

# Council meets with BIA on infrastructure needs

Tribal leaders met in late June with the director of Bureau of Indian Affairs.

BIA director Michael Black visited Warm Springs for a tour of the reservation, and the meeting with Tribal Council.

With Mr. Black were other BIA officials: Regional director Stan Speaks; Bodie Shaw, deputy regional director-trust services; Mike LaPlant, facilities manager Portland; and Helen Riggs, acting deputy-trust services.

## Development needs

A main topic of discussion with Tribal Council was economic development on the reservation, specifically the infrastructure needs at the campus area and the industrial park.

"I think we made progress. They saw that our infrastructure needs are real," said Tribal Councilman Kahseuss Jackson. "And now we have an open dialogue with them."

The BIA officials agreed to work with the tribes on finding the funding for new infrastructure. These improvements are essential before new business can develop at industrial park and downtown, Councilman Jackson said.

"We have the industrial park," he said, "but it needs work to make it competitive with off-reservation parks."

Progress with unmanned aerial vehicle testing on the reservation,



Robert Ahern, governmental trainee; Bodie Shaw, deputy regional director-trust services BIA; Louie Pitt, government affairs; Mike LaPlant, BIA Portland; Stan Speaks, BIA Regional Director; Mike Black, director of BIA; and John Halliday, Warm Springs Agency superintendent.

for instance, demonstrates the need for the infrastructure work: A good industrial site could attract a UAV company wanting to locate its business on the reservation testing range, Jackson said.

The BIA accepts responsibility for the existing infrastructure at the campus area. However, in a settlement agreement the agency agreed only to remove the existing infrastructure, such as water and sewer lines.

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There was no provision for installing new pipes, Jackson said. "Removing the old infrastructure would get us only half way there." The agency officials indicated

they would work with the tribes toward some solution. This would allow for development of new business—private tribal business, and enterprises—in the campus area, Jackson said.

The BIA also owns several buildings on the campus that need to be removed, another topic of discussion with Council.

Tribal Council drafted a memorandum for the BIA director, to brief him on the issues. The memo reads in part:

The community of Warm Springs, like much of Indian Country, is actively working to

Catch up with the development and installation of basic civil infrastructure to support on-reservation development for commercial activity.

It is vital for the economic advancement of the tribe and its membership that infrastructure to support commercial and industrial development be located in key areas in Warm Springs. Buildings and facilities that will become offices, shops and stores for the sale of goods and services, and to provide jobs, located in visible and easily accessible locations are lacking in the Warm Springs community.

Infrastructure is also needed to support businesses or enterprises of the tribe itself to generate revenue to support critical government functions.

The tribe has developed a "Downtown Plan" that will provide for the renovation and

development of a key location in Warm Springs. Adding infrastructure to the tribes' industrial

park will also help support economic development. The BIA can assist with successful and

timely implementation the Warm Springs Downtown Plan and in enhancing the Tribes industrial focused endeavors in various ways...

After meeting with Council, the BIA team toured the reservation from with Louie Pitt, tribal government affairs director, and Warm Springs Agency BIA superintendent John Halliday. They toured the industrial park, the tribal farm, the jail, which is also BIA-owned, the new school, the Greeley Heights neighborhood, and the campus.

"The jail tour had many stops to observe failing doors, locks, water leaks and so on," said Louie Pitt. "He was reminded the jail is a BIA building, and he requested a list of the needed repairs."

Mr. Black is an Oglala Sioux tribal member. He was named the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 2010. Before that he was the Regional Director for the BIA's Great Plains Regional Office in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

## Summaries of Tribal Council

### June 23, 2014

1. Roll Call: Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Vice-Chairwoman Evaline Patt, Reuben Henry, Scott Moses, Kahseuss Jackson and Carlos Smith.

2. Louie Pitt Jr., Governmental Affairs, will administer the meeting and tour with Mr. Mike Black, Director of Bureau of Indian Affairs, June 23, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

3. Secretary-Treasurer Update - Lynn Davis gave an update on the July 1, 2014 Referendum and Election/Counting Board.

- Motion made by Carlos to approve and adopt Resolution No. 11,898, Casandra Frutos to serve on the 2014 Election Board until replaced; and Leah Henry will serve as the Counting Vice-Chair Person until replaced; second by Kahseuss; question called; call for vote; Carlos/Yes, Kahseuss/Yes, Scott/Yes, Reuben/Yes, Alfred/Yes, Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 abstain; Motion passed.

- Motor Sports Group will have an information booth during Pime-sha week-end.

4. Discussed and tabled the Willamette Falls Lamprey draft resolution regarding rules and regulations; recommend Brad Houslet and Mark Manion meet with the Fish & Wildlife Committee and report back later in the afternoon.

5. Motion made by Scott to approve from Tribal Council budget \$2,260.40 to financially host the SB770 Quarterly Education Cluster and Government to Government Meeting at Kah-Nee-Ta, June 26, 2014; second by Kahseuss; question; call for vote; Kahseuss/Yes, Scott/Yes, Carlos/Yes, Reuben/Yes, Alfred/out of the room; Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 out of

the room; Motion passed.

6. Motion by Scott to authorize The Museum at Warm Springs to set up a no host bar during The Huckleberry Harvest August 9, 2014; second by Reuben; question; call for vote; Kahseuss/Yes, Scott/Yes, Carlos/Yes, Reuben/Yes; Alfred/out of room; Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 out of the room; Motion passed.

7. Tribal Council 2013 Minutes presented for the sixth time for approval. A suggestion made to table the 2013 Minutes to July 14, 2014 for review and editing.

8. Motion by Carlos to approve and adopt Resolution No. 11,899, the Warm Springs Composite Board will also serve as the Warm Springs Forest Products Industry (WSFPI) Board; second by Reuben; question; call for vote; Carlos/Yes, Kahseuss/Yes, Scott/Yes, Reuben/Yes, Alfred/out of office, Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 out of office; Motion passed.

9. Motion by Kahseuss to approve Tribal Council July 2014 Agenda; second by Reuben, question, call for vote; Kahseuss/Yes, Scott/Yes, Carlos/Yes, Reuben/Yes, Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No and 1 out of the room; Motion passed.

- Motion by Scott to approve travel delegation for members that is present Kahseuss, Reuben, Delvis, Carlos, Scott and Evaline; members not present will get Chairman's approval; question second by

Reuben, question, call for vote; Kahseuss/Yes, Scott/Yes, Carlos/Yes, Reuben/Yes, question; call for vote; Kahseuss/Yes, Scott/Yes, Carlos/Yes, Reuben/Yes, Alfred/out of the room; vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 out of the room, Motion passed.

10. Discussed and tabled draft Resolution Economic Development Opportunity and non-disclosure agreement (NDA).

11. Motion to modify the Tribal Council July 2014 agenda:  
- July 2, Confirm Motor Sports Referendum; Draft Resolutions, Enrollments, Tribal Attorney Updates and Economic Development Update.

12. Reschedule Matt Hill, Washington, DC Legislative Update.

13. Reschedule Michael Mason, Oregon Legislative Update.

14. Enrollments to be rescheduled.

### June 27, 2014

1. Roll Call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Eugene Greene Jr., Chairman, Evaline Patt, Vice-Chairwoman, Reuben Henry and Kahseuss Jackson.

2. Meeting with Mr. Mike Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.; Helen Riggs, Acting Deputy, BIA, Trust Services, Washington DC; Mike LaPlante, Northwest Region; Stan Speaks, Regional Director, BIA; Bodie Shaw,

Deputy Regional Director, Northwest Region, Trust Services; Mike LaPlante, Facilities Manager, Portland.

3. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss future economic development plans and needs.

- Discussed the Warm Springs Downtown Plan and Infrastructure needs.

- Discussed the Bureau of Indian Affairs (B.I.A.) confirming funds for demolition of the removal of infrastructure.

- Discussion for a possible Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) testing range.

3. Legislative Governmental Affairs and BIA. tour of the Industrial site for future development; Public Safety Correctional Facility; Campus area for future development; proposed homes in Greeley Heights and New K-8 School.

4. Motion by Joseph to approve and adopt Resolution No. 11,900: 2014 fishery for eels at Willamette

Falls with proposed Regulations; second by Reuben; question; call for vote; Kahseuss/Yes, Joseph/Yes, Reuben/Yes, Delvis/Yes, Evaline/Yes, Vote: 5 Yes, 0 no, Chairman not voting; motion passed.

5. Revised July Tribal Council Agenda with subject to change; available to members that are interested in attending:

- July 14-16, 2014, Northwest Indian Gaming Conference and Expo, Little Creek Casino Resort, Shelton, WA.

- Umatilla Invitation to participate in their 4<sup>th</sup> of July Horse Parade and activities, July 4-6, 2014.

- July 8, 2014, Branch of Natural Resources Reservation Annual Tour.

- July 9, 2014, Culture & Heritage and Land Use Committee Bear Grass Reservation Tour.

- July 9-11, 2014, Renewable Energy, Portland.

- To be scheduled on council agenda: Board appointments.

The next deadline to submit items for publication in the Spilyay Tymoo will be Friday, July 18. Thank you!

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