

Composite Products workers on the job

The work stations at the Warm Springs Composite Products factory have always been some distance apart from one another. This is due to the nature of the work: The manufacture, assembly and shipping of their signature Tectonite fireproof door components.

Composite began 27 years ago, has grown and kept its place as the model in the industry.

Because the series of assemblage work stations are well away from one another, the enterprise maintains operation. And for added safety, "We have implemented a safe distancing policy," said Jake Coochise, Composite chief executive



The work stations are some distance apart at Composite Products.

officer.

While some component vendors, and some shipping

elements of the operation may have been affected, Composite Products has so

far avoided any serious business issues, Mr. Coochise said.

— Dave McMechan

Most Warm Springs tribal offices remain closed to the public at least through Friday, May 8. Tribal Council is deciding soon, after consultation with Management and health and safety advisors, how to proceed through the rest of May and beyond. The decision depends on Council determination of the best interest of the membership and th tribes.



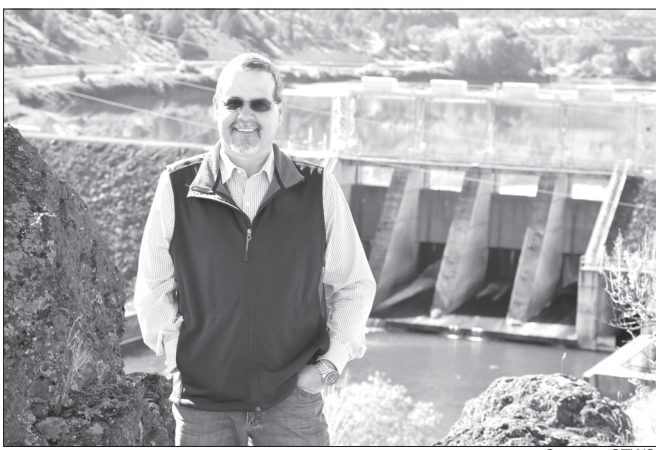
Ceremonial fishery at Stanley Rock at the Columbia. Head fisherman is William Slockish, measuring fish while Larry Holliday records data. William's helpers are sorting fish for recording purposes.

Hydro dams generating power

The virus pandemic affects everyone and every enterprise, even those that are able to operate almost business as usual. Going into the year 2020, for instance, Power and Water Enterprises was expecting to finalize its plan for a major, long-term capital improvement project.

The idea at the start of the year was for Power and Water to develop the logistical plan for turbine replacement at the Pelton-Round Butte hydro facilities. This is a large undertaking—the turbines are very big—with water spilling around Round Butte for three months during the replacement.

Throughout the U.S. economy, the coronavirus shutdowns have required a change of plans, said Jim Manion, Power and Water general manager. In the present uncertainty—future availability of contractors,



Jim Manion by the Round Butte hydro dam.

for instance—the turbine replacement is moved from 2021 to 2022, Mr. Manion said.

Meanwhile the Power and Water staff continue the normal operation of the hydro facilities. The main office, like the fish passage facilities, are spacious enough to allow workers to maintain social distancing while carrying on their work.

From the demand side, the power market has re-

mained stable, Manion said. There may be drop-off in the large industrial sector, as some manufacturing is down, but the value of the power has kept the market stable, he said. This is the present circumstance.

If the economy-wide shutdown continues long into the year, no one can predict the potential impact, as these are unprecedented times, Mr. Manion said.

— Dave McMechan

Summary of Tribal Council

April 8, 2020

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

Present by phone: Danny Martinez, Emergency Response. Caroline Cruz, Health and Human Services. Katie Russell, Community Health. Hyllis Dauphinais, Madras IHS clinic chief executive officer. Michael Collins, anaged Care. Nancy Seyler, Public Safety.

Covid-19 update and decisions:

• Should food stands be shut down? Tribal Council poll: Glendon/no, Joe/no, Captain/no, Jay/no, Delvis/yes, Brigitte/yes, Anita/yes, and Wilson/no. 3/6/0.

• Should the tribe continue an organization shutdown for additional two weeks and continue administrative leave? Tribal Council poll: Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes,

Delvis/yes, Brigitte/yes, Anita/yes, and Wilson/yes.

• Should there be a burn ban? Tribal Council poll: Glendon/yes, Joe/no, Captain/no, Jay/no, Delvis/yes, Wilson/no, Anita/no, Brigitte/no.

• Should there be more signage for road closures and additional staff? Decision: Warm Springs Police Department and Department of Natural Resources are taken care of this.

• Should there be a mandate to wear face masks? Tribal Council poll: Anita/yes, Brigitte/yes, Wilson/yes, Glendon/no, Joe/no, Captain/no, Jay/no, Delvis/no; 3/5/0.

Oregon Tribes Joint Request Letter for Equitable Allocation of Tribal Coronavirus Relief Funding: Tribal Council poll supporting Chairman Tsumpti to sign: Anita/yes, Wilson/yes, Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Delvis/yes, Brigitte/yes
Should Tribal Council receive pay during the two week shutdown? Tribal Council poll: Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/abstain, Jay/abstain, Delvis/yes, Brigitte/yes, Anita/yes, Wilson/abstain; 5/0/3.

Thank you to all person-

nel who continue to work during the shutdown.

Motion by Glendon to adjourn at 11:05 p.m.

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