

Safely celebrating Native Pride Month

The Warm Springs Academy is celebrating Native Pride month with a Virtual Powwow and Cultural Show and Tell on Monday, November 9.

The month of celebration continues on November 16 with virtual Rock Your Mocs; and on November 20 with a Virtual Assembly with Supaman.

Visit the Warm Springs k-8 Academy website for more details. In order to partici-



pate in some parts of this event, like submitting photos or vides, the Academy will need guardian permission.

The permission forms are

available on the website. Call 541-553-1128 if you have any questions.

“We are asking students to participate in these virtual events as part of Native Pride Month,” said Academy’s Ms. Yunker. “We definitely want to encourage participation so our school can feel like a community for students!”

See the website for a video showing students how to submit a flipgrid.

Youth football camp at Academy

Youth football camp is coming up at the Warm Springs football field on December 8-10. The camp is for youth ages kindergarten through eighth grades, male or female.

The camp will be hosted by the Madras High School football coaches and the high school players. The camp will include fundamental skills, and basic knowl-

edge of the game, as well as fun games. The goal is to build a passion and love for the game throughout our great community.

The cost is \$25 per kid, \$40 for two in the same family; third kid is free. All covid guidelines will be followed including wearing a mask and social distancing. All participants will be screened daily. Parents are not allowed to stay at the venue during the camp times. The

camp will be streamed online via the MHS football Facebook page.

The Warm Springs camp time will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

The camp will also be at the Madras High School football field November 10-12, and 17-19.

For information contact Coach Taylor at 503-312-9680. Or email: ktaylor@509j.net

Summaries of Tribal Council

Wednesday, October 21

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Raymond (Captain) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Anita Jackson, Vice Chair Brigette McConville, Wilson Wewa, Jr., Glendon Smith, Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

• Fisheries Enhancement Agreement in Hood River System with Robert Brunoe, Branch of Natural Resources general manager; Brad Houslet and Josh Newton, Fisheries, Natural Resources:

• Motion by Brigette adopting Resolution No. 12,735: Tribal Council approves the Agreement regarding Fisheries Enhancement in the Hood River System, including its limited waiver of sovereign immunity provisions. That the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO of the tribe is delegated the authority to a final agreement and execute a final written Settlement and Release Agreement to the extent that it substantially conforms with the copy attached as Exhibit A. Second by Anita. Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigette/yes, Anita/yes,

Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes; Glendon/yes; 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• 1865 Nullification – Louie Pitt, Governmental Affairs:

• An announcement came from the White House that the President signed the nullification of the fraudulent 1865 Treaty.

• Indian Managed Care Entity with Michael Collins: Michael will meet with the Health and Welfare Committee.

• Bureau of Indian Affairs letter with Ellen Grover, tribal attorney:

• Motion by Brigette authorizing the Chairman to sign the letter to Bryan Mercier, Regional Director, United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Region regarding the Warm Springs Agency Realty Function – Tribal Transportation Program. Second by Captain; Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigette/yes, Anita/yes, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes, Glendon/yes, Wilson/yes, 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Oregon Department of Transportation amendment 3 with Michele Stacona, Sec-

retary-Treasurer:

• Motion by Brigette adopting Resolution No. 12,736 that the Tribal Council hereby approves Amendment No. 3 to the Highway 26 Safety Corridor Agreement (attached to the resolution as Exhibit A). The Secretary-Treasurer/CEO is hereby authorized to execute and sign Amendment No. 3 to the Highway 26 Safety Corridor Agreement on behalf of the tribe. Second by Captain; Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigette/yes, Anita/no, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes, Glendon/yes, 7/1/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Fire Salvage with Robert Brunoe and Vernon Wolf, Forestry - Natural Resources:

• Motion by Anita adopting Resolution No. 12,737 that Tribal Council hereby authorizes the BIA, Forestry, Branch of Natural Resources and Warm Springs Timber Company to proceed with an expedited salvage for the Lionshead and P-515 wildfires. As required by IRMP for the forested lands, in consultation with tribal committees and the membership, an approved plan (Project Assessment) must be obtained from Tribal

Council prior to starting this salvage operation.

Tribal Council authorizes for the expedient removal of burnt salvageable timber from the Lionshead and P-515 wildfires during the 2020 and 2021 calendar years. Given the magnitude of standing volume affected by this year’s wildfires the Annual Allowable Cut set under Resolution 12,272 will be temporarily suspended in order to allow for optimum recovery of salvageable timber.

Tribal Council authorizes a reforestation deduction of \$10.55 per thousand board-foot be deducted from log value in order for the re-establishment of the trust forest asset. Reforestation of the wildfire affected trust forestlands will ensure for sustainable management of the trust lands for current and future generations; that applicable federal and tribal laws and ordinances will be adhered to and complied with for the duration of this approved salvage project, as amended. Second by Wilson; Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigette/yes, Anita/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes, Glendon/yes, 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Raymond (Captain) Moody, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Lincoln Jay Suppah, Anita Jackson, Glendon Smith, Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

• Irrigation, Range & Ag Committee update – Terry Squiemphen.

• November agenda with Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer:

• Motion by Glendon approving the November agenda with additions. Second by Jay; Glendon/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes, Anita/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Timber Committee update with Luther Clements and Tony Holliday.

• Culture and Heritage Committee update with Myra Johnson-Orange.

Motion by Anita to adjourn at 10:50 a.m.

Wednesday, October 28

The meeting was called to order at 9:2 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Anita Jackson, Raymond (Captain) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Vice Chair Brigette McConville, Glendon Smith, Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Yahtin, Re-

recorder.

Enrollments – Lucille Suppah-Sampson, Vital Statistics:

• Motion by Anita adopting Resolution No. 12,738 enrolling nineteen individuals. Second by Jay. Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Anita/yes, Brigette/yes, Glendon/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) delegates – Tribal Council:

• Motion by Captain adopting Resolution No. 12,739 appointing Brigette as the Voting Delegate at all meetings of the NCAI; Anita as the Alternate Delegate; and to renew its affiliation with NCAI through remittance of the 2020 annual dues of as appropriate. That this resolution rescinds Resolution No. 12,593 adopted May 14, 2019; Second by Jay; Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Anita/yes, Brigette/yes, Glendon/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Other Business – Tribal Council:

• Discussed items sent by email from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

• Information about the Racial Justice Council will be shared with all Tribal Council members.

Motion by Captain to adjourn at 9:50 a.m.

Reintroducing the Miller Lake lamprey

Miller Lake is located in the Cascade Mountains to the northeast of Crater Lake. Miller Lake was the home of a unique species of lamprey. In the 1950s the Oregon Game Commission tried to wipe out the species by dumping a large amount of a toxic chemical into the lake.

This was done to rid the lake of the lamprey, which were annoying to the anglers who enjoyed fishing there. The effort did work, and the lamprey disappeared from Miller Lake, along with all the other fish and aquatic wildlife.

Some years later, after the chemical had broken down, the trout were reintroduced into the lake. Then in the 1970s a fish biologist came across a preserved specimen



Courtesy ODFW

In the 1950s, to rid Miller Lake of native lamprey, the Oregon Game Commission dumps barrels of the pesticide into Miller Lake, killing the lamprey and all the other fish.

of the Lake Miller lamprey, and realized the species was unique.

For the next two decades

nothing was done, as the species was thought to be extinct. Then in the 1990s a Fish and Wildlife biologist caught a

brook trout downstream from the lake, which in 1950s had been blocked by a concrete barrier.

Attached to the brook trout was a lamprey—identified as a Miller Lake lamprey.

This set in motion a long-term effort to return the lamprey to the lake. Fish and Wildlife took down the concrete barrier, to see if the downstream lamprey would migrate back to the lake. This didn’t work, though; so the effort began—led by a team of volunteer biologists—to relocate the downstream Miller Lake lamprey to the lake itself.

The effort continues every year, with evidence that native lamprey are taking up permanent residence once again in Miller Lake.

DEQ: Army Corps should pay to clean Bonneville Dam toxins

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is suing the U.S. Army and the Army Corps of Engineers over their refusal to cover the cost of cleaning hazardous substances on Bradford Island, at Bonneville Dam.

In the lawsuit, filed in October, the DEQ says the Army and Army Corps of Engineers are the current

owners and operators of Bradford Island and the Bonneville Dam and are required under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, and the Oregon Cleanup Law to cover any expenses incurred by the removal and treatment of hazardous substances.

The lawsuit says toxins in

the river are still impacting marine life.

Samples taken in 2011 of sediments, clams, and small-mouth bass show PCB concentrations are still too high to protect fish living nearby and people who eat the fish, the DEQ says.

After the agreement between the DEQ and Army Corps of Engineers had

been terminated, the Yakama Nation and Washington State Department of Ecology sent a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency asking for Bradford Island to be placed on the National Priorities List. If their request is approved, Bradford Island would eventually become a Superfund site.

Drought may worsen in winter

The largest and most intense drought in years is engulfing the West and threatens to grow larger and more severe in the coming months. The drought has already been a major contributor to record wildfire activity in California and Colorado. Its continuation could also deplete rivers, stifle crops and eventually drain water supplies in some Western states.

Nationwide, drought has expanded to its greatest areal coverage since 2013. More than one-third of the West is in “extreme” or “exceptional” drought, the two most severe categories, according to the federal government’s U.S. Drought Monitor.

In its winter outlook issued in late October, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration cautioned drought conditions are expected to persist or worsen over large parts of the West during the December through February period, and expand farther east into the central United States.



PAPALAXSIMISHA COMMUNITY NETWORK

Meetings happen every 1st Thursday of each month

THURSDAY NOV 5
THURSDAY DEC 3

6:00-7:30 PM

This space is to discuss our educational needs, wants and resources for all indigenous students, families, and communities while keeping our health, wellness, healing and empowerment in mind as we do this work.

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