

Council hears update on cemetery at Columbia

Tribal Council heard an update on the purchase of the Celilo Cemetery property. The 210-acre cemetery is located in Wasco County near Celilo Village. There are sites dating back to the 1940s, and many sites that are unmarked.

There are two cemetery sites near Celilo Village. One is on

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land, and the other is the privately held Celilo Cemetery property, which the tribes are currently purchasing.

The cost of the purchase is \$300,000, coming from the tribal property budget. The tribes had been hoping there might be some help with the purchase.

The Yakama Nation at first ap-

peared to be a possible partner, but decided not to join in the purchase.

Government Affairs Director Louie Pitt made the presentation to Council. The tribes are interested in purchasing the cemetery site as part of the preservation of the tribes' culture and history.

Access to the cemetery may be an issue in the future, as vehicle

access crosses private property. Foot access may be possible across Corps land.

There may also be a management plan for the Celilo Cemetery property. This would include regular maintenance, and fencing in order to keep cattle from the cemetery.

Memorials and name givings

There will be Memorials for **Lawanda "Culps" Kalama** and **Henry "Mitot" Kalama** at the Agency Longhouse starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14.

For more information please contact Melinda, Lucille or Vera Thomas. (No stone-setting at this time.)

In February there will be a memorial and name-giving memorial for **Bonder Eugene Gibson** (mother was Katherine Queahpama).

The memorial and name-giving will be on February 1 at the Toppenish Longhouse starting at 8 a.m. (stone setting will be later).

The name-givings will be for Clayton Gibson Jr., and Anthony Gibson, following the memorial. Giving the names will be grandmas, "Ul-las" Cleda Queahpama, Sybil Smartlowit and Allie Queahpama.

Everyone is invited. For information call Cleda at 509-985-3874.

The **Muriel C. Suppah** and **Jackie Simtustus** Memorial with name-giving ceremony is set for April 19, 2014. The Memorial and Name-Giving will be at the Simnasho Long-house.

9 a.m. Washaat Service. Noon lunch, name giving and giveaway.

Native Veterans memorial moving ahead in D.C.

The creation of a national Native American veterans memorial moved closer to reality last week, with the House Natural Resources Committee's approval of enabling legislation.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Markwayne Mullin, R-Okla., now goes to the full House of Representatives for consideration.

A Native American veterans

memorial was authorized in 1994 as part of the National Museum of the American Indian. Mullin's bill allows the memorial to be erected outside rather than inside the museum, as specified in the 1994 act. An outdoor memorial is considered more feasible.

The memorial is to be built with private contributions.

Food drive through December at clinic

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center Employee Appreciation Committee is having a food drive through December.

There are donation boxes placed throughout the clinic for anyone who'd like to donate non-perishable food items for the Warm Springs community.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Robert Main, Flint Scott, Scott Kalama (as Indian Jesus), Rosanna Jackson, and Santa Clause (David Howensteine) at the Community Center holiday night last week.

Resolutions of Tribal Council

WSFPI

Whereas Warm Springs Forest Products Industries ("WSFPI"), an enterprise of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon ("Tribe"), is a party to an Operations Agreement, dated June 30, 2009, and its amendment, dated June 10, 2010, (collectively, "Agreement") with Vanport International, Inc. ("Vanport");

Whereas, Pursuant to the Agreement, Vanport is the Mill Manager of WSFPI's milling operations located on the Warm Springs Reservation;

Whereas the Agreement terminates on June 30, 2014, and Vanport desires to terminate the Agreement six-months early on December 31, 2013, but does not have a unilateral right to do so under the Agreement;

Whereas WSFPI management supports early termination of the agreement on appropriate terms, based on its belief that it is in the WSFPI's interest to take over management of the milling operations early in 2014,

Whereas Vanport has proposed key terms for an early termination of the Agreement ("Key Terms"), a copy of which are attached as Exhibit "A" and which include termination terms, provisions for Vanport becoming WSFPI's export marketing agent, and Vanport providing a loan to WSFPI for working capital and to finance WSFPI's fixed and mobile asset purchase from Vanport (collectively, the "transaction");

Whereas WSFPI management supports those key terms and requests that Tribal Council, in its role as governing body for the Tribe and its role as WSFPI's acting board of directors, approve the Key Terms and authorize the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Tribal Council to work with the Tribal Council negotiating team, WSFPI management, Tribal staff, and the Tribal attorneys to finalize the Transaction in substantial conformance with the Key Terms while continuing to endeavor

to negotiate the specific terms of the Transaction in a manner that is as favorable to WSFPI as reasonably possible.

Whereas WSFPI management also requests that Tribal Council grant a limited waiver of WSFPI's sovereign immunity as part of the Transaction because Vanport will not conclude the Transaction absent such a waiver, and WSFPI management proposes the form of limited waiver of sovereign immunity attached as Exhibit "B";

Whereas, having been briefed in the matter by WSFPI management, Tribal Council believes that it is prudent and in the best interest of WSFPI to finalize the Transaction in substantial accordance with the Key Terms and that a limited waiver of sovereign immunity is necessary to complete the Transaction;

Whereas, based on information from WSFPI management, Tribal Council also understands that there is urgency to concluding the Transaction, because WSFPI must begin purchasing log inventory as soon as possible so that it can resume mill operations in early February 2014;

Whereas Tribal Council supports WSFPI management's request to authorize the Chair and Vice-Chair of Tribal Council to work with WSFPI management, Tribal Staff, and the Tribal attorneys to finalize the Transaction in substantial conformance with the Key Terms and to grant a limited waiver of WSFPI's sovereign immunity as part of the Transaction; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, pursuant to Article V, Section 1 (f), (l), and (u) of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws; Section 12 of the Tribe's federal corporate charter; Chapter 30 of the Warm Springs Tribal Code; and the Second Amended and Restated Plan of Operations of WSFPI, that:

1. Tribal Council approves the Key Terms and authorizes the Chair and Vice-Chair of Tribal Council to work with the Tribal Council nego-

tiating team, WSFPI management, Tribal staff, and the Tribal attorneys to finalize the Transaction in substantial conformance with the Key Terms while continuing to endeavor to negotiate the specific terms of the transaction in a manner that is as favorable to WSFPI as reasonably possible;

2. Pursuant to Warm Springs Tribal Code, Chapter 30, the Tribal Council delegates to the Chair and Vice-Chair of Tribal Council the authority to grant a limited waiver of WSFPI's sovereign immunity, in the form of Exhibit "B," as a part

of the Transaction; and

3. The Chair and Vice-Chair are authorized to execute all necessary documentation and agreements on behalf of WSFPI relating to the Transaction.

(Resolution no. 11,803.)

Enrollments

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs

Reservation of Oregon, pursuant to Article III, Section 2 (a) as amended, of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws, the following are enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, as of the date set out below in accordance with Resolution 4301:

Scott, Jenny Tara - 11/04/2013.

Tailfeathers, Jr., Craig Eric - 11/12/2013.

(Resolution 11,806.)

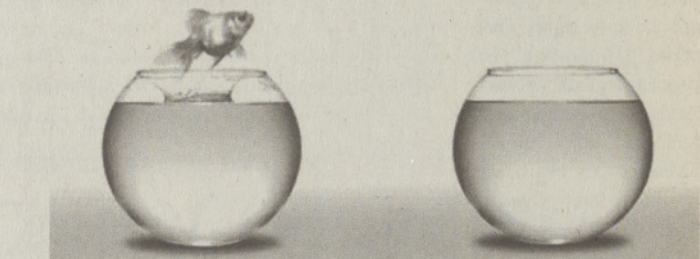
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