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Vote Dec. 17 on cannabis initiative

Absentee ballots in the mail this week

As the tribes' economic development enterprise, Warm Springs Ventures works with Tribal Council on jobs and revenue projects.

At present a cannabis growing operation has the greatest potential for the creation of new jobs on the reservation, plus significant revenue.

Ventures and Tribal Council have been studying the idea for about 10 months. On page 5 of this publica-

tion is an explanation of the proposal, as provided by Warm Springs Ventures. Essential aspects include the following:

The project would create a minimum of 85 new jobs on the reservation.

Estimated new net revenue in 2017 is projected at 11.7 million.

In the following years, when the greenhouse is fully operational, the estimated annual net revenue is projected at over \$26 million.

"For comparison, the 2016 total enterprise net profit—from Indian

Head Casino, Power and Water, Composite Products, Kah-Nee-Ta, Credit and Ventures—is estimated at \$8.75 million."

So the new enterprise would more than triple the existing enterprise income to the tribes.

The grow operation would be in a secured greenhouse approximately 36,000 square feet in size, on a five-acre site. The product would be closely monitored from seed to the time of sale, in compliance with the strictest standards and regulations.

No sales are allowed on the res-

ervation. The tribes would have retail shops in the Portland and Bend areas.

Voter participation

A valid referendum requires participation by at least one-third of the eligible voters.

There are 3,313 eligible voters; so approximately 1,100 voters must participate for a valid vote.

Absentee voters are encouraged to mail their ballots to the tribes by Thursday, Dec. 10.

(See page 5 for the full summary.)

Council appoints 2 judges

Tribal Council last week appointed two new judges to the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes.

The new Chief Judge is Lorintha Umtuch, and the new Associate Judge is Maria Godines. They join Judge Lisa Lomas on the court.

Ms. Umtuch is a Yakama Nation tribal member, with family and friends among Warm Springs members. Ms. Godines is a Warm Springs member.

Ms. Umtuch has worked in the court systems of other tribes in the Northwest and Southwest.

She has several years of judicial experience and education, and she is a traditional woman, said Walter Langnese, former chief judge, who served on the judicial recommending committee.

Ms. Umtuch has experience in criminal and civil tribal law, probate and juvenile law, said Langnese.

Ms. Godines has worked in tribal court administration, most recently as tribal court administrator.

She is a member of the Tribal Bar, and has an excellent knowledge of the tribal code, Langnese said. Her other strengths are in probate, the tribal organization and customs.

On the judicial committee were Langnese, former judge Lola Sohapp, and tribal elder Arlene Boileau, who has worked at Extension and in other positions with the tribes, especially with youth.

The committee reviewed the applications, and interviewed all tribal members who applied. They gave recommendations of the top three candidates for the chief and the associate judgeships, with a top recommendation for both positions.

After the presentation, Council voted by secret ballot, agreeing with the recommendations.

Two of the three judgeships, including the Chief Judge, became vacant this fall. First, Glendon Smith resigned to become the Secretary-Treasurer. Then earlier this month, former chief judge Langnese retired.

The newly-appointed positions are for terms of four years, following a one-year probation period.

Honoring Veterans

The Confederated Tribes hosted the Honoring Veterans Powwow at the Agency Longhouse.

The powwow was during the mid November weekend following the Veterans Day Parade (see page 8).



Jayson Smith photos.



Tribal Constitutional amendment petition at BIA

A proposal to amend the Tribal Constitution, regarding the Tribal Council and elections, may have enough signatures to require a tribal referendum, to be conducted by the BIA.

The group that gathered the signatures submitted the petition and signature sheets recently to the Warm Springs Agency BIA Superintendent.

The group submitted a total of 1,290 signatures of tribal members 18 and over. This would be more than the one-third requirement of 1,183 signatures needed to call a referendum.

BIA Superintendent John Halliday then posted the "Statement

of the Proposed Matter of Petition for Amendment of the CTWS Constitution."

A copy of the petition and signatures is available for viewing by authorized tribal member voters, upon request at the BIA office at tribal administration.

A challenge to a signature on the petition must be filed in writing with the BIA Superintendent within 15 days of the initial posting.

As the posting was made on Nov. 17, the date to submit a challenge to a signature is at the end of the working day on December 2.

As stated in the Superintendent's posting, "No challenge will be considered which

is not accompanied by supporting evidence in writing."

After the 15-day period, and if enough valid signatures remain on the petition, then the BIA would submit the matter to the BIA Northwest Regional Area Director for approval to conduct a secretarial election.

Tribal members 18 years and older would need to register to vote with the BIA. The referendum would pass with a majority voting in favor; and seeing at least one-third of the registered voters participate.

Proposed changes

The proposed changes are significant in regard to the Tribal Council

of the Confederated Tribes.

For instance, the proposal calls for a Tribal Council of nine members. Under the existing Tribal Constitution, there are 11 Council members including the three Chiefs who serve for life.

The proposed amendment would make all of the Council positions subject to a term of years, with no life-term positions.

Under the proposal, the terms would be for three years, with the exception of some of the initial terms.

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Holiday bowling

Thanksgiving weekend is a bowling weekend for many tribal members. This year they will be at the Warm Springs All Indian Holiday Bowling Tournament at Lava Lanes in Bend.

The tourney runs through Sunday, Nov. 28, marking the Thirty-Ninth year of the annual tradition.

The 2015 holiday tournament is in Memory of Joseph "Checks" Boise Sr., Anna Clements and Norene Greene. (For the tournament schedule see page 6.)



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