

User's fee set on Deschutes



Madras Jr. High students Mary Calica and Todd Beamer raised the most money for student council use through donations deposited in jars with the name of each student on it. Eight students were selected from the various guide rooms to compete. The eight students were able to raise \$53.40.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

Telecommunications project studied for Warm Springs

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have been awarded a grant by the U.S. National Telecommunications Information Administration to study communication possibilities on the reservation.

A grant of \$30,000 was made to study the feasibility of public radio and public television as a means of communication on and for the reservation. Education, public entertainment and preservation of tribal languages and cultures will be the main objectives of the mediums to be studied. Both AM and FM radio transmission will be considered, as well as high-power and low-power television stations.

The study will also include the possible association with the public radio and television systems of the State of Oregon under Oregon Educational Public Broadcasting system. OEPBS is planning to move a television station from Salem to Bend within the next year or two.

The study will include radio, cable, satellite reception, microwave and television of very high frequency (VHF) and ultra high frequency (UHF).

It is estimated that the study will take six to eight months. Bill Marsh, public relations counsel for the Confederated Tribes, will be the project coordinator.

Each spring the Deschutes River, from Pelton Reregulating Dam to the Columbia River, becomes a freeway for the many people who use the river for recreational purposes. On some days hundreds of floaters put to the river to enjoy the scenic beauty of the canyon and rapids. Because of the increase if users on the river it became apparent to the Parks and Recreation Division of the State of Oregon and other agencies that there would have to be a way to set and enforce a plan for the management and use of the river. A "users fee" was recommended and hearings were held at Eugene, Madras, The Dalles and Portland earlier this year.

The "users fee" was recognized as a method which could be used to help finance the regulation of present laws for the Deschutes River Scenic Waterway. It could pay for persons to enforce the present laws and to enforce new laws that were described as "much needed" to maintain the balance needed" to maintain the balance of the river and its environment.

The recommendations were adopted and became a part of OAR 736. Division 4. The issue which raised the most questions for public concern

was the actual fee to be charged to the user of the river. For many people the idea of having to pay to use the river seemed out of the question but following the hearings it became an accepted plan.

The revenue gained by selling of permits on a daily basis and on a yearly basis will be used to help the interested agencies defray the cost increase of policing the area. The final cost of a daily user's fee was set at \$1.75 per person per day. Earlier, it was suggested a \$12.00 seasonal pass (the season being from the second Saturday of April and including the last Sunday in October) would be sold. The price remains the same but it is applied to a yearly pass. Any person except Tribal members

using the river at anytime must obtain a pass to be on the surface of the river.

The Boater Pass program is experimental in nature and the experimental innature and Commission is aware there will be a need for changes as it progresses.

Persons who own land abutting those portions of th abutting those portions of the Deschutes River designated as pare of the scnie waterway can receive annual passes issued by the State Parks and Recreation. To receive a pass people who qualify must apply for it by written request to the State Parks Administrator.

Members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will not be required to apply or pay for a pass.

Committee needs input

There will be an Aerial Spraying Environmental Assessment meeting March 3, 1982 at the Agency Longhouse.

Prior to the meeting, the Timber Committee would like to compile the concerns of the different committees, resource people and the general public before Dr. James Witt speaks at the meeting.

If any committees are

scheduling meetings during the week of March 8, the Timber committee would appreciate committee input.

Timber committee chairman Louie Pitt urges all tribal members to attend the Aerial Spraying meeting. Dr. Witt recently lectured in Bend and gave a very "informative, objective picture of what is happening," said Pitt.

Council journeys to nation's capitol

With the weather in Warm Springs relatively mild for the dead of winter, Warm Springs Tribal Council members, secretary/treasurer Ralph Minnick, fiscal manager Doug McClelland, controller Jim Sizemore and tribal attorney Dennis Karnopp traveled to Washington, D.C. only to be faced with freezing, blustery winds and bone chilling weather to meet with various D.C. officials and to attend the annual NCAI Executive Council meeting.

Minnick, McClelland and Sizemore arrived earlier than Council members and spent their first morning in the offices of Edwards Associates, reviewing and amending position papers and supporting documents for discussions to be held later in the week on the Interior Department's investigation into the timber administrative fees. (The 10%) monies. They also discussed the timber administrative fees reimbursement policy and avenues of remedy with BIA's forestry division head George Smith. The three Warm Springs representatives presented to Smith a booklet which thoroughly documented the history of the timber administrative fees program and its economic benefit to the tribes.

During an informal meeting with Deputy Assistant Secretary of Policy Roy Sampsel and deputy assistant secretary for operations John Fritz, the timber administrative fee situation was once again discussed as well as the problem with the BIA allocation of IMPL account monies. Warm Springs is

opposed to the across-the-board reduction of all IMPL accounts an alternative to the situation were opposed to the director of Financial Management Chuck Hughes.

The council was also informed that Warm Springs has received a \$50,000 grant for the Warm Springs Tribal Museum from the Administration for Native Americans.

The council also met with Senators Mark Hatfield and Bob Packwood. Both were presented with red cedar root baskets filled with Kah-Nee-Ta matches. Senator Hatfield talked about the Indian Tax Status Act, the resolution of the IMPL account, the possibilities of securing salmon enhancement money in upcoming appropriations legislation and other legislative matters of immediate interest. The Council told Hatfield of their concern over the current investigation into the timber administrative fees and requested the Senator's possible assistance if it is needed in the future.

While Council was attending the NCAI meeting, tribal administrators met to review the recent Supreme Court decision upholding the rights of Indian Tribes to impose taxes.

In a meeting with several BIA officials, the Council explored the implications of the repeal of the timber administrative fee reimbursement policy and the powers of the Inspector General in issuing a report on such policy. Although it was determined that the Inspector General's decision is final and binding, the BIA officials were fully convinced of the economic

benefits conferred by the present administrative fee policy.

Following discussion of the 10% monies, talk turned to the disposition of the IMPL accounts. Tom Stangl of program development and implementation in the financial management office indicated that the department of the Interior had acted too quickly in its determination to uniformly cut back all IMPL account nationwide by 50%. He said that such a decision would not be implemented and that his offices were presently investigating alternative means of allocating the proper tribal shares among IMPL accounts.

Renovation of the Warm Springs tribal jail was also discussed with Stangl. It was "generally acknowledged" that the jail is in very poor shape and must be repaired. Given the present budget situation, it is considered nearly impossible to build a new jail. However, it was indicated major renovation may be feasible, and that such an alternative will be explored. Also, BIA property personnel will begin to examine the current jail facility.

Delbert Frank, Harold Culpus and Mike Clements went to Capitol Hill to meet with Oregon congressman Roy Wyden to discuss the Northwest Power Bill and the implementation of its fishery provisions.

Following three very busy days in the nation's capitol, the Council and entourage boarded their plane and headed for home. It was the general consensus that their trip was well worth the time and effort and that the council had accomplished many of the things they had set out to do.

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