

# Editorial

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(The way it is)



## Letters to the editor

### Much concern expressed about tribal reorganization

To the people,

As many of you are aware, and many unaware, a number of concerned tribal members have been circulating a petition. (It now has 300+ signatures.) The petition requests that Tribal Council fulfill their obligation to the people of Warm Springs by involving us and keeping us informed concerning major decisions.

Recently our "leaders" seem to have totally forgotten about the people of Warm Springs by not involving us in major decisions. One would like to think that at least one of our "leaders" would think about taking major resolutions to the people for our input before approving any major resolution.

Our immediate concern is Resolution #6033 which places three people in top management positions — two non-tribal members and one tribal member!! Never before have two non-tribal members had this much power in our tribe. Why can't we put tribal people in these positions?!

Why this particular move, what are the other options? Why weren't these positions

advertised?!? Why were these positions made retroactive to February?! There are many questions unanswered.....we must question these decisions in depth... Why, why....tell us why this is the best move for the Confederated tribes of Warm Springs.

**Ralph Minnick** — no question. This man is an asset, is good for Warm Springs. **Ed Manion** — another asset. He also has his family here, so consequently has a vested interest in the welfare of Warm Springs. **Doug McClelland** — No Comment!

We have to eliminate the million dollars of waste here in Warm Springs!!...think is too much waste which we have to pay for!! Think about it. Your children pay for all this waste.

We owe it to ourselves to reduce Tribal spending and waste. We must tighten up on tribal operation, find out who is spending our money, why they're spending it and where they're spending it!! Then follow it up with an indepth audit. If we tighten up on tribal operation, profits and dividends will increase for all three tribes. But we must come together to accomplish this.

Don't be afraid to speak

out...there are a lot of people who work in various programs who know where money, equipment is being wasted, but who do we turn to? Write or talk to your Councilman. **Don't be afraid of Council, they work for us! We must stand up for ourselves now, in this generation, or our children will have to endure the same hardships, eve worse.**

We have to tighten up on the "free lunch" that you and I pay for, unlimited expense accounts, credit cards, tribal cars, ridiculous trips for committees and Council, silly donations to grown people, clubs and associations that, using a little imagination, could earn their way.

If we are going to go down the trail of self-determination and independence, then we have to come to grips with some very hard issues. We can't continue to take from the future, just so we can enjoy...

We must utilize our resources more wisely. Wampum doesn't grow by spending, it's how it is re-invested and managed that will insure a fulfilling future for our children.

Sincerely,  
Bobby Eagleheart & Many others

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## Why we initiated the petition

It's the people of Warm Springs that makes all of this possible!! Our people come first, everything else is secondary. . . We must never forget this. We enjoy what we have today, because our elders kept us first in their minds. Think of our children, their future, our future. . . sometimes I worry about our future. . . Then I realize we, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, can come together and find solutions.

Once a chief is nominated, or a person is nominated for our Warm Springs Tribal Council, and accepts this nomination, he/she also accepts the responsibility toward the people of Warm Springs. This includes the responsibility of involving the people in major decisions that affect all of our lives. We must give support and strength to our Tribal Government by involving ourselves in the governing process.

Our Constitution and By-Laws read: *Article VI-Initiative and Referendum:*

**Whenever a matter of great importance comes before the Tribal Council, the councilmen shall, by resolution duly passed,**

**submit the matter to the vote of the people.** If they do not so agree to submit the question, any two members of the council, or one-fifth of the members of the Confederated tribes, may within 30 days after the vote of council, call such a popular referendum, but no councilmen shall call more than two referendum elections during any calendar year. When a referendum election has been called, the question to be voted on shall be posted at the voting places for at least ten days prior to election. The notice shall contain the ordinance or resolution to be voted on with the accompanying words: "Shall the ordinance, or resolution be approved? Yes ( ) No ( ) The will of those voting shall be the law, provided at least one-third of the eligible voters actually vote.

Management's and Tribal Council's decision to adopt resolution No. 6033, that appoints three people to top level management positions, without involving the people of Warm Springs, violated Constitutional rights and By-

Laws. . . To say the least!! We, the undersigned, are suggesting Resolution No. 6033 be brought before the people of Warm Springs, to bring us together in a joint effort to arrive at the best solution.

The people have ideas and thoughts too. We would appreciate a chance to be involved in the decision as to who is to "RUN" our Tribal affairs. We know who treats us with respect and regard. We're not saying that we disagree with the appointments, or that they are a mistake. We are saying that we disagree with Council and Management's decision to disregard the input of the Warm Springs People.

Bobby Eagleheart & Others

## Please Call

Daisy Martin would like Bunny Brunoe to call her collect at 1-707-964-2978.

## The Petition

To:  
Tribal Council & Management  
From:  
Warm Springs families  
Re:  
Resolution No. 6033

We, the people of the three tribes of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, are circulating a petition, requesting that the Tribal Council and management hear the voice and concerns of the people of Warm Springs, concerning Resolution No. 6033.

This petition isn't aimed at tribal and non-Tribal, the opportunity to voice our ideas, thoughts, and amendments to Resolution No. 6033 before its approval. It's the people of Warm Springs that continue to make good life-styles possible for many, many, people of and the man appointed. The issue

being the violation of our constitutional rights, which allows us to voice our opinions in major decisions.

We urge Tribal Council to reconsider Resolution No. 6033 and allow the people a General Council meeting to at least afford the people, both off the reservation.

Not only are the Tribal people's feelings slighted, also many non-tribal employees are feeling the same. We will continue circulation of our petition, which already has hundreds of signatures, until Tribal Council schedules a General Council to allow us our constitutional rights in matters of great importance that affect all of our lives.

Sincerely,  
Concerned Warm Springs  
People,  
Bobby Eagleheart

## Council forgetting us?

To the People of Warm Springs,

This letter is to question the judgement of the Tribal Council.

They were elected to the Tribal Council to support the will of the Warm Springs people. However, they are neglecting the will of the people and supporting the Administration and Management.

Here are a few of the decisions that were made without the consent of the Warm Springs enrolled people:

Purchase of Sherars Bridge (We already had the fishing rights!)

Purchase of Schoen-Hagen

Property (off reservation land, ranch and farmland).  
Building of new Tribal Garage.

Reorganizing the Management to fit the administration; not the enrolled members.

The Tribal Council have been telling us the last few months we are low on funds? However Management and Tribal Council create top level positions that will cost the Tribe (us) over a ¼ million dollars!

Do the Warm Springs people really want this to happen? Is there a Warm Springs member trained for one of these jobs?

Vernon Henry

## Notice of public meeting

"The Warm Springs Law and Order Committee wishes to extend their cordial invitation to all Tribal Members to attend the scheduled public meeting on

September 14, 1981 at the Agency Longhouse. Dinner will be served 5:30 p.m. and meeting to start 7:00 p.m. We encourage you to attend-this is your meeting!"

## Tribal Council Agenda

The Tribal Council  
will be  
discussing the 1982  
BUDGETS  
during September