

## Main valve project at Power and Water

Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises is planning a main valve replacement project at the Pelton-Round Butte hydro facility in 2020.

The current valve dates from 1964, the year the facility was built. These kinds of valves are very large—approximately 18 feet in diameter.

This is a long-term project, and Power and Water has been planning the replacement for a number of years, said enterprise general manager Jim Manion. When the replacement hap-

pens, the hydro power system will be shut off for a time, he said.

Power and Water is now at the point of seeking a contractor to do the work, and a manufacturer to provide the new valve, Mr. Manion said. Some other projects coming up in 2020 at Power and Water:

The enterprise is reviewing its power sales agreement, to determine whether another buyer may be interested in purchasing the tribal share of power from the hydro facilities. The current agreement is with Portland

General Electric. “PGE may still be the most interested. We’re testing the market,” Manion said.

In 2020 Power and Water will be weighing whether the tribes should acquire an additional one-sixth ownership interest in the Pelton-Round Butte power system.

The enterprise board will weigh the benefits and costs, and make a recommendation to Tribal Council.

In 2020 Power and Water will continue exploring the idea of a large-scale solar project on the reservation. This would be a new revenue

stream for the tribes, and increase the renewable energy resource in the Northwest power system, Manion said.

Power and Water is also looking at the possibility of a lease-type of agreement regarding the tribes’ off-reservation in-stream water right in the Deschutes River. The tribes have a large and senior water right in the Deschutes. Meanwhile, irrigation districts face challenges in water supply for their customers.

— Dave McMechan

## Still time for a flu shot

The Warm Springs Indian Health Service clinic in recent weeks has seen a rise in visits by patients with flu and flu-like illnesses. The increase reflects an increase noted statewide in Oregon.

During mid- and late December, Central Oregon saw a rise of more than 10 percent in ‘positive results’ in flu tests.

Similarly, the Warm Springs clinic saw a significant increase in clinic and emergency room visits for flu-like illness, especially among school aged children.

It is not too late to get a flu shot. The season is at its peak from about December through February.

On average a flu vaccine becomes effective two weeks after you receive the shot. The vaccine protects you and those around you. Stop by the Warm Springs Clinic for a vaccine.

The flu is something to take very seriously: The Centers for Disease Control estimates that each year approximately 56,000 people die from the flu. Last year saw a spike in the mortality rate from flu, with an estimated 80,000 U.S. residents succumbing to the illness.

Most people who get sick with flu will have mild illness, will not need medical care or antiviral drugs and will recover in less than two weeks.

Some people, however, are more likely to get flu complications that can result in hospitalization and sometimes death. Pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus infections and ear infections are examples of flu-related complications.

Flu also can make chronic health problems worse. For example, people with asthma may experience asthma attacks while they have flu and people with chronic congestive heart failure may experience a worsening of this condition triggered by flu.

## New Year’s sobriety powwow, and community notes...

The Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest presents the Thirty-Fourth Annual New Year’s Eve Sobriety Powwow.

The powwow will be this Tuesday, December 31 from noon to 8 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Portland.

The NARA New Year’s Eve Sobriety Powwow is one of the largest sobriety new year powwows in the country, and is certainly the largest New Year’s party in Portland, where thousands close out the year with drums, songs and dance (all alcohol free).

The **Natives Got Talent Show** is this Friday, January

3 at the Youth Center gym. The show is hosted by the Prevention Team, the Opioid and Mental Health Initiative and JCP Aftercare. The show will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on January 3. Age groups are:

Kindergarten and under. First to third grades. Fourth through sixth. Seventh and eighth. High school. Adults.

For more information call Prevention at 541-615-0036.

**Cascades East Transit** provides transportation around Warm Springs and to Madras with Connections to other Central Oregon Towns.

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## Summary of Tribal Council

### December 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti. Roll call: Raymond (Captain) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Wilson Wewa Jr., Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Brigette McConville, Chief Delvis Heath, Glendon Smith, Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

The **2020 Tribal Scholarship resolution** with Secretary-Treasurer, Michele Stacona:

- Motion by Anita to untable this resolution for a vote (action taken on November 27, 2019). Second by Glendon. Question: 8/0/1, Wilson/Abstain, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- The discussion will continue with the Education general manager present.

### 2020 Fund 122 and Joint Health Commission

**resolution** with Caroline Cruz, Health and Human Services.

- Motion by Anita adopting Resolution No. 12,647, that the Chairman of the Tribal Council is authorized to confirm Heather Crow Martinez to continue to serve an additional three year term on the Joint Health Commission ending September 28, 2022; Second by Brigette; 8/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

- Motion by Captain adopting Resolution No. 12,648, that the Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as are necessary to provide for the allocation of Health Services Fund collections (third party billings) for the Calendar Year 2020 as indicated in Exhibit A; and to program such savings as are expected at the end of Calendar Year 2019 for the one year budget plan for

the year 2020. Second by Jay. Question: 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

2020 Scholarship Funds continued with Valerie Switzler, Education general manager; and Carroll Dick, Higher Education director:

- Motion by Brigette adopting Resolution No. 12,643, that an amount not to exceed \$650,000 is hereby authorized for expenditure from the Scholarship Fund for calendar year 2020. Second by Captain. Question: 6/0/3, Glendon/Abstain, Delvis/Abstain, Alfred/Abstain, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

**Enrollments** with Lucille Suppach-Sampson, director Vital Statistics:

- Motion by Captain adopting Resolution No. 12,649, enrolling six individuals. Second by Brigette. Question: 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

### 2020 master jury list and Pro Tempore judges

Chief Judge Lisa Lomas, and Court clerk administrator Eliah Sorrelhorse:

- Motion by Brigette adopting Resolution No. 12,650 approving the list of potential jurors for 2020. Second by Wilson. Question: 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- Motion by Glendon adopting Resolution No. 12,651 appointing Barbara Haslinger to serve s Tribal Court Judge Pro Tempore to hear and preside over cases in which the Tribal Court judges have conflicts of interest, and to which she may be assigned from time to time by the Chief Judge of the Tribal Court; and to perform all services required in such cases, with full authority in such matters as a Judge of the Warm Springs Tribal Court. Second by Anita. Question: 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- Motion by Glendon adopting Resolution No. 12,652 appointing Thomas Howes as Tribal Court Judge Pro Tempore to hear and pre-

side over cases in which the Tribal Court judges have conflicts of interest, and to which he may be assigned from time to time by the Chief Judge of the Tribal Court; and to perform all services required in such cases, with full authority in such matters as a Judge of the Warm Springs Tribal Court. Second by Anita. Question: 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center modernization Phase 1 update with clinic director Hyllis Dauphinais.

**January 2020 agenda**, and review minutes with the Secretary-Treasurer.

- Motion by Anita approving the January Agenda, subject to change. Second by Brigette. Question: 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

**Review of Organizational Chart** with the Secretary-Treasurer:

- Joint Venture budget analyst will be added under the Secretary-Treasurer.

- Chief Operations Officer is taken off the Organizational Chart.

- Fish and Wildlife Committee On-Reservation, and Fish and Wildlife Committee Off-Reservation will be noted (split) in the Organizational Chart.

- The budget for Fish and Wildlife Committees are split 60/40: 60-percent going to On-Reservation, and 40-percent going to Off-Reservation.

- TERO will be added on the agenda for monthly updates.

Management Plan discussion among the Tribal Council.

**Ventures update/hemp plan** with the Ventures Board of Directors:

- Motion by Glendon adopting Resolution No. 12,653, that the Tribal Council hereby appoints the directors of Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation dba “Warm Springs Ventures” to the

board of directors of CP Enterprise. Second by Captain. Question: 3/4/0, Brigette/No, Anita/No, Wilson/No, Alfred/No, Chairman not voting. Motion failed.

- Motion by Glendon adopting Resolution No. 12,654, that the Tribal Council hereby determines that with the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill that removes hemp as a Schedule 1 substance under the federal Controlled Substance Act, and as a controlled substance or drug under WSTC Chapter 305 and the affirmative exercise of tribal regulatory jurisdiction under the 2018 Farm Bill, the provisions of the 2015 Referendum that prohibit the sale of controlled substance on the reservation no longer apply to hemp or hemp products. Second by Anita. Question: 3/4/0, Captain/No, Jay/No, Wilson/No, Alfred/No, Chairman not voting. Motion failed.

- Tribal Council consensus to have the Cannabis Board serve until new members are appointed, and the Cannabis board positions will be advertised for two weeks. A resolution will be presented first week of January.

**Public Utilities carryover** fund request with Utilities director Travis Wells:

- Motion by Anita approving the capitalized request to purchase equipment. Second by Brigette. Question: 7/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

**Kah-Nee-Ta** bank account matter with the Secretary-Treasurer:

- Tribal Council is the acting resort board of directors.

- Motion by Captain approving the closure of the Kah-Nee-Ta bank account (checking), and any funds will be applied to inter-company receive able #2 and #1, and putting remaining funds to the tribe receivable accounts. Second by Jay. Question: 7/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

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