

Members discuss temporary casino proposal

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Just over 100 tribal members met with Tribal Council and some members of the Kah-Nee-Ta board of directors on Monday to hear details on a plan to expand Kah-Nee-Ta to include a temporary casino to highway 26.

Deepak Sehgal gave the presentation, shown to Tribal Council earlier this month in Portland.

"The planning team began work on February 9," Sehgal said. "The next steps are to inform the community, work with the BIA, Realty, and Tribal Council to secure the property. There's environmental approval for cultural clearance, compact amendments.

"Basically, we're changing the address of the current casino

and adjusting the number of machines.

"There's the design phase, securing financing, the construction phase. And then we're open for business."

Sehgal went through several scenarios and costs, including the pros and cons of each project.

Although the tribes can legally construct a casino at Hood River, the land there is steep. Estimated income from a Hood River casino would meet the tribes needs, but it would take years of effort and cost to achieve that goal.

The Madras industrial park casino proposal has been rejected by tribal members. Estimated income from that project would be significantly less than the Hood River proposal.

The expansion to include a temporary casino on highway 26

has been carefully thought out, Sehgal said.

"We have invested blood, sweat, tears and equity into this project. We will continue with a goal of establishing a permanent casino in Cascade Locks."

"I'd like to see the costs of working with [the gorge casino] itemized in black and white," Arlita Rhoan said. "It would satisfy our minds if someone said, this is what we're doing and how much it's costing you. But if you just throw an amount out there, the tribal members don't know how those dollars are being spent."

Harry Taylor, Kah-Nee-Ta general manager, broke down the annual costs, which have lead up to the estimated \$32 million financial obligation for the Cascade Locks project.

"We went down the list of

contractors and consultants," JP Patt said. "Some of those things need to be scaled back."

"Our tribal members are suffering while you're playing games," Bobby Eagleheart said.

Another tribal member agreed. "I know it's hard for some of you to imagine, but I know people, some of them in my own family, who don't know what they're going to eat tonight. They don't have gas money to go and look for a job. These leaders are trying to fix bad decisions that were made in the past, by putting this temporary casino where it belonged all along. They need our wind at their backs. This needs to be done now to help our people. And it will help, if their word is kept and jobs are offered to our people."

"All of these topics are im-

portant to our people," Redine Kirk said. "I'm concerned, because where are the rest of our tribal leaders? And where are the people who want to be the next Wasco chief?"

"Like our brother said," Marcia Minthorn said, "hundreds of people want to know where their next meal is coming from. Hundreds don't have jobs. This is our tribe, we should have a say in what goes on. It's tiresome to think that we're so powerless. Where's our shopping center to keep money on the reservation? We need to buy food every day. We like to buy blankets and towels and dishes."

"I'm not working," William Rhoan said. "I'm educated and I have certain skills. So my question is, are these jobs going to be for us? If so, good! It needs to be tribal members only, that

needs to be written in stone."

"We need to build it and put machines into it, so forth," Patt responded. "It would create 200 job opportunities, yes. I would be great to have 200 tribal members working in those jobs."

"I know you're frustrated," Scott Moses said. "We're creating jobs for the benefit of the tribal members. The reservation is important to us now. That's what we're refocusing on now. I can't wait for this to get going and to succeed. We don't want to be talking about this the year after and after that. We're not the same group that did that."

Presenting were Deepak Sehgal, Scott Moses, JP Patt, Harry Taylor, Priscilla Frank, and Stanley "Buck" Smith.

Powwow results

Golden Age Men

1st: Frank EagleSpeaker, Yelm, Wash.

2nd: Albert Summers Jr., Klamath Falls.

3rd: Lee Sorrelhorse, Portland.

Grass Dance Special

1st: Alex Charginghorse, Whitefish Bay, Ontario Canada.

2nd: Mason McGurk, Sacramento.

3rd: Jr. Waskawich, Onion Lake, Saskatchewan Canada.

Ruond Bustle Special

1st: Jordan Yazzie, Spokane.

2nd: Sheldon Shebala, Couer d'Alene.

3rd: Terry Heemsah Sr., Harrah.

Drum Contest

1st: Cree Confederation,

Edmonton, Alberta Canada.

2nd: Wild Rose, Yakama.

3rd: Rock Hill, YellowQuill, Saskatchewan Canada.

1-Man Hand Drum

1st: Fawn Wood, Edmonton, Alberta Canada.

2nd: Algin ScabbyRobe, White Swan.

3rd: Dana Goulet, Manitoba Canada.

Old buildings: to be removed

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Tribal departments located in some of them will move to new locations.

In Simnasho the old school building will be removed. Here are the others that will be removed:

The small business center at 1134 Paiute Street.

The old Spilyay building, now occupied by Workforce Development, at 1100 Wasco Street.

The Old Clubhouse, long in disuse, at 1102 Wasco Street. The newer garage structure behind the clubhouse will remain.

Fire and Safety buildings at the corner of Warm Springs and Wasco streets.

The Victims of Crime building at 1132 Paiute Street.

The old Roads building at 2155 Hollywood Street (the adjacent shop will surveyed and

possibly kept).

The residences at:

2107 Wasco Street; 2117 Wasco Street; 2113 Wasco Street; 1138 Paiute Street; 1148 Warm Springs Street; 2142 Kota Street (in front of the jail); 1101 Wasco Street.

And the Land Operations building and shop off of Hollywood Street (behind the XYP building).

Casino plan: temporary option

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Tribal Council hopes that final approval will be issued in the near future.

Even then, Sehgal said, it's going to take time to get the permanent facility at Cascade Locks built. "Can we wait? Do we have the financial resources to do all of the things we need to do to achieve our goals? Time

is of the essence."

Sehgal said, "We need to continue our efforts to get Cascade Locks approved. Once operational, the permanent Cascade Locks casino would generate profits adequate to meet the dire needs of the tribes."

Earlier this month, Tribal Council approved a recommendation by the Kah-Nee-Ta

Board to move the casino to a temporary location. Also, Tribal Council appointed a Temporary Casino Planning Team, composed of Olney Patt Jr., Scott Moses, Deepak Sehgal, Carlos Smith, Harry Taylor, Charles "Jody" Calica, and consultants as needed to get the project complete.

Fluhr: began her career at 15



Courtesy photo.

Fluhr and fellow fire fighters and rescue workers during first-response drill.

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Scott, 2, the youngest of the Fluhr brothers, is being slowly introduced to South Sherman County Fire and Rescue Station, where his mother has big duties.

"To name a few," she said, "I assist and oversee grant writing, prepare and oversee the annual budget, work with all agencies both fire and emergency, recruit and retain volunteers, maintain state certification accreditation, teach, fight wildland fires, drive, conduct hazardous waste material awareness classes, CPR courses, and first responder. Among other duties."

When Lynn first accepted

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the duties of fire chief, she was working with an annual budget of just \$39,000. "Since then, we have received close to \$600,000."

The new website recently launched gives county residents all the information they need to know that Lynn is hard at work, keeping people safe.

The website is: southshermanfire.com

There were 70 calls made to Sherman County fire and safety last year, the banner reads. Four calls so far this year. Zero calls went unanswered.

Lynn's dream began when she was 15. "It is possible for a young person to set their minds to something and to become good at what they do," she said.

"Young people are capable of doing well if they have goals and mentors. My parents have always been my biggest motivation. They have always been encouraging, and that provides inspiration."

Resolutions of Tribal Council

Fishing regs

Whereas the Treaty with The Tribes and Bands of Middle Oregon on June 25, 1855 reserved to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon the exclusive right to fish all waters on or bordering the Reservation; and,

Whereas the Fish and Wildlife Committee has reviewed and proposed to the Tribal Council the "2011 Fishing Permits and Regulations," for non-tribal member fishing on lakes and streams on and bordering the Reservation; and,

Whereas the Tribal Council has reviewed the proposed 2011 Fishing Regulations and has determined that enactment of such regulations would be in the best interest of the Tribes, its mem-

bers, and of the natural resources of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Fifth Tribal Council pursuant to Article V, Section 1(1) and (u), of the Constitution and By-Laws and pursuant to Warm Springs Tribal Code Section 340.220 and Section 340.225 that the 2011 Fishing Regulations are hereby approved, adopted and enacted by the Tribal Council of The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. (Resolution no. 11,374.)

Composite board

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Fifth Tribal Council of

the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, pursuant to Article V, Section 1(s) of the Constitution and By-Laws, that the following person be appointed to the Warm Springs Composite Products Board with the term indicated:

Class III: Robert Macy Sr., tribal member, term ending 12/31/13. Moses Kalama, term ending 12/31/13 (Resolution no. 11,373.)

Crawfish

Whereas the Tribal Council has reviewed and considered the "Proposed Commercial Crawfish Harvest Regulations" and,

Whereas the Tribal Council has determined that approval

and adoption of these Regulations are in the best interests of the tribal members and promotes protective measures for the shellfish resource; and,

Whereas the Tribal Council believes that this enterprise furthers the Tribal Policy of promoting self-esteem, self reliance, and employment for tribal members; and,

Whereas Modifications to the Regulations are in order as more scientific data and "state of the art" information is compiled by the Branch of Natural Resources and reviewed by the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Committee; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Fifth Tribal Council, pursuant to Article V, Sections 1) and (u) of the Tribal Constitution, that it hereby adopts and

approves the "Proposed Commercial Crawfish Harvest Regulations." (Resolution No. 11,375.)

Gaming board

Whereas the third amended and restated plan of operation of Warm Springs Gaming Enterprise provides for the appointment by the Tribal Council of six members of the Board of Directors of Warm Springs Gaming Enterprise (WSGE), doing business as Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Fifth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, pursuant to Article V, Section 1(f), (o), and (s) of the

Constitution and By-Laws that the following individual is appointed to the Board of Directors of WSGE, with term of office to end on the dates specified: Class II Director with initial term ending December 31, 2011: Margie Tuckta.

Be it resolved the Restated Plan of Operation of WSGE that the fees for directors of WSGE shall be set at \$500 per day, and that such fees shall be an expense of WSGE.

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Fifth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon appoints Margie Tuckta to Class II term ending December 31, 2011 to complete term to pursuant to Resolution 11,302, and rescinding Resolution 11,302.