

Recent Tribal Council actions

■ In 1999, *Smoke Signals* will publish minutes in every issue.

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Editor

Many tribal members have expressed an interest in having all the minutes of the Tribal Council meetings published in *Smoke Signals*. Although major agenda items are usually mentioned, the members have said they want to see the minutes in their entirety. So, our commitment for 1999 is to publish the meeting minutes in a timely fashion so the members can have a chance to review them. In addition to the monthly General Council meetings, Tribal Council typically meets on Wednesdays, and sub-committees meet during the weekdays. Call Lauri Smith to be placed on the agenda, or to find out the specific time of a meeting you want to attend.

All votes are recorded with the "yes" votes first, "no" votes, and the number of abstentions are last. A Tribal Council member will abstain on a vote if the subject Council is voting on creates a conflict of interest for the Council member. The Council Chairperson does not vote unless there is a tie.

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 30, 1998

Kathryn Harrison called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. A full Council was present. Chip Tom moved, Ed Pearsall seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion carried.

1 Val Grout moved, Bob Mercier seconded a motion to adopt Resolution #093-98 approving a tribal credit card for Ted Mala and also designating Mr. Mala as an authorized signer of tribal documents. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0-0.

2 Bob Haller moved, Chip Tom seconded a motion to approve the Calendar Year 1999 tribal budget in

its final form by adopting Resolution #094-98. The motion carried by a vote of 7-1-0. Mark Mercier voted no.

3 Reyn Leno moved, Ed Larsen seconded a motion to adopt Resolution #095-98, extending the Polk County Intergovernmental Agreement to March 30, 1999 at the increased rate as specified in the agreement and immediately seek bids for inspection services. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0-0.

4 Val Grout moved, Ed Larsen seconded a motion to adopt Resolution #096-98, approving the transfer of custody of tribal funds to Schwab Institutional from Northwestern Trust. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0-0.

5 Ed Pearsall moved, Bob Mercier seconded a motion to adopt Resolution #097-98 authorizing the relocation of \$13,500,000 from a revolving loan to long-term capital investments and to authorize Spirit Mountain Development Corporation to use the Tribe's line of credit up to \$20,000,000 for short term development as specified in the Resolution. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0-0.

6 Ed Pearsall moved, Ed Larsen seconded a motion to adopt Resolution #098-98 changing the name of the Gaming Dividend Fund to the Corporate Dividend Fund, effective January 1, 1999. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0-0.

7 Bob Mercier moved, Reyn Leno seconded a motion to adopt Resolution #099-98 extending the current Tribal Court Judge contract through January 31, 1999. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS: Val Grout moved, Ed Larsen seconded a motion to purchase 500 Pendelton blankets (starting with 250) at \$90 per blanket. The motion carried.

**Next General Council Meeting:
Sunday, February 7 at 11:30 a.m.**

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Letter

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to commend a tribal employee. My name is Michael Flores, and in August of 1996 my family and I came to visit Grand Ronde for the first time. My grandfather was born on the original reservation and told us stories about growing up in Grand Ronde. Before leaving our home in Houston, Texas, I called and spoke to Jackie Whisler about our plans to visit. Jackie was extremely helpful and went out of her way to help us. It was one thing to be helpful, but Jackie was genuinely excited that we were coming. Jackie also made our hotel reservations for us in Lincoln City and set up a tour of the reservation lands for us. We were introduced to tribal members and employees and really had a great time.

Jackie went so far as to give us her home phone number and spent a lot of her personal time with us. Now, we Texans are used to southern hospitality, but this was much more than we expected!

We hope to be able to return to Grand Ronde soon and see our new friends again. I think it would be a wonderful idea to set up a welcoming committee for tribal members visiting Grand Ronde, and perhaps give some discounts on rooms at the new hotel. I could think of no better person for the job than my friend Jackie Whisler.

Sincerely,
Michael Flores
Roll # 2544

Correction: Natural Resources

In last issue's story on "The Roots of a Timber Sale" we mistakenly referred to the Grand Ronde Forester as Mike Miller. The name should have been Mike Karnosh. Sorry, Mike.



Mike Karnosh
Grand Ronde Forester

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