

# Brunoe named to watershed board

**First Warm Springs tribal member to hold the position**

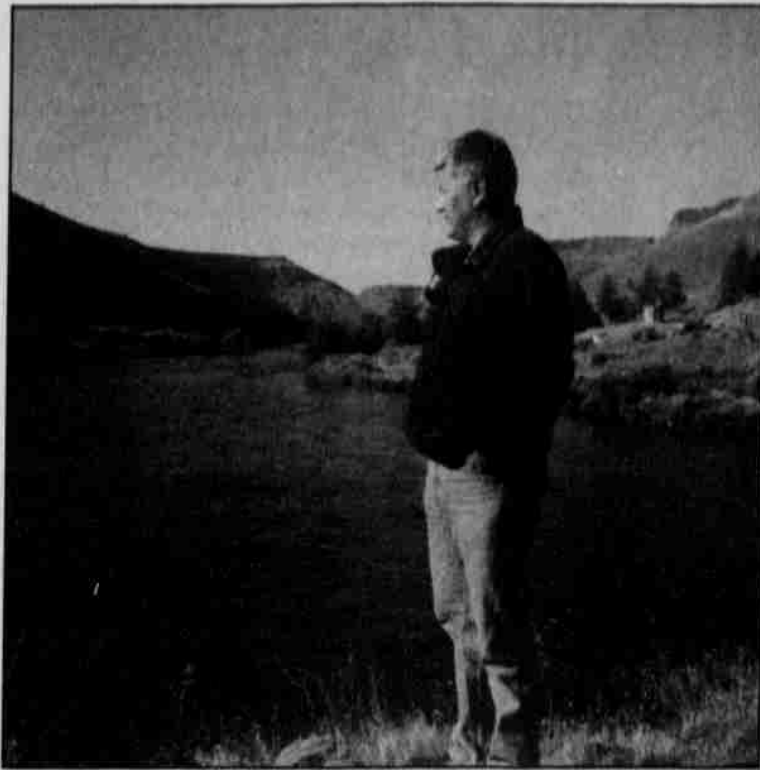
By Bill Rhoades  
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Gov. John Kitzhaber has appointed Robert Brunoe to serve a four-year term on the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB). The Oregon Senate confirmed Brunoe's appointment on Sept. 9.

Brunoe, who works in the Natural Resources Branch, will be one of 11 voting members on the board, which meets quarterly at selected locations around the state. He is the first Warm Springs tribal member to hold a position on OWEB.

"I'm looking forward to working with the board," said Brunoe. "I think it will be beneficial to have someone from Warm Springs in that position."

Brunoe's appointment comes as no surprise to those familiar with natural resource issues around the state. He is a member of Groundwater Steering Committee, a board member for the Oregon Water Trust, and an advisor and former board member for the Deschutes Basin Land Trust. He has also served on the Central Oregon Regional



Robert Brunoe is joining the watershed enhancement board.

Strategies Board, Deschutes County Watershed Council, Crook County Watershed Council, Ecosystem Diagnostic Treatment Technical Team, and acted as an advisor for the Salmon Corps board of directors.

"I've worked with OWEB director Geoff Huntington in the past and I know how the process works, so I'm anticipating a productive term in office," said Brunoe. "I've

also helped to develop some local projects that were funded by the watershed board and I know how important this effort is to the people of Oregon."

Brunoe has worked in a number of capacities for the Confederated Tribes. He has held the positions of Natural Resources general manager, Range and Agriculture manager, Integrated Resources Management Plan team leader, and

Resource Managers Interdisciplinary Team chairman. He has also been involved with natural resources issues as a logger and livestock operator.

OWEB is a state agency led by a policy oversight board. Together, they promote and fund voluntary actions that strive to enhance watersheds. The board encourages collaboration of citizens, agencies and local interests.

Projects funded by OWEB help to restore salmon runs, improve water quality, and strengthen ecosystems that are critical to healthy watersheds.

OWEB administers a grant program that awards more than \$20 million annually to support volunteer efforts to create and maintain healthy watersheds.

OWEB also provides technical skills, directs a small grant program to support landowner projects that improve watershed health, supports educational programs, coordinates the collection of natural resources data, and monitors projects funded through the grant programs.

The board will meet this week to review grant applications for watershed enhancement projects. Brunoe said he plans to attend the two-day session scheduled to take place in Ashland.

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## Stewardess recounts morning of terrorist attacks

**In Warm Springs friends waited anxiously**

By David McMechan  
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Tribal member Dawn Osmond was working as a stewardess last week on a seemingly routine flight out of Newark, New Jersey.

Osmond was still fairly new at her job, having completed the stewardess training programs earlier in the summer. Last Tuesday, Sept. 11, she reported for duty early at the Newark airport.

Her flight took off at 6:15 in the morning. Less than three hours later, at cruising altitude heading west, the crew received word of the terrorist attacks in New York City and at the Pentagon.

In the emergency, flight controllers initially indicated that Osmond's plane would be re-routed into Canada. A short time later the crew was directed to land the plane at a nearby airport in Missouri.

At that point, all aircraft were grounded for the rest of the day. When she learned the full details of what had happened, Osmond like everyone else was shocked, and for a time was unable to believe the news.

In Warm Springs, Shirley Smith was feeling worried

throughout the morning. Smith and Osmond are good friends.

Since moving to Newark, Osmond had been calling Smith once every week. Smith, who works at the Hi Lookie Lodge, was up at her usual 5 a.m. last Tuesday.

She was getting ready for work when she heard the reports on television of the terrorist high-jackings and plane crashes. Her first thought was of her friend. "I was upset and worried," she said.

Smith went to work. A few hours passed and still there was no word from Osmond. Then at 9:45 a.m., the phone at the lodge rang, and it was Osmond, calling to say she was fine, and that her flight had been grounded indefinitely in Missouri.

Osmond told Smith that her boyfriend Eddie back in Newark had traveled over to New York City, where he witnessed the scene of devastation.

Smith says she is very proud of her friend Dawn Osmond, who set a goal for herself — that of becoming an airline stewardess — and has accomplished that goal.

"I love her as my daughter, and I'm very proud," Smith said.

## Economic development...

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The purpose of this independence is to separate business investment and management functions from governmental pressures that can result in viable business opportunities being overlooked or missed altogether.

The relative independence of the new corporation is rare among enterprises formed by tribes of the Northwest region, said Victor T. Wei, who has served as advisor to the corporate board.

In choosing this approach, Wei said, the Tribal Council wants the Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation to be relatively free from political and non-business related pressures in pursuing its ultimate goals. As stated in the corporate charter, some of the goals include:

Developing a sense of entrepreneurship in the Confederated Tribes and members, while earning a reasonable profit;

Identifying and carefully evaluating sound and profitable tribal economic development opportunities;

Competently representing, advising and assisting the Confederated Tribes in negotiating, structuring, closing and otherwise implementing sound and profitable tribal economic development initiatives, projects and investments.

### Funded at \$2 million

The idea for the economic development corporation has been discussed among tribal officials for a number of years, said Charles Jackson, secretary-treasurer of the Confederated Tribes.

The company was incorporated in February of this year, following a cooperative effort among Tribal Council members, the Economic Development Branch and Executive Management, Jackson said.

The Tribal Council provided an initial \$2 million in funding for the company. Jackson is recommending that tribes contribute up to \$2.5 million per year to the company over a 10-year period.

This will provide the corporation with a sufficient amount of financial capital to leverage for investment in economic development projects, as they are determined by the corporation officials, Jackson said.

Tribal Council Vice Chairman Garland Brunoe served with Jackson on the committee that selected the corporate board of directors. "The first thing we've wanted in this corporation," Brunoe said, "is to begin developing new sources of tribal revenue, other than timber and the dams."

Another goal, he said, is to bring employment with reasonable wages for local people.

The board of directors of the company includes three tribal members, and three non-tribal members. The tribal members are Pinky Beymer, Dennis Leonard and Gerald Smith.

Beymer is co-owner of the Chilkat Enterprises, a successful construction, excavating and heavy equipment company.

Leonard is involved in financing business enterprises for various tribes. Smith is business manager of the Chemawa Indian School in Salem.

Board members were chosen following interviews with a committee that included Jackson, former chief operations officers Jody Calica and current COO Willy Fuentes, Tribal Council Chairman Olney Patt Jr., and Economic Development General Manager Mike Clements.

Serving with the three tribal board members are three non-tribal members who have expertise in the areas of private industry, finance, banking or other fields that will benefit the corporation.

### Diversity of expertise

The non-tribal board members are James Fitzhenry, David Flanningam and James Perris.

Fitzhenry is senior vice-president for corporate operations and general counsel for FLIR Systems, a publicly-traded company that produces and sells infrared cameras, thermal imaging software and temperature measurement systems.

Flanningam is an entrepreneur, with an expertise in start-up businesses and international marketing.

Perris is chief financial officer of Yoshida Group, a conglomerate of 17 diverse companies.

Flanningam is treasurer of the Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation. Perris is secretary, and Fitzhenry is chairman.

The mission of the company, Fitzhenry said, "is to identify and cultivate businesses to become involved in and locate on the reservation."

Other goals, he said, include maximizing additional revenue to the tribes, and creating jobs for tribal members.

"With a declining revenue from timber and other natural resources, this is an effort by the Tribal Council to transition the economy into other areas," said Fitzhenry.

The board of directors of the corporation began meeting earlier this summer. Last week they toured the reservation, visiting the

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various tribal enterprises and talking with directors and managers.

### CEO on board

The board has hired Tom Henderson as the chief executive officer of the Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation.

Henderson will be moving to Central Oregon from Los Angeles, where he has had a wide range of business experience, including as chief executive officer of a subsidiary of the Helen Curtis Company.

He was general manager for Mandalay Sports & Entertainment, and has done consulting for several Fortune 500 companies.

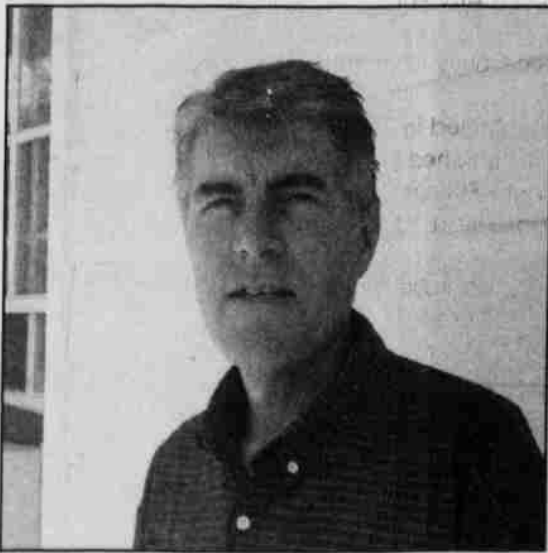
He was director of The Banana Republic clothing company, among other jobs.

His business experience is in retail, wholesale, manufacturing, media and consulting.

He became interested in working with Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation after being contacted by an acquaintance from Portland.

"This is a very challenging opportunity," Henderson said. "That's the first thing I liked about it."

The corporate board members and he agreed that Henderson had the perfect background for this new position.



Tom Henderson

### Necessary limitations

The Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation has all the powers of other companies. The corporation can enter into contracts, sell and buy property, sue or be sued, invest money, etc.

The corporation cannot, however, bind the Confederated Tribes to any contract or agreement, or incur a debt on behalf of the tribes.

The corporation cannot waive the tribes' sovereign immunity, or operate in a manner inconsistent with the fiscal or other standards set by the Tribal Council or the secretary-treasurer.

## Terror ...

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A lot of travel plans had to be changed, "But you have to count your blessings, because it's really nothing compared to what they're going through in New York," said Smith. "You can't take anything for granted."

After considering what had happened last week, some tribal members felt they had to take action to help.

Shauna Queahpama, who served in the Army during the Gulf War, re-enlisted; and Vesta Johnson, who also served in the Army, decided to join the National Guard.

Johnson has military experience as an operating room assistant, which is a useful skill in time of war. "I want to help our country, to help our community and to help myself," Johnson said.

She had been considering joining the National Guard for

the past six months or so, and the events last week helped her make up her mind. "I want to show my children that something can be done," she said.

When Shauna Queahpama decided to re-enlist, her mother Madeline Queahpama-Spino had very mixed emotions.

"I've been up many nights thinking about what we went through during the Gulf War. Now I feel I'm going to have to go through all of that again," she said.

No matter what people were doing on the morning of the terrorist attacks, they were shocked at the news.

"It seemed very quiet in the building that morning," said Danica Greene, supervisor of Mail and Reception in the tribal administration building.

"People are usually cheerful when they come in, but that morning it was different. You could tell something terrible had happened."

## Reminder to cast vote for Littleleaf's Nammy

Tribal members are reminded to please show your support for Charles Littleleaf, who has been nominated for a Native American Music Award.

Local residents can show their support for Littleleaf's nomination by voting online. The Native American Music Awards' official online voting ballot site is located at [www.nammys.com](http://www.nammys.com).

Littleleaf is a nominee in the Music Award category of Debut Artist of the Year. The CD for which he has been nominated is

### Ancient Reflections.

The Fourth Annual Native American Music Awards, or Nammys, are scheduled to be held Oct. 20, at the Sandia Casino Amphitheater in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Littleleaf, a tribal member, was born, raised and lives on the Warm Springs Reservation. For more information on his NAMA nomination, contact his wife Vicky Littleleaf, who is Charles' manager. Her office number is 553-1662.