

Longhouse

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The problem is especially dangerous to developing children, and those with weakened immune systems.

Clean-up cost of the Agency Longhouse will be several thousand dollars, and will take several weeks. The cloth on the benches in both rooms will have to be removed, and walls and floors will be sanitized.

Meanwhile, the Community Center and HeHe Longhouse will be made available, whenever possible, for family and community events that would usually happen at the longhouse.

It is possible that those responsible for the contamination are homeless, such as people who have been evicted by Housing for meth use in a Housing unit, Ms. Wood said.

The locks at the Longhouse have since been changed and the windows are secured. Tribal Council members were understandably disturbed by the news that the longhouse, a religious center for many members, had been used for drug use.

Ms. Macy said the situation is leading to a wider community discussion on an ongoing meth epidemic on the reservation. Use of the drug appeared to have slowed down a few years ago, but now is back, apparently as bad as before.

Councilman Jody Calica suggested that management come up

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with a strategy to address the problem.

Ms. Macy said she has already started on this, talking with community members at large, and Culture and Heritage. Other partners in the strategy will be IHS, Social Services, Public Safety, Behavioral Health, plus recovering addicts, and others.

The situation with the longhouse is terrible, she said, but it could be a chance to begin more open discussion of the problem. "At some point we need to hit bottom," she said. "I hope this is that point."

Danielle said there is a meth prevention work group that meets twice month, and they are looking for more input, especially from recovering addicts. "They are the ones who know what it took for them to stop," she said.

Councilman Raymond Tsumpti said the longhouse leaders need to be involved in process, as there will be changes to policies of use of the longhouse. The court system, and Parole and Probation should also be brought into the discussion.

A community meeting will be

held this coming Thursday, February 15, at the Community Center Social Hall to discuss the results of the testing in the building, and to provide an opportunity for community members to learn more about current efforts to combat the drug. Community participation is encouraged.

Warm Springs is not the only reservation dealing with this problem, Ms. Macy said. The Yakama Nation Tribal Council issued an extraordinary order this month, announcing increased public safety measures on their reservation. This

is the Yakama declaration:

Yakama measure

Persons engaged in unlawful activities on Yakama lands are on official notice through a Yakama Nation Tribal Council Resolution that could result in immediate exclusion, jail time, fines, suspension of all Treaty-reserved hunting, fishing and gathering rights, and banishment from the Yakama Nation with forfeiture of per capita payments.

The Yakama Nation Tribal Council, in asserting its sovereign

authority over Yakama lands and people, will impose harsher punishments and faster consequences against the recurrence of illegal activities and crimes occurring on the Yakama lands.

Washington State Patrol's refusal to actively patrol the Yakama Reservation since the Tribe's successful retrocession through PL-280 last year, mixed with rampant crime in the small town of White Swan, prompted the Tribe to take immediate action to halt illegal activities and crime here.

On Hollywood Boulevard



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

This Warm Springs Construction crew is working on Hollywood Boulevard, in the area between the Kot-Num Road intersection and Kuckup Street. Construction is building the curbs and sidewalks, and will begin road paving in a few months, when the paving plants are open, said Leslie Cochran-Davis, of Ventures-Construction. The road work is funded through BIA 638 Roads.

Summaries of Tribal Council

January 29

1. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Chairman Eugene Greene Jr., Vice Chairman Charles Calica, Raymond Tsumpti, Ronald Suppah, Valerie Switzler, Carina Miller, Lee Tom, and Brigitte McConville. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

2. Secretary-Treasurer update.

3. Chief Operations Officer update

• Motion made by Valerie approving the letter to Jefferson County school district for workforce housing initiative. Second by Carina. Question; 7/0/2, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Motion by Carina approving the Double Dam Adventure Ride fundraiser event for the Boys & Girls Club of Warm Springs and Kids Club of Jefferson County, and the Joint Committee prioritize this when they meet. Second by Joseph. Question; 8/0/1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Motion by Carina approving continued effort to move forward with preparation of paperwork for the nomination of the Robert Wilson home for the National Register of Historic Places. Second by Valerie. Question; 7/1/1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Motion by Carina approving additional funds for the CPS renovation and purchases. Second by Brigitte. Question; 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

4. February agenda/minutes review.

• Motion by Carina approving the February business agenda subject to change. Second by Brigitte. Question; 7/0/2, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Motion by Brigitte approving February travel delegations; Second by Raymond. Question; 7/0/2, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

5. Draft resolutions:

• Motion by Ron adopting Resolution No. 12,425 approving an Inheritance Act purchase related to Ellen Marie Onepennee. Second by Valerie. Question; 7/0/2, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Motion by Alfred adopting

Resolution No. 12,426 approving a home site lease for Andrea Smith Sapuay. Second by Raymond. Question; 6/0/3, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

6. Federal and state legislative update calls.

7. Enrollments/relinquishments:

• Motion by Carina adopting Resolution No. 12,427 enrolling 10 individuals. Second by Brigitte. Question; 8/0/1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,428 approving a request for relinquishment. Second by Valerie. Question; 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Motion by Lee to table the enrollment for Trevor Hurtado for more information from Umatilla. Second by Brigitte. Question; 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

8. Gun safety presentation.

9. With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

January 30

1. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Chairman Eugene Greene Jr., Vice Chairman Charles Calica, Raymond Tsumpti, Ronald Suppah, and Valerie Switzler. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

2. December 2017 financial update.

3. Indian Health Service update.

4. Democratic Candidate Oregon Second Congressional introduction.

5. Timber discussion.

6. Committee/board appointments

• Motion by Charles adopting Resolution No. 12,429 appointing Evaline Patt to the Credit Enterprise Board of Directors, term ending January 1, 2021. Second by Valerie. Question; 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Class II will be re-advertised on 8/0/0 vote.

• Motion by Joseph adopting Resolution No. 12,430 appointing Pamela Douglas, Tribal member and Ted Kulongoski, non-member,

to the WSCRE Board of Directors, terms ending on December 31, 2021. Second by Charles. Question; 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Consensus to re-advertise for the Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Board of Directors vacant position.

• Consensus to re-advertise for the Tribal Employment Rights Office Commission.

• Motion by Joseph adopting Resolution No. 12,431 appointing Tainontorake Oakes, term ending October 30, 2018 and Delford Johnson, term ending October 30, 2020 to the Water Control Board. Second by Charles. Question; 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Motion by Charles adopting Resolution No. 12,432 appointing Joseph Moses, to the Warm Springs Composite Board of Directors, term ending December 31, 2018. Second by Brigitte. Question; 7/0/1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried. Vote carrying on to Non-Tribal member position to be re-advertised.

• Motion by Joseph adopting Resolution No. 12,433 appointing Ronald Suppah and Kevin Nordt to the Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprise Board, terms ending January 1, 2021. Second by Charles. Question; 7/0/1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Motion by Raymond adopting Resolution No. 12,434 appointing Lori Switzler, pending acceptance and background check, to the Ventures Board. And, that the vacant non-member position be re-advertised. Second by Joseph. Question; 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion Carried.

7. Other business:

• Motion by Charles approving the request for use of the tribal logo to be used by University of Oregon, Eastern Oregon University, and Oregon State University Cascades on a coalition to support 2018 Capital Investments. Second by Brigitte. Question; 7/0/1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

8. With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

February 5, 2018

1. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Chairman Eugene Greene Jr., Vice Chairman Charles Calica, Raymond Tsumpti, Ronald Suppah, Valerie Switzler, Lee Tom, and Brigitte McConville. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

2. Land Buy Back appraisals update.

• Motion by Charles amending the afternoon agenda include BIA Realty to present Janice Suppah Clements land sale from March 2016. Second by Brigitte. Question; 7/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

3. Other business:

• Consensus to amend the agenda to include Linda Meanus' request.

• Motion by Raymond approving funds from the Tribal Council budget to assist Linda in presenting at the National Indian Child Welfare Association annual conference. Second by Brigitte. Question; 7/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

4. Federal legislative call update.

5. BIA Realty:

• Motion by Raymond adopting Resolution No. 12,436 approving the land sale of 11 percent interest for Janice S. Clements. Sec-

ond by Brigitte. Question; 6/0/2, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• BIA Realty will present 12 more land sales on February 20.

6. State legislature call update.

7. Tribal attorney update from Karnopp-Petersen.

8. 2:40-3:40 p.m.: Executive session.

9. Tribal Attorney update from John Ogan.

• Motion by Raymond approving Howard Arnett and John Ogan work together to develop an amicus brief supporting Washington tribes favorable rights be affirmed; and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs be heard, and work with other tribes. Second by Brigitte. Question; 7/0/1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• 4-4:45 p.m.: Off the record.

• Motion by Ronald appointing an 1865 nullification point team to include the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and legal counsel with writer for call back to include all information that can be valuable, as noted from Raymond, Valerie and Brigitte. Second by Brigitte. Question; 5/0/3, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

10. With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Tribal committee meetings

This is the schedule for tribal committee meetings over the next several weeks:

Water Control Board: 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, February 15 at the Branch of Natural Resources Cougar Den.

Education Committee: 10 a.m. to noon, Friday, February 16 at Administration conference room 3.

Land Use Planning Committee: 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, February 21 at Administration room 3.

Water Control Board: 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, March 1 at the Branch of Natural Resources Cougar Den.

Fish and Wildlife Committee: 3 to 5 p.m., Thursday, March 1 at the Administration conference room 3.

Education Committee:

4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday, March 5 at the Seekseequa Fire Hall.

Land Use Planning Committee: 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, March 7 at the Administration conference room 3.

Water Control Board: 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, March 15 at the Branch of Natural Resources Cougar Den.

Land Use Planning Committee: 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, March 21 at the Administration conference room 3.

Education Committee: 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 31 at the Greeley Heights community building.

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