# High school athletics adjusting to challenges

Madras High School sports are following the strict Covid-19 safety guidelines. For now at the high school, in order for schools and athletes to participate in away competitions, there are no spectators allowed at these events.

The district is still determining whether spectators will be allowed to attend home games. Once this decision is finalized, the district will inform the students, families and community.

Regarding Madras High School football in particular: There are no spectators allowed, as directed by the Oregon School Athletics Association. In other sporting news from Madras High School:

The district is in dire need of more bus drivers: Lack of drivers is making it difficult for the high school teams to travel to away competitions.

The district is down eight regular bus drivers. This number is significant for a district the size of 509-J.

The district's current drivers are busy covering the regular school routes, with some mechanics and managers helping out with the driving, said Eddie Adams, 509-J supervisor of maintenance and custodial.

Interim Madras High School athletic director Mark Stewart said, "Without bus drivers, we aren't able to get teams to their competitions, and that is a real dilemma."

Anyone interested in obtaining their endorsement and driving bus for the school district, call the district Human Resources Department at 541-475-6192. Some other updates from the high school:

The current junior varsity football athlete enrollment at away locations is so low that all junior varsity games had to be cancelled, except for games scheduled with Crook County. The district is working to reschedule junior varsity games within the Central Oregon region.

The district earlier this week was waiting to hear whether Jefferson County would drop to 'high risk' Covid-19 designation from the 'extreme risk' designation. With a high-risk designation, the district could begin the volleyball season. At 'extreme risk,' volleyball would remain on hold.

## W.S. Nation Little League

Warm Springs Nation Little League is seeking coaches for the softball and baseball seasons.

If you are interested in coaching, or for player registration for Warm Springs Nation Little League, contact Edmund Francis at 541-325-3856.

The deadline to turn in an application for coaches is March 5.

The deadline to turn in player registration forms is March 17.

## Tribal Council summaries

The following are Tribal Council summaries from meetings earlier this month:

### February 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Raymond (Captain) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Anita Jackson, Vice Chair Brigette McConville, Wilson Wewa Jr., Chief Joseph Moses, Glendon Smith, Chief Delvis Heath. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

· Bureau of Indian Affairs update with Bodie Shaw, Acting Regional Superintendent.

· Office of Special Trustee update with Kevin Moore.

· **Realty** items with James Halliday:

· Motion by Brigette adopting Resolution No. 12,773 that Dustin Seyler be granted a 50-year home site lease in the Miller Heights area on tribal land described in the resolution. That the lessee pay to the Tribes upon approval of the lease, $25 for the original term of the 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 30 days 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, Vice Chair or Secretary-Treasurer/CEO are hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents for and on behalf of the Tribes. Second by Anita. Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigette/yes, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes, Anita/yes, Wilson/yes, 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

· **Miss Warm Springs** discussion with Councilman Captain Moody:

· When contacted, the current Miss Warm Springs Charisse Heath said she would like to relinquish the title. (Last year the pageant was cancelled due to the virus.)

· **Indian Health Service** update-clinic director Hyllis Dauphinais Dr. Locker.

· **Covid-19 Response Team** and 509-J school district update with Hyllis, Emergency Management director Danny Martinez; Health and Human Services general manager Caroline Cruz; Chief of Police Carmen Smith; and school district superintendent Ken Parshall:

· Chairman Tsumpti polled the Tribal Council members if they agree to open the organization at 100 percent? Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Delvis/yes, Alfred/no, Anita/no, 5/2/0: carried.

· Federal and state legislative update calls.

· Tribal attorney update:

· Executive session, 2:35-3 p.m.

· Tribal attorney update with John Ogan.

· Other business with Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasuer/CEO.

· **Culture and Heritage Committee** vacant position.

· Will Tribal Council consider providing funds for two positions in the Finance Department?

· Tribal Council will review the request when they receive a plan and dollar amounts.

· Motion made by Brigette to adjourn at 4:40 p.m.

### February 2

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Lincoln Jay Suppah, Vice Chair Brigette McConville, Chief Delvis Heath, Anita Jackson, Wilson Wewa Jr., Glendon Smith, Chief Joseph Moses, Raymond (Captain) Moody. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

· Covid-19 **CARES Act** Funding discussion with Alfred Estimo Jr. of Finance, and Michele:

· This discussion will continue this afternoon when there is a quorum.

· **Kah-Nee-Ta update and Cannabis** discussion with Wakinyan:

· Motion by Brigette to table the discussion on Cannabis and give time for Tribal Council member's to read the information provided. Glendon/no, Jay/agree to table, Delvis/there may be discussion from other Council members, then can continue; Wilson/table for now then reschedule for further discussion; Raymond, contact other Council members representing respective districts regarding this upcoming discussion.

· Tribal Council and Secretary-Treasurer will schedule a time to tour the facility in Vancouver, Washington.

Oregon Department of Education **CTE Revitalization** grant discussion with Valerie Switzler, Education general manager; and Travis Wells, Utilities general manager:

· Motion by Joe adopting Resolution No. 12,774 authorizing the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO to sign on behalf of the Tribal Council in support of the promotion of the educational endeavors for its tribal members. Second by Delvis. Discussion: Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigette/yes, Delvis/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

· Motion by Joe adopting Resolution No. 12,775 that the Tribal Council hereby approves the Grant Agreement, attached to the resolution as Exhibit No. 1, and specifically approves of the limited waiver of Tribal Sovereign Immunity set out in Section 13.2 of the Grant Agreement. That the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO to sign and execute the Grant Agreement on behalf of the Tribe. Second by Delvis. Discussion: Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigette/yes, Delvis/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

· **Senior Pension** history with Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer

· **CARES Act** funding discussion continued:

· Do Council members agree to table the hazard pay discussion? Glendon/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigette/yes, Delvis/yes, 5/0/0. Carried.

· Other business with Brigette McConville:

· Funding was received for the Columbia River Basin Tribes fashion and Culture show which will be held in October.

Motion by Captain to adjourn at 3:25 p.m.

### February 8

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Vice Chair Brigette McConville, Raymond (Captain) Moody, Anita Jackson, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Glendon Smith, Wilson Wewa Jr., Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

· Chairman Tsumpti gave information about upcoming meetings with Governor Brown and Nena Springs Fire mediation.

· **Personnel Manual/Covid-19** policies update with Cheryl Tom:

· Motion by Captain adopting Resolution No. 12,776 that Tribal Council hereby supports the Tribal Human Resources Director's request to amend Police number's Per 904 Hazard Pay, Per 905A Hazard Pay for Front Line Employees; Per 905B Covid-19 Testing Employee Consent for Daily Temperature Checks; Per 905C Random Covid-19 Testing Employee Consent; and 905D personal time off carryover policy to the Tribal Personnel Policy Manual. Second by Brigette. Discussion: Glendon/no, Joe/abstain, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigette/yes, Delvis/yes, Alfred/abstain/ Anita/no, Wilson/yes, 5/2/2, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

· Draft Resolutions with James Halliday:

· Motion by Brigette adopting Resolution No. 12,777 that Shawnetta Yahtin be granted a 50-year home site lease in the Dry Hollow area on tribal land described herein. That the lessee pay to the Tribes upon approval of the lease, $25 for the original term of the 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 30 days 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 Chair and Secretary-Treasurer/CEO are hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents for and on behalf of the Tribes. Second by Delvis. Discussion: Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigette/yes, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes, Anita/yes, Wilson/yes, 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

· **Covid-19 Response and 509-J school district updates** with Hyllis Dauphinais of IHS; Dan Martinez of Emergency Management; Caroline Cruz, Health and Human Services; Carmen Smith, Warm Springs Police; and Ken Parshall, school district.

· The Tribal organization will continue at 100-percent workforce, to be reviewed weekly.

· Veterans Memorial update with veterans and the Museum at Warm Springs.

· **Self-Governance** information session with Matt Kallappa, Department of Interior Northwest Field Office; Rufina Villicana, finance manager; Bodie Shaw, acting BIA Regional Superintendent; and Miles Reader, financial specialist.

· **Housing** Update on Emergency Rental Assistance with Danielle Wood and Jamie Burleigh.

· Other business: Discussed the condition of the Kah-Nee-Ta Hamlets.

Motion made by Brigette to adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

## Appeals Court judgeship

Tribal Council seeks to fill one position on the Confederated Tribes' Court of Appeals. The tribal Court of Appeals consists of judges appointed for a term of three years. Minimum requirements include:

The appeals judge must be at least 26 years old, and have a Juris Doctorate from an accredited law school; and no criminal convictions under the Tribal Code for at least 12 months preceding the application. High moral character is required, among the other qualifications. For a full description see:

warmsprings-nsn.gov/bchapter/appeals/

The Appeals Court judge cannot serve on the Tribal Council or any tribal board or committee.

Letters of interest and resume of applicants must be submitted no later than Wednesday, March 10. Drop off at the tribal administration building, addressed to Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer/Chief Executive Officer.

Or send by mail to Michele at PO Box 455, Warm Springs, 97761. Or by email:
michele.stacona@wstribes.org

Please sign a criminal background check—Forms can be emailed or mailed to you. If you mail in, the forms will be mailed to you once your letter and resume are received. Information is confidential to the ST.