



Front-line clinic worker Dr. Rachel Locker receives her Covid-19 vaccine from CDR Amy Whisler. Mitchell Lira/KWSO

Power and Water looking to 2021

With the pandemic, things were obviously more challenging in the way of conducting business at Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises.

Energy prices were weak. With government closures, commerce demand was reduced.

We survived the year but felt it financially. We are forecasting a loss in 2020.

It was decided early in the year that with revenue down, capital improvement projects scheduled to happen in 2020 will be delayed, some into 2021 and others into 2023 and 2024.

With managing close contact and following mandates, getting

crews and contactors together would be challenging.

Looking to 2021

We will be busy in 2021 with the review of our power offtake agreement with PGE, and reviewing the option to acquire an additional one-sixth of the Pelton Project. Exercising this option will take the tribes to a 49.9 percent ownership interest.

If approved by Tribal Council, we will look to finance this purchase and will have to demonstrate the value of doing so.

Revenues will increase, as well as our share of costs. In owning a larger portion of the Pelton

Project, we must be able to show the values and benefit.

We will continue to explore other renewable energy projects and focus on ones that hold the best promises.

Right now, the solar potential seems to be of highest interest. We will also continue to explore funding options to continue exploring our geothermal potential.

On the water rights use: Tribal Council will be presented with an option to continue discussing, focusing on the value and resource benefit to utilizing the right.

Jim Manion, general manager, Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises.

State Covid-19 update, schools, overdoses

Covid-19 claimed five more lives in Oregon last week and into this week. This raised the state's death toll to 1,427, the Oregon Health Authority reports.

The Oregon Health Authority reported 1,416 new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 as of this past weekend.

The number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 across Oregon was 492, twenty more than previous Friday. There were 105 Covid-19 patients in intensive care unit beds, eight more than the previous Friday.

Cases and deaths

The new confirmed and presumptive Covid-19 cases reported over the weekend were in the following counties: Benton (6), Clackamas (127), Clatsop (6), Columbia (6), Coos (18), Crook (1), Curry (8), Deschutes (34), Douglas (10), Gilliam (1), Hood River (3), Jackson (67), **Jefferson (2)**, Josephine (60), Klamath (89), Lane (23), Lincoln (16), Linn (16), Malheur (12), Marion (362), Morrow (2), Multnomah (117), Polk (44), Tillamook (3), Umatilla (29), Union (3), Wasco (28), Washington (280), Yamhill (43).

Oregon's 1,423rd Covid-19 death was a 71-year-old woman in Jackson County. She died on December 24. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 1,424th covid death was a 71-year-old woman in Jackson County. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 1,425th covid-19 death was a 59-year-old man in Columbia County. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 1,426th covid death was an 88-year-old woman in Deschutes County. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 1,427th covid death was a 98-year-old woman in Marion County. She had underlying conditions.

Schools

Gov. Kate Brown began easing statewide restrictions placed on

school districts with the goal of more students returning to in-person instruction by February.

The governor's announcement came despite an ongoing state surge in the number of people diagnosed with the coronavirus. The governor's office says starting January 1, state instructions for returning to school will be "advisory rather than mandatory."

Gov. Brown said moving forward, the decision to resume in-person instruction must be made locally, district by district, school by school. The governor said educators and school staff will be prioritized for Covid-19 vaccines.

Drug overdoses

Oregon is following a national trend that has seen increases in drug overdose deaths in 2020—a rise that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the CDC) is partially attributing to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Oregon Health Authority

says the state's 580 deaths from drug overdoses are among the more than 81,000 drug overdose deaths that occurred in the United States in the 12 months ending in May 2020.

According to a December report from the CDC, that was the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a 12-month period.

The federal agency surmised that the "disruption to daily life due to the Covid-19 pandemic has hit those with substance use disorder hard." OHA also cites food insecurity, disruptions in access to safe housing and mental health services, stress from job losses, school and social isolation as contributing factors.

While most overdose deaths in Oregon in 2020 have involved opioids, illicit fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, and methamphetamines have been troubling contributors to the drug overdose rate, mirroring national trends.

Tribal Council summary

December 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Raymond (Captain) Moody, Wilson Wewa Jr., Vice Chair Brigette McConville, Anita Jackson, Glendon Smith. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Secretary-Treasurer update with Michele Stacona.

January 2021 agenda/Travel Delegations/review minutes with Michele :

- Motion by Captain approving the January agenda. Second by Jay. Discussion. Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Delvis/yes, Wilson/yes, Brigette/yes, Anita/yes; 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Draft resolutions with Michele:

Pro Tempore Judges:

- Motion by Anita adopting Resolution No. 12,752 appointing Barbara Haslinger as a 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 Glendon. All in favor, 6/0/0, Vice Chair not voting. Motion carried.

- Motion by Anita adopting Resolution No. 12,753 appointing Daniel Ahern as a 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 Glendon. All in favor, 6/0/0, Vice Chair not voting. Motion carried.

2021 jury list:

- Motion by Glendon adopting Resolution No. 12,754 approving the list of potential jurors for 2021. Second by Anita. All in favor, 6/0/0, Vice Chair not voting. Motion carried.

Minutes with Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer:

- Motion by Delvis approving the Tribal Council minutes for May through and June 2020. Second by Jay. Glendon/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Delvis/yes, Wilson/yes, Anita/abstain, 5/0/1, Vice Chair not voting. Motion carried.

Covid-19 Team update

with Hyllis Dauphinais, chief executive officer, Warm Springs Clinic; Caroline Cruz, Health and Human Services general manager; Danny Martinez, Tribal Emergency Response director; Carmen Smith, Chief of Police; and Louie Pitt, director Governmental Affairs.

Federal and state legislative update calls.

Resolutions with James Halliday, Property:

- Motion by Brigette adopting Resolution No. 12,755: That the **United States Postal Service** be granted a (10+5) year Commercial Lease (10 year retroactive date, September 1, 2014-August 31, 2024); and 5-year lease to expire on August 31, 2029 in the Campus Area on tribal land described herein; and, with an option to renew on five year intervals.

That the lessee is to pay the Tribes upon approve of the lease, \$12,200 per year for the original term of the 10 lease, and \$13,420 for the term of the 5 year lease. That the Tribe reserves the right to grant rights-of-way over, under and across the lease premises, such a provision to be written into and made a part of the lease terms.

That except as otherwise provided for in the lease agreement, the Tribes reserve the right to cancel the lease upon 1-year written notice to lessee, in the event that the lease premises are needed for Tribal community development or land exchange purposes, or for such other substantive reason cancellation may be deemed necessary by the Tribes, such a provision to be written into and made a part of the lease terms.

That the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer/CEO are hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents for and on behalf of the Tribes. Second by Captain. Discussion. Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Delvis/yes, Brigette/yes, Glendon/yes, Anita/yes, 7/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- Tribal Land Assignment No. 234 is tabled for assistance from the tribal attorneys.

The meeting adjourned to loss of zoom connection (some members were in attendance by zoom).

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