

Tribal energy, water discussion at Council

Tribal energy programs and economic development, and tribal water interests, were topics that attorney Direlle Calica discussed last week with Tribal Council.

Ms. Calica is managing partner of Kanim Associates, a Native owned consulting firm in Portland. They work on issues such as tribal energy and utilities with the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI).

The ATNI Energy Committee, currently chaired by Tribal Councilwoman Carina Miller, deals with energy and tribal telecom matters. Because of development and increasing sophistication in both of these areas in Indian Country, the telecom aspect of the ATNI Energy Committee may soon become a separate entity, Direlle said.

She made a point about energy and economic development in Indian Country:

“The Department of the Interior estimates that 15 million acres of potential energy and mineral resources are undeveloped on Indian lands, while only 2.1 million acres of Indian land are being tapped for their energy resources.”

The ATNI Energy and Economic Development Summit 2017, From Our Past to Our Future, is coming up in Portlan in July. A focus of this year's Energy and Economic Development summit will be the tribes' relationships with the industry and public utility side of energy.

“There are resources and funding for tribes on the national and regional level,” Direlle said. “The problem is the tribes are not accessing the resources as much as they could. Why is that? At the summit we'll see how we can be more effective

with these programs.”

The Energy Trust of Oregon is an example of a resource that tribes may not be accessing to the full potential. Programs are available for energy conservation projects, for example, that tribes could utilize.

“We want to get the different sides in the same room, where they can connect,” Direlle said.

The ATNI Energy and Economic Development Summit is coming up July 17-19.

Water summit

Another area of focus for ATNI is water. This affects everything from tribal fisheries and natural resources to community health and safety.

At ATNI from the years 2009 to 2014 there was ongoing informal dialogue about forming a national in-

ter-tribal water consortium. Such groups exist in many areas—Indian gaming, child welfare, and energy, for example—Why not an inter-tribal consortium on water?” Direlle says.

It became clear that the place to start would be more on a regional level. And for now the approach is at the state level, “where water rights are adjudicated,” she said.

The idea for a regional tribal water consortium took a step forward when the Oregon Community Foundation and the Meyer Memorial Trust agreed to help fund a tribal-state focused forum. And the University of Oregon and the Knight Law Center in Eugene agreed to host the event in August.

The goal of the Changing Currents Tribal Water Summit is to have “an inter-tribal inclusive event to set

collaborative priorities focused on water resources, including water quality, watershed health, water resource infrastructure, cultural resources, economic development, and human rights.”

Travel Oregon agreed to make a documentary video telling the Oregon tribal water story. Poet Laureate Elizabeth Woody will narrate, Direlle said.

The water issues facing the different Oregon tribes vary greatly. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, for instance, has the oldest water right in the Deschutes basin, dating back to before Oregon statehood. Community drinking water, and water quality for fish in the Deschutes are critical matters to the tribes.

An outcome of the Changing Currents summit could be an Oregon tribal water policy platform.

High river levels with snow melt

Water levels in rivers in Central Oregon are high because of melting snow.

The Crooked River tributary of the Deschutes was higher than it had been in 10 years, according to reports.

Last week a hiking trail in Smith Rock State Park was blocked by the Crooked River's water, and four holes at a Prineville golf course were underwater.

The Bowman Dam was releasing about 3,000 cubic feet of water per second into the river, three times the normal amount, said Kyle Gorman, Oregon Department of Water Resources regional manager.

Warm Springs Community Calendar

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Thursday, March 30

Warm Springs jurors will need to check-in at 9:30 this morning at Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Recreation is taking kids on a field trip to the Madras Bowling Alley and Madras Cinema today. They will leave the center at 9 a.m., and return at 5 p.m. Kids need to be signed up for the after school program to participate. Find out more at the Recreation office.

There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting today at noon at the Counseling Center, and **Narcotics Anonymous** meeting at 6 p.m. at the Shaker Church.

Fitness activities scheduled for today at the Community Wellness Center: There's noon volleyball in the gym, functional fitness class at 12:10 in the social hall, and boot camp class in the Aerobics room at 12:10. This afternoon at 4:10 is Turbo Kick class.

Guiding Butterflies & Mighty Warriors classes meet today from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Prevention room at Community Counseling. The class is for adults to participate in cultural-based teachings, crafts and activities.

There is **Social Dance class** today from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Community Center Aerobics room.

Friday, March 31

Here are some **fitness activities** happening today: Senior Fitness class is at 10:45 at the Seniors building. There is noon basketball in the gym, and at 12:10 there is Functional Fitness class in the Aerobics room. Pi-Yo class is at the clinic.

The Community Health Program at the Health & Wellness Center has a **Behavior Health Clinic** today. Walk-in appointments are available between 1 and 5 p.m. Services include screening, assessment, crisis intervention, referrals to mental health, medical, substance treatment, or other community resources. Children, adolescents and adults are welcome.

Saturday, April 1

There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting this morning at 10 at Community Counseling.

Sunday, April 2
The **Warm Springs**

Food Bank is located at the Presbyterian Church. They are open today from 11:30-1:30 today. All food banks and pantries do take donations of non-perishable food or cash

Monday, April 3

Here are today's **fitness activities**: Senior Fitness Class is at 10:45 at the Seniors building. Women's basketball is from 11:30-1 at the youth center gym, and noon basketball is in the gym. At 12:10 there is Functional Fitness in the Aerobics room, and Pi-Yo class at the IHS atrium. This afternoon at 4:10 is Turbo Kick class.

The Community Health Program at the Health & Wellness Center has a **Behavior Health Clinic** every Monday and Friday, walk-in appointments are available between 1 and 5 p.m.

The Warm Springs **Vocational Rehabilitation program** has orientation today at 3 p.m. at their office in the industrial park. Learn more by calling 553-4952.

Victims of Crime Services has a **Women's Support group** today at the VOCS office, 1108 Wasco Street, behind the Old Boys' Dorm. It's from 3-5 p.m.

Soaring Butterflies Warrior Spirit group for high school age youth meets today from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs Community Counseling Center's Prevention Room.

Tuesday, April 4

The Nez Perce Tribe Land Buy Back Program is holding two outreach events to raise awareness and educate owners about the **Nez Perce Tribe Land Buy Back Program**, to facilitate informed decision making by landowners regarding fractionated land. Staff will have an informational booth April 4 during the Siletz Honor Elders Day, held at the Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City. The information booth will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information visit nezperce.org and click on the Land Buy Back Program link.

Fitness activities happening at the Community Wellness Center today:

Volleyball at noon in the gym, Functional Fitness class is at 12:10 in the social hall and also at 12:10 there is a Boot Camp class in the Aerobics room.

The **Jefferson County Food Bank** is located at 556 SE Seventh Street. They are open for distribution this afternoon. All food banks and pantries do take donations of non-perishable food or cash.

The Warm Springs **Vocational Rehabilitation program** has orientation today at 3 p.m. at Community Counseling.

Wednesday, April 5

Today's **fitness schedule**: Water Aerobics is at 10:15 at the Kah-Nee-Ta Village pool. Senior Fitness class is at 10:45 at the Senior Center. Women's hoops is from 11:30-1 in the youth center gym. Basketball is at noon in the gym, and at 12:10 there is Functional Fitness class in the Aerobics room. Pi-Yo class at the clinic atrium.

Women's Group meets today at 1 at the Behavioral Health Center (Community Counseling)

Soaring Butterflies Warrior Spirit group meets today from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs k-8 Academy.

Thursday, April 6
The **Timber Commit-**

tee meets at 9 a.m. in the Forestry building.

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Friday, April 7
Teacher grading day:
No School.

Head Start and Early Head Start are closed.

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