

Enterprise board position openings

The Tribal Council seeks to fill the following positions on the boards of directors of the Confederated Tribes enterprises:

The Telco Board of Directors—Three open positions: Two tribal members for Class I; and one tribal member for Class III.

For the Class I position, the Telco classification and term of office states: For this classification the candidate should be interested in the economic and social development of the tribe and its membership, and possess experience in telecommunications, private industry, finance, banking or some other field that would benefit the company. Class I directors shall have a term of office expiring October 31, 2024.

For the Class III position, the classification calls for the qualifications as stated above, with a term expiring October 31, 2023.

Letter of interest and resume interested applicants should be submitted by **5 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2022**. Drop off at the tribal administration building addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO. Or send by mail:

Secretary-Treasurer/CEO, PO Box 455, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

Please sign a criminal and credit background check. Forms can be emailed or mail to you. If you mail in, the forms will be mailed to you once your letter/resume is received. Information will be submitted confidentially to the S-

T/CEO.

Warm Springs Tribal Employment Rights Office Commission (TERO)—Five positions: Two 1-year terms; and three 2-year terms.

Qualifications: Any Indian 18 years and older who works or resides on the reservation is qualified to be appointed to the commission.

Application process same as for the Telco positions above, with same deadline of **5 p.m. on September 30**.

Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprise Board of Directors—Two Class III positions, one member and one non-member. Applicant must be interested in the economic and social development of the Confederated Tribes and its membership who has experience in the field of energy or related matters.

Application process same as above with same deadline of **5 p.m. on September 30**.

Warm Springs Composite Board of Directors—One Class I position, tribal member or non-member. Two Class II positions, tribal member and non-member. One Class III position, non-member.

Candidates should be interested in the economic and social development of the Confederated Tribes and the membership, and possess expertise in marketing, management, manufacturing, finance, banking or some other field that would benefit Composite Products. For Class I, the term would be December 31, 2023; for Class II term ending December

31, 2024; and for Class III term ending December 31, 2022.

Process to apply same as above, deadline of **5 p.m. on Friday, September 30**.

Warm Springs Economic Development—Ventures—Board of Directors: One Class III tribal member, and one Class III non-member. Candidate should be interested in the economic and social development of the tribes and its membership, and possess expertise in private industry, finance or banking, or some other field which would benefit the corporation.

Process for application same as above, deadline 5 p.m. September 30.

Water Board: Two positions. The Water Control board is concerned with all activities occurring in the watershed areas of the reservation. Before an activity is initiated, all plans are submitted to the board for their recommendations to Tribal Council to ensure that neither water quality nor quantity is impaired. Application process same as above with the September 30 deadline.

Warm Springs Housing Authority—Two positions. The board develops policies and procedures relating to tribal housing, giving direction to the Housing manager and Housing Department, and making recommendations to Tribal Council regarding housing matters.

Application process same as above, deadline September 30 at 5 p.m.

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Monday, September 19 - Budget presentations

9 a.m.: Warm Springs Timber LLC with Brian Prater.

10: Warm Springs Housing with Danielle Wood.

11: Warm Springs Telecom with Tim York.

1:30: Power and Water Enterprises with Cathy Ehli.

2:30: Warm Springs Composite Products with Jacob Coochise.

3:30 p.m.: Kah-Nee-Ta Village project update with Jim Souers, Economic Development.

Tuesday, September 20 - Budget presentations

10: Warm Springs Credit with Lori Fuentes.

11: Federal lobbyist with Matt Hill.

11:30: State lobbyist with Michael Mason.

1:30 p.m.: Tribal attorney/Columbia housing update with Brent Hall.

2:30: Indian Head Casino and

Plateau Travel Plaza.

3: Gaming Commission/Surveillance with Josephine Johnson.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 21-23: Budget call backs.

Monday, September 26

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with the S-T.

9:30: October agenda and review minutes.

10: Draft resolutions.

10:30: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Stats.

11: Federal and state legislative update calls.

1:30 p.m.: 2023 budget discussion and October posting with the S-T and Finance.

Items for consideration: The October 2022 National Council of American Indians. National Tribal Health Conference. District meetings and General Council meetings in October 2022.

Tribal fishery disasters declared in the West

More than \$17 million has been allocated to address fishery disasters that occurred in multiple tribal salmon fisheries on the West Coast from 2014 to 2019, reports the U.S. Department of Commerce and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA. "Sustainable and resilient fisheries play a vital role in helping tribal communities put food on the table and in supporting economic well-being," said U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo.

"It's our hope that this disaster declaration will help the affected tribes recover from these disasters and increase their abil-

ity to combat future challenges."

Evaluation of each fishery disaster request is based primarily on data submitted by the requesting tribe, state or appointed official; positive determinations make the fisheries eligible for disaster assistance from NOAA.

In order to allocate funding across the eligible disasters, NOAA Fisheries used commercial revenue loss information. The agency also took into consideration traditional uses that cannot be accounted for in commercial revenue loss alone, such as cultural and subsistence uses.

Regional jobs growth back to seasonal rhythm

Job gains in the region have slowed dramatically this summer.

This is understandable, because the region has mostly recovered job-wise from the pandemic losses.

As a result, unemployment levels were unchanged across Central Oregon into this summer.

Jefferson County now has an unemployment rate of 4.6 percent, largely unchanged during this summer. For comparison: The rate was 4.1 percent in February 2020, be-

fore the first impacts from covid.

Total nonfarm employment fell by 190 jobs in July-August, larger losses than normal for this time of year.

Job gains have been concentrated in wood product manufacturing (plus 60 jobs); and leisure and hospitality (plus 40).

There were a handful of modest industry job losses over the past year, including a decline of 20 jobs in wholesale trade.

Deschutes County now has an unemployment rate was 3.5 percent, not a significant change from 3.4 earlier in the summer.

The unemployment rate in July remained near the record low levels from before the onset of the pandemic, when it was 3.3 percent.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that Deschutes County lost 920 jobs in July. Job losses are typical this time of year due to local schools going on summer break.

Developing Native school curriculum

Five years after the passage of Senate Bill 13—which mandated teaching Oregon students about Native Americans—new curriculum materials are rolling out.

Currently, kindergarten through twelfth-grade educational materials are being developed by the Oregon Department of Education and the state's nine federally-recognized tribes.

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians are the latest to roll out their curriculum. Delores

Pigsley said: "I know when I went to school, the only Indian we heard about was Sitting Bull."

Ms. Pigsley is the Siletz Tribal chairwoman. She's hopeful that by sharing her tribe's history, culture, and practices, Native youth can feel empowered and visible, while non-Indians can appreciate their Indigenous neighbors more.

"I think it'll be a challenge to teachers to adopt the curriculum, and to give it their best shot," she said.

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