

TERO gearing up for 2019 construction season

The Warm Springs Tribal Employment Rights Office is preparing for the 2019 construction season.

The TERO this week is beginning a heavy equipment training program. The training will be by their office at the industrial park. The training includes the use of a heavy equipment simulator.

The Warm Springs TERO saw milestone accomplishments in 2018, and is planning for an even better 2019, said Wendell Jim, TERO director.

Last year the TERO worked on 12 Oregon Department of Transportation projects, and dispatched 60 workers to job sites.

The year wrapped up with the approval of a new memorandum of understanding between the tribes and ODOT. The new agreement is for five years.

The Warm Springs TERO



Warm Springs TERO is offering heavy equipment operator training, using a heavy equipment simulator.

jurisdiction is the reservation plus the area within 60 miles of the reservation border.

TERO this year wants to work on 20 ODOT projects, and is working with the agency on creating the project list,

Mr. Jim said.

The TERO is a great asset for the tribes, as the reservation unemployment rate remains very high, he said.

The Warm Springs TERO is one of three in the

state, with Umatilla and Grand Ronde.

The Warm Springs jurisdiction is the largest. An overlap area with the Grand Ronde TERO, including an area of 1-5, was resolved by

giving Warm Springs first choice during odd number years, and Grand Ronde the choice in the even numbers. As this is 2019, Warm Springs would have the first bid on any of these projects.

The construction jobs that come open at TERO include flaggers, laborers, heavy equipment operators, welders iron workers, among others.

These are good paying jobs, with the most skilled positions paying more than \$60 an hour. All are given the prevailing wage.

The TERO is funded through fees that apply to federally-funded ODOT construction projects within the jurisdiction.

The Warm Springs TERO is asking people to update their skills surveys. Stop by the office at Ventures to fill out the form, which are also available in the employment section at tribal administration. You can call the TERO office at 541-615-0853. The skills survey is used to determine which workers may qualify for upcoming jobs, and how to contact them when the work is ready.

Training session for Wellbriety Celebrating Families

Eleven participants attended the Wellbriety Celebrating Families Facilitation training in Warm Springs.

Sarah Frank served as facilitator, and Carlos River, executive director of White Bison, was the monitor. The training was held January 10-12.

The participants look forward to future Wellbriety Celebrating Families classes for the Warm Springs community.

Wellbriety Celebrating Families is a family healing program based upon the teachings and the principles of the Medicine Wheel, Native American Elders adapted into the National Association for Children of Alcoholics Celebrating Families Curriculum. We would like to thank the following programs:

Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises for their donation to provide food for this training. Thank you White Bison for sending Carlos to help facilitate class.

Thank you Warm Springs Behavioral Health, Warm Springs Housing Authority, OHSU On-Track, and Health and Human Services for their support!

— Sarah Frank



Carlos Rivera, Alice Sampson and Gordon Scott (from left); Colletta Macy, Brian Renfro, Susan Mitchell, Alicia Adams, Stephanie Wachter, Julia Culpus, Edna Tufti, Lorien Stacona and Sarah Frank (back from left. (Not pictured is Paul Jim.)

Courtesy Sarah Frank

Tribal Council summary

January 7, 2019

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 Brigette McConville. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Resolutions

• Motion by Jody adopting Resolution No. 12,520A, changing the date for the 1980 baseline to March 15, 2019, with minor edit; Second by Carina; Question; Question; 9/1/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

• Motion by Joseph tabling the Resolution setting the date, time, and locations of the Tribal Council election until background checks are complete; Second by Jody; Question; 9/1/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

• Motion by Jody tabling the Resolution for the Warm

Springs Financial Strategies, LLC until after the executive session; Second by Joseph; Question; 10/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

Sponsorships

• Motion by Jody approving \$3,000 to sponsor a break during the Intertribal Timber Council on June 10-13, 2019; Second by Lee; Question; 10/0/1, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

• Motion by Jody approving \$1,000 sponsorship for Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Conference; Second by Joseph; Question; 10/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

Federal and state legislative call updates.

Tribal attorney update.

• Some areas of discussion were off the record.

• Motion by Carina approving the Chairman to sign the letter to Mr. Bryan Mercier, Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director;

Second by Jody; Question; 10/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

• Motion by Carina approving the Tribes sign on with Tribal Governments, NCAI, NARF Amicus Brief in the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals Indian Child Welfare Act litigation; Second by Joseph; Question; 10/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

Fish and Wildlife Committee

• Executive session – 4:50-5:30 p.m.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

January 8

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

Annual Allowable Cut update.

Education Branch update. Indian Health Service update. Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.



SHITIKE CREEK CLEANUP 2019

#MLK DAY OF SERVICE

RAIN, SNOW OR SHINE. WEAR WARM CLOTHING

JANUARY 21

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

BASE OF OPERATION MEET

@ Warm Springs Elmer Quinn SKATE PARK

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

is a way to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. life and teachings by engaging in community action that continues to solve social problems. Also move us closer to Dr. Kings vision of a "Beloved Community"

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