

Record breaking heat wave, drought

The reservation with the rest of the region is experiencing a record-breaking heat wave. The heat of the Pacific Northwest is caused by a 'heat dome,' a mountain of warm air in the jet stream:

In this case, a ridge of high pressure, which is the heat dome, became lodged over the region. Monday of this week may have been the peak of the wave, according to the forecast.

Still, triple-digit temperatures are predicted through the weekend before lowering to the high and mid-90s by Monday and Tuesday.

This heat wave is considered a once in a thousand-year event, with heat-reading records broken from Oregon up to Canada. In other words, if you lived in this one area for a thousand years, you would see this event only once, if ever.

The heat is accompanied by a drought and low humidity, creating extreme fire conditions; and poor habitat for fish and other wildlife. Farmers

Cooling shelter open

The record-setting heat wave can be dangerous for people who have no regular shelter. Addressing the matter, Health and Human Services has opened a cooling shelter area in the Family Resource Center.

The hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The shelter will be open at least through the triple-digit weather of the next several days, said Caroline Cruz, Health and Human Services general manager.

The forecast calls for temperatures in the high 90s starting early next week. The branch and Council will decide whether to keep the shelter open during the 90 degree days, perhaps with shorter hours of operation.

A decision is also pending about keeping the shelter open during the weekend. This is probable, depending, however, on availability of staff Saturday and Sunday, Ms. Cruz said.

ers of the region are also seeing the impact: The North Unit Irrigation District of Jefferson County for only the second time in its history reduced water allotments to farmers.

With water levels dropping at reservoirs and in the rivers, the district is hoping to save some water to ex-

tend water later into the summer. Most farmers planted only half their land or less because of the water shortage.

All of these factors raise the issue of human-caused climate change. At Oregon State University, Erica Fleishman is the director of university's Oregon Climate

Change Research Institute.

"This heat is consistent with what is being observed and projected as our climate continues to change," she said. "It is becoming warmer during the summer, and heat waves are more frequent. They are of greater magnitude and they are lasting longer."

Fisheries

The heat is raising the temperature of surface water: Warmer waters can spell bad news for salmon, especially if the temperatures stay warm for long periods of time.

For salmon, temperatures above 68 degrees Fahrenheit can be dangerously warm. An example: In 2015, extremely warm water combined with low stream flows. The Snake River sockeye run that year was supposed to break records. Instead, nearly 99 percent of the run died before it reached Idaho's Sawtooth Valley.

— Dave McMechan

Summary of Tribal Council

June 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 a.m. by Vice Chair Brigette McConville. Roll call: Lola Sohapp, Anita Jackson, Raymond (Captain) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Wilson Wewa Jr., Chief Delvis Heath, Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

• Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs vs USA updates with attorney Josh Newton.

Executive Session 9:18-9:40.
• Second discussion on the drug policy with Cheryl Tom, Personnel.

• Resolutions with Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer-Chief Operations Officer:

• Mobile Water Purification Trailer:

Motion by Anita adopting Resolution No. 12,814 that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary-Treasurer/CEO to execute, deliver and perform the Grant Agreement, exhibit A, on behalf of the Tribe with such modifications to the foregoing as may be approved by an Authorized Representative with such approval to be conclusively established by the signature of such Authorized Representative on the grant Agreement and authorizes the Authorized Representatives or their delegate to take or cause to be taken all acts on behalf of the Tribe to perform and carry out the Grant Agreement. Call for a second; third and final call for a second. Second by Wilson. Discussion. Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Wilson/yes, Anita/yes, Lola/yes, 5/0/0, Vice Chair not voting. Motion carried.

• Lamprey harvest for Willamette Falls:
Motion by Captain adopting Resolution No. 12,815 approving the 2021 eel fishery regulations. Second by Jay. Discussion. 5/0/0, Vice Chair not voting. Motion carried.

• Ambulance purchase from Purchased/Referred Care savings:

Motion by Wilson adopting Resolution No. 12,779A adopting and approving the purchase of a new ambulance in 2021 not to exceed \$280,000 from Purchased/Referred Care savings, and \$50,000 every year starting in 2022 from Purchased/Referred Care savings as long as funding is available. This resolution rescinds and replaces resolution 12,779 passed on February 17, 2021. The Secretary-Treasurer/CEO is directed and authorized to implement this fund. Second by Captain. Discussion. Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Wilson/yes, Anita/yes, Lola/yes, Delvis/yes, 6/0/0, Vice Chair not voting. Motion carried.

• Covid-19 update with Hyllis Dauphinais, Caroline Cruz and Nancy Seyler, the Covid-19 Response Team.

• NORCOR agreement and resolution and Josh Newton:

Motion by Anita adopting Resolution No. 12,816 approving the Agreement, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "A", subject to and without waiving the Tribe's sovereign immunity; That the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary/Treasurer/CEO to execute the Agreement; That the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO shall deliver a copy of the signed Agreement and this resolution to NORCOR and its legal counsel together with an explanation as to why the Tribe is not waiving its sovereign immunity; Second by Delvis; Discussion; Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, 5/0/0, Vice Chair not voting; Motion carried.

• Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Services (STIF) Contract:

Motion by Captain adopting Resolution NO. 12,817 that Tribal Council hereby approves the STIF Agreement, exhibit 'A', including the limited waiver of Tribal Sovereign Immunity set out in the STIF Agreement. That Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary-Treasurer/CEO to sign and execute the STIF Agreement on behalf of the Tribe and authorizes the Authorized Representative or their delegate to take or cause to be taken all acts on behalf of the Tribes to perform and carry out the STIF Agreement. Second by Jay. Discussion. Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, 5/0/0, Vice Chair not voting; Motion carried.

• American Rescue Plan Fund Discussion – Tribal Council.

• Pharmacy operations with Dr. Kasem Hajji:
• Motion by Captain approving the Chair/Vice Chair to sign the letter to the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center regarding 'Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic On Pharmacy Operations at an Indian Health Service Ambulatory Care Facility.' Second by Delvis. Discussion. Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, 5/0/0, Vice Chair not voting. Motion carried.

• Discussed the Blue Stone Strategy Group:
The S-T will send Tribal Council members a copy of their last report.

• Motion by Jay to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.

Employment with tribes

The following are positions posted by the Confederated Tribes Personnel Department. You can reach the department at 541-553-3262.

Medical Social Worker. Community Health Nurse. Conservation Enforcement Officer. Sanitation Technician. Probate Assistant/Vital Stats Receptionist. Corrections Officer (5 positions).

Communications Officer. Protective Care Provider (3 positions). Cook Trainee. Restaurant Host Cashier/Server. Fuel Attendant.

Line Cook. Community Health Representative Senior Specialist Trainee. Groundskeeper. Assistant Property Warehouse. Daycare Teacher (6 positions).

Limited Duration Fish Tech I. Fisheries Biologist I. Summer Youth Workers. Firefighter-Engines (5 positions). Lead Custodian. Covid Temporary

Technician (2 positions).

Limited Duration Receptionist. Teacher Aid (5 positions). Fire & Safety Secretary. Indian Language Teacher.

Adult Probation Officer. Fuels Monitor Technician.

Director of Finance. Medical Social Worker. CPS Specialist. Administrative Officer. Youth

Program Employment Open. Soil Scientist/Watershed Planner. Development Director.

US Census Field Representative. Treasury Controller.



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