

INTERIM COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Interim Council is pleased to announce to the General Membership the completion of the Constitution & By-Laws thereby meeting the requirement in our Restoration Bill; they have been sent now to Washington, D.C. for approval by the Sec. of Interior.

Many hours were spent in meeting this responsibility such as: researching the Constitution & By-Laws of other Tribes, meetings with officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Attorneys of Native American Program, Oregon Legal Services: Judith Suchoski and Gary Forrester, who came down and met periodically with the General Membership to secure in-put and to keep them up-to-date on this very important tribal event. Further research was carried out through the three (3) Interim Council members who travelled to other Reservations; they were: Russ Leno, Frank Harrison and Mark Mercier. The fourth draft was reviewed in mid-May by Mr. John Weddell, Tribal Operations, Atty. Judith Suchoski of NAPOLS, Kathryn Harrison, Chairperson, and a representative from the Interior Office, Wash. D.C. with very few changes made at that time. The fifth and final draft was then, re-typed to be submitted for review to both the Interim Council and to the General Meeting, again, by the NAPOLS Attorneys, before sending it to Wn. D.C. before the due date, May 22, 1984. Once approved it will be sent back to be approved by the General Membership; upon that approval, we will be governed by said Constitution & By-Laws and can then proceed with tribal government and business.

May 29-30, 1984--Expectations of Reservation Plan Workshop, Lincoln City, OR.- Council in attendance: Merle Leno, Candy Robertson, Frank Harrison, Russ Leno, Henry Petit, Mark Mercier and Kathryn Harrison; staff attending were: Jim St. Martin: Exec. Dir. & Workshop Coord.; and, Alan Wilkenson, Acct.

June 6, 1984----Meeting with Assist. Sec. of Interior, Ken Smith: Siletz, OR. Kathryn Harrison, Chairperson, and Candy Robertson, Sec./Treas. met with Mr. Smith after attending the luncheon given in his honor by the Siletz Tribal Council & staff. The topic of the meeting was to confirm the monies to be used for the Reservation Plan; others in attendance at this meeting were: Stan Speaks, Area Director, Portland B.I.A. Office, and Nelsen Witt, Supt., Agency Office. This meeting was made possible through the cooperation and kind consideration of the Siletz Tribal Chairperson, Delores Pigsley who allowed us to come over and share their time with the Assist. Sec. of Interior.

June 16, 1984----Meeting with Siletz Tribal Council, Siletz, OR. Merle Leno, Interim Councilman attended this meeting regarding the Grand Ronde's participation in their U.S.D.A. Program.

June 19, 1984-June 22, 1984--Management Workshop, Warm Springs, OR.: Rudy Clemens, Coord. Interim Council members attending: Kathryn Harrison, Candy Robertson, Russ Leno, Merle Leno, Frank Harrison, Mark Mercier, & Henry Petite, and possibly, Darrell Mercier.

June 25, 1984---National Tribal Chairmen's Assoc. Annual Convention, Okla. City, OK Council persons attending : Kathryn Harrison & Candy Robertson.

June 26-29, 1984-H.U.D.(Housing & Urban Development) Workshop, Seattle, Wn.. Council and staff attending: Merle Leno, Henry Petite, Jim St. Martin & Don Hudson.

-COMMUNITY ORGANIZER COMMENTS

Besides continuing to work with NAPOLS, B.I.A. and Federal, State and local governments, since restoration of the Grand Ronde's, other work projects to watch for soon are: fund-raisers, and meetings with other local Agencies;

As members of a federally-recognized Tribe now, the following will be of interest to those members who have been seeking assistance for their education;