

Shelter-to-Independent living progress

The Shelter to Independent Living project should be finished by the end of the year. Warm Springs Health and Wellness general manager Caroline Cruz organized the project, designating funds generated by state Measure 110, passed by voters in 2020.

Measure 110 decriminalizes personal possession of some controlled substances, though the substances remain illegal under federal law.

Through the law, revenue from the state marijuana tax is used to support treatment, and conditions that can lead to addiction. Homelessness falls within this provision.

The decriminalization of controlled substances in the state does not apply on the reservation. Revenue related to these laws, however, is available to tribes.

The Shelter to Independent project will include the shelter homes currently located by the former elementary school. They will be moved to the Shelter to Independent site, behind the Behavioral Health Center.

The facility will include laundry and shower facilities. There will be



Warm Springs Construction installs the storm drain system at the Shelter-to-Independent work site; and below, the structures that will be the on-site housing.

two on-site residents living by the shelters. Shelter to Independent will be alcohol and drug free.

The new facilities should be a good complement to the Supportive Housing project, being developed by the Warm Springs Housing Authority.

— Dave McMechan



Summaries of Tribal Council

October 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Glendon Smith, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Lola Sohappay, Anita Jackson, Raymond ‘Captain’ Moody, Vice Chair Brigette McConville, Chief Joseph Moses, Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

• Water Treatment Plant/Waste Waster Stage 1 Work Plan update with Barry Buchanan, Chico Holliday and Ellen Grover.

• Natural Resources, Range and Ag Committee, and Public Safety discussion.

• Nena Springs litigation settlement discussion with Josh Newton, Howard Arnett and Bill Earle:

Executive session from 2:25-3:20 p.m.

Motion by Captain adopting Resolution No. 12,867 that the Tribal Council hereby demands that defendants pay the Tribe

\$2,250,000 in full settlement of the claims that it and the BIA have brought against them and in accordance with the form of Settlement Agreement and Release, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A; By the Tribal Council that the Chairman of Tribal Council and the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO of the Tribe are delegated the authority to finalize the settlement and execute the final Settlement Agreement and Release to the extent that it substantially conforms with the form attached to this Resolution. Second by Jay. Discussions Glendon/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigette/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Motion by Captain adopting Resolution No. 12,868 that the Tribal Council requests the Secretary waive the collection of any FMD that may be payable in connection with the settlement of

claims that the Tribe and BIA have brought against Defendants arising out of the Nena Springs Fire; By the Tribal Council that the Chair of Tribal Council, Vice Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer/CEO of the Tribe are delegated authority to take appropriate action in furtherance of this resolution, including the supervision of any action by the Tribe’s Branch of Natural Resources necessary for compliance with the memorandum, dated August 15, 2017, from the Regional Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs addressing FMD waivers. Second by Jay. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigette/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Motion by Captain to adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

October 20

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Brigette McConville, Anita Jackson, Lola Sohappay, Wilson Wewa Jr., Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Delvis Heath, Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

• Tribal Attorney update with John Ogan.

• Meet and greet new Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Chairman Quincy Ellenwood.

• Meet and Greet new Jefferson County District Attorney Steve Leriche.

• Joint tribal letter re: Non-Indian Gaming, discussion with Howard Arnett:

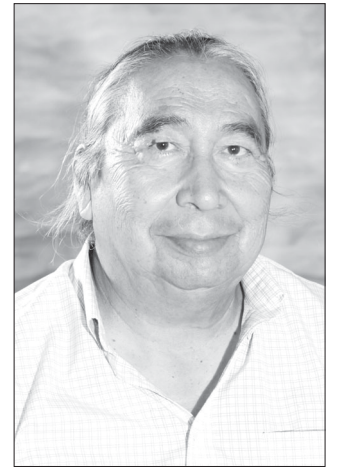
No action was taken. Amicus request for a federal case discussion with Howard Arnett.

• November agenda with S-T Glendon Smith:

Motion by Brigette approving the November agenda. Second by Wilson. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Jay/yes, Brigette/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, Captain/yes, 7/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Motion by Brigette to adjourn at 1 p.m.

Pitt named to Power, Conservation Council



Louie Pitt

Gov. Kate Brown has nominated Lewis Pittto a seat on the Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Council.

Mr. Pitt is currently the director of Governmental Affairs for the Confederated Tribes.

On the Power and Conservation Council, he will finish the term of Chuck Sams, a former top administrator of the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, who resigned when President Joe Biden nominated him as National Parks Director.

Mr. Sams is awaiting U.S. Senate confirmation. Pitt would start his new position on November 19, and serve through January 15, 2024.

At CPS

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The Warm Springs Christian Fellowship, Jefferson County YoungLife, and the Journey Church of Redmond provided volunteers to help build the borders, assemble the trampoline, and spread playground chips.

Erin Fielder, Realtor at Fred Real Estate, partnered with local friends, family and real estate partners to purchase the trampoline. Jimmy Rodriguez at Rodriguez landscaping is donating landscape and maintenance on the property now and in the future.

“It was so great to see all of these people working together for child care this community,” Melissa said.

Dedication and Honoring on Monday, November 8

This coming Monday, November 8 at noon will be the Blessing of the Playground and Honoring of Volunteers at the CPS playground site. The Confederated Tribes’ covid protocols will be observed, such as masks will be required. There will be sack lunches and cupcakes. The public is invited.

More job gains in region including reservation

Employment numbers in the region—including Jefferson County and the reservation—improved greatly during September. The latest numbers from the Oregon Employment Department show monthly hiring in the region exceeded seasonal expectations.

Jefferson County: Unemployment was at 6.1 percent in September, down from 6.3 percent in August. The unemployment rate remains two points higher than before the first impacts from Covid-19 in February 2020, when it was 4.1 percent.

Nonfarm employment in the county rose by 50 jobs in September. As of September employment levels remain down only 1.9 per-

cent from the pre-covid peak in February 2020.

Construction remains the fastest growing major industry sector in the county. The retail sector added 60 jobs; and manufacturing, 50 jobs.

There were also significant employment gains in local government over the past year with the tribal organization and education both hiring.

Deschutes County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 5.1 percent in September, down from 5.4 percent in August. The unemployment rate remains higher than before the first impacts from Covid-19 in February 2020 when it was 3.3 percent.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that Deschutes County added 800 jobs in September, stronger gains than typical for this time of year.

A handful of industries posted significant job gains over the past year, including financial activities (plus 480); education and health services (plus 400); manufacturing (plus 380); other services (plus

370); and construction (plus 160).

Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.5 percent in September, another significant decline from 6.8 percent in August. The unemployment rate remains around 2 percentage points higher than before the first impacts from Covid-19 in February 2020 when it was 4.4 percent.

Covid testing, vaccination across Indian Country

Across Indian Country in the U.S., the Indian Health Service has conducted 3,183,730 covid tests through October. Of the total tested, 269,629 have returned positive for covid, since the pandemic and testing began.

October saw a significant increase in positive cases across Indian Country, IHS reported.

Based on the cumulative percent positive, the highest rates have been in five IHS areas. Two of them include the state of Arizona, indicating a disproportionate toll of Covid-19 in the state:

Navajo Area, 13.6 percent positivity. Phoenix Area, 12.7

percent. Oklahoma City Area, 12.4 percent. California Area, 10.4 percent. Albuquerque Area, 9-.6 percent

The Portland IHS area saw a 6.9 percent positivity, a comparatively low rate.

Based on the 7-day rolling average positivity, all 12 IHS areas are seeing high Covid-19 rates, marking yet another instance of surges across every region of Indian Country.

Notably, the 7-day rolling average positivity for the Alaska Area has steadily grown in recent weeks. The region recorded its highest-ever rate with the release of data in October.

Throughout most of the pandemic, the Alaska Area has seen

the lowest covid rate.

Overall, 9 percent of IHS tests have been positive since the onset of the pandemic, the data shows.

Vaccine distribution

Across Indian Country, IHS is distributing all three covid vaccines currently authorized or approved in the U.S., including Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Janssen/Johnson & Johnson. The IHS administration rate is 78 percent. The Albuquerque Area has a greater than 100 percent administration rate, which may be due to vaccine overfill in the vials for both Pfizer and Moderna products.

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