

## Council talks health careers with OHSU

The On Track Oregon Health Sciences University team visited last week with Tribal Council, reviewing the history and future of the program.

On Track OHSU, with the university Northwest Center for Excellence, is a student program with the goal of bringing more Native Americans into the health care occupations.

The Warm Springs student liaison is Gordon Scott. For information about the On Track opportunities in the school district 509-J, you can reach Gordon at:

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On hand for the meeting with Tribal Council were Mr. Scott and 'TJ' Foltz of the Education Committee, Katie Lenahan, program director; and other program leaders.

OHSU On Track works in

partnership with the school district, the tribes, the Indian Health Services Warm Springs Clinic, and St. Charles Medical Center. The program began seven years ago, when the OHSU provost made it a priority to recruit Native American students into health care faculty positions.

The reasons for this priority are critical to health in Indian Country. As the OHSU Northwest Center for Excellence explains:

Native Americans face some of the most striking health inequalities in the U.S., living with the highest rates of heart, lung and blood pressure problems, with a life expectancy younger than any other racial or ethnic group.

At the same time, Native Americans represent a small percentage of health care

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professionals, and medical school faculty.

The solution at OHSU is On Track, working with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the Klamath tribes, among others.

The program started small, working with middle school students. In time the program began working with Madras High School students. The first high school group of On Track students was small, perhaps 10. Now the high school program involves up to 70

Native American students.

At the meeting last week, Tribal Councilwoman Anita Jackson suggested the program expand to include college students, such as students at Central Oregon Community College. Councilman Raymond Captain Moody pointed out that there are several Native American students in the Wasco County, such as at Maupin and Dufur.

The Chemawa Indian School would also be a good place for On Track, Councilman Moody said.

The presentation was well-received, and the parties are looking forward to working together in the future, a goal being to have more Native American health professionals working at the Warm Springs clinic.

— Dave McMechan

## Final market of 2019 this Friday

The final Warm Springs Outdoor Market of 2019 is coming up this Friday, September 13. Stop by for the local vending booths from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., while KWSO will also be on hand selling gear and food.

The market this year has been at a new location, by the Warm Springs Community Action Team on the campus. Also new this year, the Tananawit artists group has taken the lead in hosting the market.

There has been an average of about ten to 12 vendor booths at the market this year, said Emily Courtney, business and marketing specialist with the Community Action Team.

"Things have gone well," Ms. Courtney said. "I think having the market by the WSCAT building helped in getting visitors off the highway to the market."

In time the Outdoor Market will likely change locations again, to a space by the Small Business Incubator building by the highway.



## Summaries of Tribal Council

### August 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti. Present at roll call: Vice Chair Lola Sohapp, Lincoln (Jay) Suppah, and Raymond (Captain) Moody, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Glendon Smith, Wilson Wewa Jr., and Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Secretary-Treasurer update.

Chief Operations Officer update.

#### September Agenda.

- Motion by Glendon approving the September agenda. Second by Captain. Question: 7/0/1, Delvis/abstain, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- The Museum at Warm Springs funding discussion.

- Federal legislative update call.

- State Legislative Update call.

#### Enrollments:

- Motion by Captain adopting Resolution No. 12,619 enrolling six individuals. Second by Glendon. Question: 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

#### Sanitary vehicle acquisition:

- Motion by Captain to transfer all available funds within the Vehicle Acquisition fund (Fund 306) to "Sanitation Vehicles" in the amount of \$157,359.95. Second by Wilson. Question: 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

#### Indian Head Casino Loan Documents:

- This discussion will be scheduled for an executive session with Tribal Council and tribal attorney soon.

Motion by Lola to adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

### August 20

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti. Present at roll call: Chief Joseph Moses, Vice Chair Lola Sohapp, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Wilson Wewa Jr., Glendon Smith, and Chief Delvis Heath. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

#### 2020 Budget discussion.

Motion by Lola to adjourn at 3 p.m.

### August 26

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti. Present at roll call: Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Lincoln Jay Suppah, and Raymond Moody, Anita Jackson, Wilson Wewa Jr., Glendon Smith, Brigitte McConville, Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

#### July Financial update.

Discussed Donations Guidelines.

Discussed the tribal lawyers' billing.

#### Continued to discuss Traditional Leave:

- Motion by Brigitte to put the Traditional Leave policy into abeyance until it's developed and brought back to Tribal Council. Second by Anita. Question: 3/0/3, Alfred/yes, Anita/yes, Brigitte/yes, Wilson/Abstain, Lincoln/Abstain, Captain/Abstain, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

#### Discussed the Robert and Charles Wilson Homes.

#### Preliminary Kah-Nee-Ta Proposal (Tribal Council is acting Board of Directors):

- Motion made by Glendon, as a Kah-Nee-Ta Board member approving a sixty day window of time in order for an in-depth analysis of the entire resort and all its amenities, and will return with a formal Letter of Intent for Tribal Council approval. Second by Anita. Question: 7/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Motion by Brigitte to adjourn at 4:40 p.m.

### September 3

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti. Present at Roll Call: Vice Chair Lola Sohapp, Anita Jackson, Brigitte McConville, Lincoln (Jay) Suppah, and Raymond (Captain) Moody, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Glendon Smith, and Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Chairman Tsumpti gave an update on the meeting with Warm Springs Police Department this morning.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Update.

Office of Special Trustee Update.

Canoe Journey Update.

Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) On Track Program Update:

- Gordon Scott will work with the Secretary-Treasurer on development of a Memorandum of Understanding for Tribal Council consideration.

Tribal attorney update.

- Executive session, 1:40-3:15 p.m.

Tribal attorney update with John Ogan.

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

### September 4

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti. Present at Roll Call: Vice Chair Lola Sohapp, Anita Jackson, Wilson Wewa, Jr., Lincoln (Jay) Suppah, and Raymond (Captain) Moody, Chief Delvis Heath, Glendon Smith, Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Indian Health Service Modernization Update.

#### Century Link Rights of Way Update:

- Motion by Anita adopting Resolution No. 12,262A as read into record by Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer appointing Jonathan W. Smith, Land Use Planning Committee Chairman; Tim York, Warm

Springs Telecommunications General Manager; Brigitte McConville, Tribal Council member and COIC Transportation Representative; Raymond (Captain) Moody, Tribal Council member to serve as communications liaisons between the negotiating team, Tribal Council, and Legal Expertise, designed to provide support and assist in carrying out the negotiations; That all offices, departments, agencies, employees and agents of the Tribes are directed to make their expertise and assistance related to the negotiation effort available to the Committee upon request; Second by Joe; 9/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

#### Tribal Court:

- Motion by Anita approving the Chairman to sign a letter, as a non-Public Law 280 Tribe to Ms. Tricia Tingle, Associate Director, BIA Office of Justice Services, Tribal Council fully supports the opportunity given free of charge for: Documentation and Gathering; Initial Visit; On-Site Assessment, Presentation of Findings and Recommendations and any Follow-up of the Tribal Court; Second by Glendon; 9/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

- Motion by Anita adopt-

ing Resolution No. 12,620 as read into record; that the Warm Springs Tribal Code Section 310.408(3) is hereby amended (per track changes); 310.409(3) violating the basic speed rule is a Class A traffic infraction; 9/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

#### Sacred Food Project:

- Oregon State University Extension Service employees will get input from Culture

& Heritage Language Teachers and Elders, and will give an update to Tribal Council.

#### HUD 184 Lending:

- Dustin Seyler and Shawnetta Yahtin will work with Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer, and she will set up a date and time with the tribal attorney to assist with a Resolution for Tribal Council consideration.

Motion by Brigitte to adjourn at 3:20 p.m.

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W/ NEDA WESLEY

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