

A message from Commodity Program

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Social Services director

The Warm Springs Commodity Program is funded by a USDA grant.

This provides the Food and Nutrition Service, also called by the USDA the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, or FDPIR.

The Warm Springs Commodity Program has been available since 1992, and provides food assistance to the Warm Springs Indian Reservation and surrounding service areas.

The surrounding service areas within a 15 mile radius of the reservation boundary and all of Crook County.

The Commodity program is operated under the Warm Springs Social Services Program, creating what is being called a 'one stop shop,' as it also manages the Low Income Energy Assistance Pro-

gram and the tribal Welfare program.

The Commodity Food Program is designed to help individuals and families create healthier meals by offering a large variety of nutritious foods. These foods include:

Fresh fruits and vegetables; frozen hamburger and chicken, and often other varieties of meat like pork chops and ham; canned meats including beef, chicken and salmon; whole grain and enriched flour, cereals and pasta; rice and other grains; cheese; vegetable oil, butter, margarine, and much more.

The Warm Springs Commodity Program will continue conducting nutrition education and counseling to all its participants.

In the near future we will have cooking presentations using commodity foods with the assistance of the tribal Nutritionists and OSU Extension.

If you are denied SNAP (food stamp) benefits you may qualify for the Commodity Program. Feel free to contact the Social Services office for information or an application.

Eligibility on income

Participation in the Warm Springs Commodity Program could be a great benefit to you and your family.

Eligibility for the Commodities Program is based on an overall household income standard set by the federal government.

In determining eligibility there may be potential deductions from your net income and unearned income levels that make a difference in becoming eligible.

You or your family may also be categorically eligible if all household members receive Public Assistance, Gen-

eral Assistance or SSI. However, no household may receive SNAP and Commodity Foods at the same time.

The tribal Social Services office is now receiving all applications for processing and determining eligibility for the Commodity Food Program.

Applications will also be available at the Family Resource Center, tribal Administration, and the Community Health Office.

Once you are approved for the program you will receive a notice of action, and be notified that you may go to the Commodity Food Warehouse to pick up your food products.

If you have questions or concerns please call the tribal Social Services office at 541-553-3415 or the Commodity Office at 541-553-3422.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Sacred Road Ministries from Yakama has been in Warm Springs this summer, working on improvement projects around the reservation.

The Sacred Road Ministries team worked at the Warm Springs Community Garden, where they worked in the garden, and built a new storage shed (above).

They also worked at the Agency Longhouse and the Community Center. Sacred Road was founded in 2005 on the Yakama Reservation, and has visited Warm Springs for the past several years, spending up to five weeks on community improvement projects.

Summary of Tribal Council

June 22, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Vice Chair Evaline Patt.

2. Secretary-Treasurer in-

formal discussion.

3. Roll call taken at 10:07 a.m.: Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Alfred Smith, Jr., Vice Chair Evaline Patt, Carlos Smith, Kahseuss Jackson, Scott Moses, Orvie Danzuka, Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

4. Secretary-Treasurer update continued:

• A motion was made by Orvie approving Dan Martina and Don Courtney to start facilitating what is deemed necessary to work on a resolution declaring a drought on the Warm Springs Reservation. Second by Joseph; Question; Joseph/yes, Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Alfred/yes, Orvie/yes, 6/yes, 0/no, 0/abstain, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

5. July agenda and travel delegations:

• A motion was made by Joseph approving the Tribal Council July agenda, subject to change; Second by Orvie; Question; Joseph/yes, Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Alfred/yes, Orvie/yes, 6/yes, 0/no, 0/abstain, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

• A motion was made by Joseph approving the travel delegations for July; Second by Orvie; Question; Joseph/yes, Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Alfred/yes, Orvie/yes, 6/yes, 0/no, 0/abstain, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

6. A hunting meeting update was given.

7. Draft resolutions:

• A motion was made by Kahseuss adopting Resolution no. 12,037 approving the annual Transportation Safety Planning contract with the BIA using Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds; Second by Orvie; Question; Joseph/yes, Carlos/out of the room, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/out of the room, Alfred/yes, Orvie/abstain, 3/yes, 0/no, 2/out of the room, 1/abstain, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

• A motion was made by Orvie adopting Resolution no. 12,038; Second by Kahseuss; Question; Joseph/yes, Carlos/out of the room, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/out of the room, Alfred/yes, Orvie/yes, 4/yes, 0/no, 2/out of the room, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

8. State Legislative update was given.

9. Enrollments:

• A motion was made by Kahseuss adopting Resolution no. 12,039 enrolling two individuals into the Tribes, with corrections; Second by Joseph; Question; Joseph/yes, Carlos/out of the room, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/out of the room, Alfred/yes, Orvie/abstain, 3/yes, 0/no, 2/out of the room, 1/abstain, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

10. June 23 agenda:

• A motion was made by Orvie to add the Federal Legislative update call and the drought resolution to tomorrow's agenda; Second by Joseph; Question; Joseph/yes, Carlos/out of the room, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/out of the room, Alfred/yes, Orvie/yes, 4/yes, 0/no, 2/out of the room, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

11. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Resolution of Tribal Council

Casino billboards

Whereas the Warm Springs Casino and Resort Enterprise is a wholly owned and operated enterprise of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under Section 16 and Section 17 of the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act (25 USC. § 461 *et seq*); and,

Whereas the Casino and Resort Enterprise was created as a charter enterprise of the Tribe by Warm Springs Tribal Council Resolution No. 11,429 adopted on May 3, 2011, pursuant to Article V, Section 1(f) and (o) of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws and Section 4 of the Tribe's Corporate Charter; and,

Whereas the enterprise charter, adopted by Tribal Council Resolution No. 11,429, authorizes and directs the enterprise to, among other things, finance, develop, operate, and manage the Warm Springs Indian Head Casino and to "design and operate said facilities so as to secure

an optimum economic return for the Tribe and its members and to fund long-term growth and increase tribal assets"; and,

Whereas the Enterprise has determined that four well-placed billboards along Highway 26 within the Reservation would promote the enterprise and benefit economic returns to the Tribe; and,

Whereas the enterprise applied for and received Integrated Resource Management Plan approval for placement of two billboards (at Mile Post, 88 and 102.9) in January of 2014; and,

Whereas the enterprise has met several times with the Land Use Committee who has identified that three of the billboard locations are within the Recreation/Scenic Zone which permits "Highway commercial uses"—such as billboards—but prohibit their placement within 1,320 feet of the scenic viewpoint; and,

Whereas the 1,320 foot

setback effectively prohibits the placement of the billboards; and,

Whereas the enterprise has appealed the Land Use Committee's determination to the Tribal Council; and,

Whereas the Tribal Council finds that the two billboards are in the best interest of the Tribe and believes that a variance is warranted to permit the siting of the billboards based on the findings set forth in Exhibit A; 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), (k) and (l) of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws, that placement of the Enterprise billboards is hereby conditionally approved pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 56 in a manner consistent with the attached Exhibit A. (*Resolution 12,037.*)

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Marijuana: law raises questions

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There remain some open questions, such as whether the tribes could operate a marijuana cultivation enterprise. A committee appointed by Tribal Council to look at this issue determined that it could provide a new source of significant revenue.

Tribal Councilman Reuben Henry commented that the situation seems unfair, in that people are being treated differently: Off reservation a person can have marijuana without consequence, while a tribal member on the reservation could go to jail for the same thing.

"I think we should all be treated the same," he said. Marijuana is used for

medicine for some people, Councilman Reuben said.

The DEA and U.S. Attorney's Office are consulting with the tribes in how to proceed in these cases, Officer Strahm said. "You go back to the Cole memo (for guidance)," he said.

Dean Seyler said the physicians at the clinic cannot prescribe medical marijuana, as there could be serious legal consequences to the physician. If the patient had an adverse reaction to the prescribed marijuana, Seyler said, then the physician would be personally liable for the consequences. "As of today, IHS does not allow it," he said.

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