

WSFPI: current and future upgrades

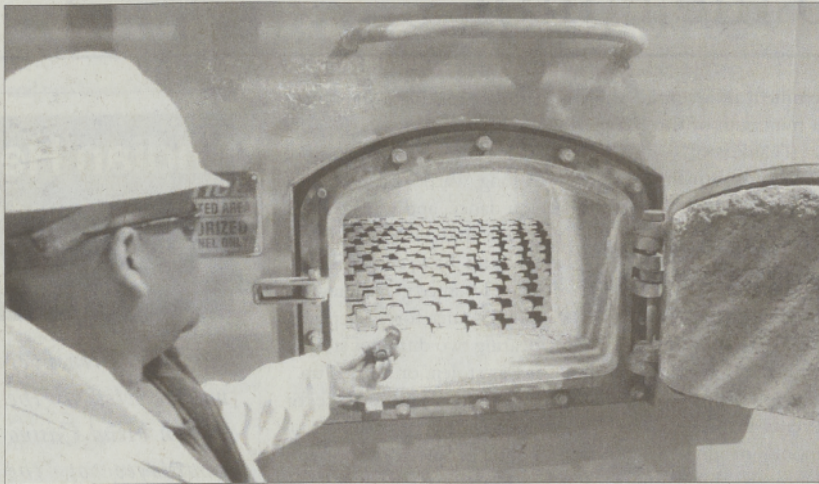
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 WSFPI installed the power plant at the mill in the 1970s, purchasing the equipment from a company Fairbanks, Alaska.
 The major components of the plant—boilers, turbine generators, the switchboard, etc.—date back to the 1920s. “If you maintain the equipment, it can last a long time,” said John Katchia Jr., mill operations manager.

A new boiler was installed in 2005, as air-emissions from the old boilers no longer met EPA standards. Additional improvements were needed, but remained unfunded until last year with the ARRA grant.

The project at one point was in jeopardy of losing the ARRA funding, as the tribes a couple of years ago decided against a larger bio-mass plant proposal.

This larger power plant would have been located away from the mill, off Highway 3; and would have required a much greater amount of bio-mass fuel.

The fuel requirement, truck traffic and air-quality, and lack of tribal member employment preference at the proposed plant, were concerns that resulted in Tribal Council cancelling this project. A revised grant, for



John “Sky” Katchia Jr. inspects the new grating in the boiler.

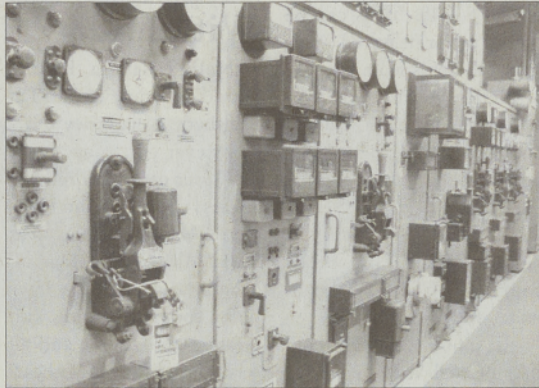
work at the power plant at the mill, was resubmitted, and approved last year.

Work on the power-plant upgrade will continue for the next several months. A completion date is set for late September. Also looking to the future at the mill:

Other upgrades

The 10-year WSFPI operation plan calls for installation of a \$1.4 million micro-mill to handle smaller logs. This is planned for this year.

A later project is involves installation of equipment called an end-dogging lineal



The control panel of the turbines has served for several decades, dating back to the 1920s.

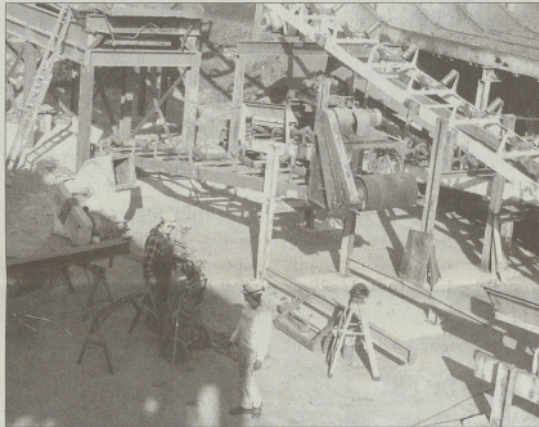
feed (EDLF), costing \$2.7 million.

WSFPI plans to use the

federal new market tax credit program to acquire a loan to fund improvements.



Logs for the next several weeks of operation; and (right) work on an aspect of the power plant project.



Finances

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At Council last week, Mike Collins, finance director, said a goal is to increase the level of in-direct revenue to the tribes. In-direct costs happen when federal or other services are run from tribal property. Over time, the in-direct cost to the tribes has gone down, and the goal is to restore the rate to its previous level, Collins said.

The framework in the Waterfall Plan can be used to actively engage the tribal membership in discussing and prioritizing future revenue and spending on a more constructive and proactive basis.

The Waterfall Plan sets four tasks to be completed over the next month:

Develop an implementation team;

Finalize the budget framework, identify all unobligated revenues, and develop an in-direct cost rate strategy;

Complete a Tribal Council Waterfall exercise, proposed for March 5. At this stage, items in the list of services can be moved up or down the tier chart.

Management will then report back to Council. The proposed date for this is March 18.

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JCMS teachers help students reach for the stars

Students rave about elective enrichment classes

Students at Jefferson County Middle School who are meeting or exceeding grade level in math, social studies, reading and science have amazing opportunities to challenge themselves through elective enrichment classes. These classes are interactive, so students are constantly engaged in hands-on activities. The 7th grade “Empires” social studies enrichment class teaches students about ancient civilizations through a game where they are able to role play and learn about clans, religion and commerce.

“It’s like a giant monopoly game,” said Madalyn Breach, 7th grader at JCMS.

“It makes you feel like you’re in the past, but without the violence,” added

Jacey Hagenbach, also a 7th grader at JCMS.

JCMS offers several enrichment elective classes for both 7th and 8th graders.

“I enjoy seeing these kids excited about learning,” said Maria Crowley, 7th grade social studies & Empires enrichment teacher.

According to JCSJ Superintendent Rick Molitor, the enrichment classes offer an extra challenge for students who are ahead of the curve.

“We offer support classes for students who need extra help, and we also work to challenge advanced students to stretch their learning opportunities,” said Molitor.

Thank You Community Partners!

JCSJ would like to thank the following community partners for their generous donations to our schools.

Lee Baggett and Baggett Inc., donated services and equipment for installation of the new access road behind Madras Primary, the Bus Barn area, and Metolius Elementary.

Major League Baseball Players Association donated funds to support the Madras High School baseball program. The donation was designated on behalf of Jacoby Ellsbury for winning the 2001 American League Comeback Player Award.

Cath Brown, President of Teachers Inspiring Problem Solvers donated 30 TSI graphing calculators to the Math Department at Madras High School.

Mike Weber of COSI is working with Athletic Director Rory Oster to give the interior of the Madras High School gym a “facelift.” COSI is generously donating funds to purchase new wall mats, banners and re-painting the gym floor.

JCMS Family Night a huge success

Thanks to everyone who showed up for Jefferson County Middle School Family Night on Feb. 6 and joined in on the community fun. We were excited to have such a big turn out – between 300-400 students, families, teachers and staff came! Another shout out to the students who put together the KWSO radio commercial advertising the event. From the volleyball, soccer and basketball games to the free dinner with friends and family, it was a blast!

What are title VII funds?

Each year, the Federal government provides Title VII, No Child Left Behind (NCLB), funds to assist school districts that serve American Indian families. The goal is to use these funds to help meet the unique academic and cultural needs of all of our students. In Jefferson County, the school district partners with Warm Springs representatives to decide how these funds should be used to support the education of our children. Stay tuned for updates about Title VII. For more information, contact Rick Molitor at (541) 475-6192 or rmolitor@509j.net or Danni Katchia at herkshanfamily@gmail.com.

Calendar
February
 Wednesday, February 20
 2-Hour Early Release