Tribal Council added a stipulation for "delinquent indebtedness" to this year's resolution. Up to 75 percent of a person's second payment may be held back until some action has been taken on the individual's debt problem.

Areas of concern include back rent debts and past due loan accounts. General Manager Ken Smith said that they were hoping people would come in and pay their delinquent accounts. "We don't like to do this, but we gave them a chance," he said.

The majority of tribal members, however, will receive their bonus payments on schedule.

Pelton Power project on schedule

Engineering and design of the turbine and powerhouse for the Tribes' hydroelectric project at the Pelton Reregulating Dam is proceeding on schedule, engineering consultant Jerry Dibble said in a phone interview last week.

"We are paying particular attention to the design of the fishways and intake structure so flow into the turbine will be to specifications," he reported. The powerhouse must be operated to provide steady release since an even flow must be maintained for protection of the fishery.

Dibble added that there was a technical meeting on November 13 with Voest-Alpine International to review the progress they're making on the turbine design and to coordinate it with the powerhouse design.

On the financial front, Dibble said that he and members of the consulting team have been meeting with potential power purchasers "to

evolve a good power sales contract." He said they are seeking a suitable contract with the best terms for the tribes. Among those being interviewed are Pacific Power & Light, Portland General Electric, Pacific Power & Gas (California), and other public entities.

The power sales contract will be the keystone to the project since it insures ample revenue for paying off the debt and for operation of the facility.

Inflation has driven up the cost of building hydroelectric generating facilities in recent years. So the cost of electricity from newer facilities is more expensive than power produced at older installations. That is why the tribes will be selling the 81 million Kilowatt hours produced at the reregulating dam and continue to use less expensive power from Pacific Power & Light and Wasco Electric here on the reservation.

Dibble also reported that they are considering the possibility of having two contracts for the engineering

work. One contract would be for all preliminary excavation and building the access road. The second contract would be the main contract for the powerhouse installation.

He said they are still expecting to finish on schedule. "We are even investigating what might be done to speed up the project so it will be on line as soon as possible." Inflation is costing about \$175,000 a month, so the sooner the project is finished the less it will cost.

This past month you may have noticed some heavy equipment at the reregulating dam. A crew has been drilling exploratory holes to determine just where the foundation material is for placement of the powerhouse.

Basic exploration has just been finished and now they're taking cores to check for strength. Dibble noted that this drilling will in no way affect the strength or safety of the dam. "We want to put the powerhouse where it'll be most economical, satisfactory and safe," Dibble said.

Weather

Nov.	Hi	Lo	P.
3	46	38	
4	51	45	.32
5	52	42	.01
6	49	43	.04
	50	46	
8	55	42	
9	43	32	
10	55	31	
11	53	28	
12	38	30	
13	39	36	
14	40	36	
15	42	33	
16	40	35	.32
17	56	40	
18	49	35	
19	50	28	

Public Notice

All interested persons are hereby notified that a summary of the Federal Revenue Sharing budget of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, Warm Springs, Oregon, including the intended uses of federal revenue sharing funds is available for public inspection.

The budget summary and documentation necessary to support the summary are available at the Administration Building from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday.