

CFO resigns from advisory committee

Ray Potter, the tribes' chief financial officer, has resigned his position on the Jefferson County Economic Development Advisory Committee.

"It is clear that my ethical and spiritual beliefs are not compatible with some on the committee, the county and Economic Development of Central Oregon, and have become a distraction," Potter said in his letter of resignation.

Potter said he hopes the advisory committee, Jefferson County Economic Development, and Economic Development of Central Oregon (EDCO) can move forward to promote economic development for all of the county "in a fashion that embraces the beliefs and needs of all the diverse groups of the region."

Potter's disagreement with Jefferson County Economic Development and EDCO began late last year, after the hiring by EDCO, under an agreement with the county board of com-

missioners, of the Jefferson County Economic Development executive director, Wayne Pearson.

Shortly after the hiring, Potter and some others on the Jefferson County Economic Development Advisory Committee determined that there had not been sufficient diligence in checking the accuracy of Pearson's job application resume, said Potter.

They were also disappointed with his performance and lack of transparency and disclosure of other business endeavors, said Potter.

"It is my responsibility to protect the financial interests of the tribal members and all of the residents of Jefferson County. I do not believe their contributions and tax dollars are being well spent. EDCO has been aware of this situation since December and I have done everything in my power to have it rectified."

Then more recently, Pearson,

on behalf of Jefferson County Economic Development and apparently stating the official position of EDCO, wrote a letter to the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission. In the letter, he opposes state protection of the Metolius basin.

Potter said that in an email, Pearson indicated he was relying on information from county personnel and Metolius project lobbyist Rick Allen.

His testimony was not approved by the Advisory Board prior to being submitted, and Pearson did not notify them that he had done it, said Potter.

The Confederated Tribes, which are a funding partner of Jefferson County Economic Development, agree with Gov. Kulongoski and several others that large-scale development, such as a destination resort, is likely not appropriate in the Metolius basin.

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