

Ventures welcomes new CEO

James Souers is the new chief executive officer of Warm Springs Ventures, the tribes' economic development corporation.

Mr. Souers is a 1979 graduate of Madras High School; and a graduate of Oregon State University. He has a Masters degree in Business from Lake Forest Graduate School of Management in Chicago.

Jim is a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of South Dakota.

He grew up on the Warm Springs reservation, and still feels a deep attachment to the people and land of the Confederated Tribes.

His wife Mary is also a graduate of Madras High School. Jim's father Dick Souers worked for the Bu-



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reau of Indian Affairs in Warm Springs, and his mother Dot worked for the

Warm Springs Elementary School.

Mr. Souers brings a

wealth of diverse executive level experience to Ventures.

Over the past 30 years he's been involved in several successful entrepreneurial startups, as well as being an early venture investor.

He has formed a worldwide network throughout the business community, has experience in working with Fortune 500 companies, governments and universities, and has managed U.S. and international operations.

Throughout his career, Mr. Souers continued to follow the news and developments of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and he looks forward to helping the community he calls home.

During the tribal closure

Most Warm Springs tribal offices are closed to the public at least through this week, and probably longer, depending on the evaluation and judgment of Council and Management, tribal health and safety advisors, in the best interest of the membership and employees. Meanwhile, there are key staff working. There is a list of contact names and numbers posted on the tribal website if you need assistance. See the site:

warmsprings-nsn.gov/2020/03/covid-19-updates/

For any tribal members who recently got their minors trust letter, please remember to get your letter notarized before turning it in to Vital Statistics—This is very important.

Vital Stats is able to set up appointments to do the notarizing. You can call 541-553-3232 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; or email michele.stacona@wstribes.org

To schedule an appointment

The tribes and IHS ask that you utilize the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center call number at 541-5532-5512, available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

From Warm Springs Head Start

The Early Childhood Education center continues to provide its services to families, though for safety the building is closed to visits from the general public.

Head Start has sent out community assessments, and the program is hoping you will participate.

There are a number of ways in which a person may participate in the assessment.

The completed form can be scanned and faxed; or sent via email.

The assessments may also be dropped off at the Early Childhood Education Center

drop box in front of our building, 1257 Kot-Num Road.

And there is also a link to do the assessment online.

forms.gle/xUt99zc7ZVkrvsJo8

The fax number is 541-553-3379. The email is: c.moses@wstribes.org

Summary of Tribal Council

March 23, 2020

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

COVID-19 update with Hyllis Dauphinais, Indian Health Services; Caroline Cruz, Health and Human Services; Dan Martinez, Emergency Management; Louie Pitt, Governmental Affairs; and Katie Russell, Community Health.

Housing Authority update with Danielle Wood and Sharon Strong.

Chief of Police update with Bill Elliott, Public Safety general manager.

April agenda.
• Motion by Anita approving the April agenda, as amended; Second by Captain; 8/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

• Motion by Glendon approving; Second by Anita. Question: 7/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Landfill update with Russell Graham and Joie Simtustus/Sanitation; and Said Amali/Akana:

• Motion by Anita approving a letter be written to the Indian Health Services by Said and Russell, and authorizing the Chairman to sign, requesting funding for our Integrated Waste Management Plan. Second by Wilson. Question: 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Discussed Governor Brown's Executive Order No. 20-12, requiring stay-at-home.

Resolution presented by

Mark Manion:

• Motion made by Anita adopting Resolution No. 12,679, hereby adopting and approving the attached proposed '2020 Crayfish Harvest Regulations.' Second by Wilson. Question: 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Federal and state legislative update calls.

'Stay Home, Save Lives' letter to the Tribal Membership:

• Motion by Captain authorizing the Chairman to sign this letter. Second by Jay. Question: 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Enrollments/Relinquishment with Lucille Suppach-Sampson of Vital Statistics:

• Motion by Captain adopting Resolution No. 12,680 enrolling 3 applicants. Second by Jay. Question: 8/0/0. Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Motion by Glendon adopting Resolution No. 12,681 approving relinquishment of an individual to enroll in the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Second by Wilson. Question: 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Museum At Warm Springs Board of Directors Resolution with Elizabeth Woody, museum director:

• Motion by Joe adopting Resolution No. 12,682 that the following persons be appointed or reappointed to the Board of Directors of the Museum of Warm Springs with terms expiring January 1, 2023: James Manion, tribal member, Lynn Johnson and Stanley Speaks, non-tribal

members. Second by Delvis. Question: 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Farm lease with Warm Springs Ventures, Laurie Danzuka and Pamela Keo:

• Motion by Joe adopting Resolution No. 12,683 that the Tribal Council hereby approves the lease in Exhibit 'A' for the purpose of development and operation for an on-reservation cultivation facility. Second by Delvis. Question: 4/3/1, Captain/No, Jay/No, Wilson/No, Alfred/Abstain, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

Motion by Jay to adjourn at 3:40 p.m.

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