

Tribal Council Actions

WED., OCTOBER 6, 1999

5:00 p.m. — Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ed Larsen. Kathryn Harrison, Ed Pearsall, and Reyn Leno's absences were all excused. Val Grout moved, Bob Haller seconded to approve the previous September 22, 1999 Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT, MANAGEMENT & BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

■ **Foster Care Additional Funding.** Val Grout moved, Bob Haller seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 121-99** approving a request for additional funding in the amount of \$15,000 for the Respite Care and \$20,000 for Foster Care payments to carry through to December 31, 1999. These funds are to be taken from the Contingency Fund budget. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0-0.

■ **Census 2000 Tribal Liaisons.** Bob Haller moved, Val Grout seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 122-99** approving the appointment of Margo Mercier and April Howren as liaisons for the Tribe with the Bureau of Census for map development and address listing. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0-0.

RESOURCE/EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

■ **Cultural Site Additional Funding.** Bob Haller moved, Butch LaBonte seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 123-99** approving additional funding for the Tribal Cultural Site for two cedar fences and excavation on the site. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

■ **Appreciation Recognition Dinner for W. Ron Allen Funding Request.** Council consensus was to approve a \$500 donation for the dinner.

■ **Polk County Sheriff Report.** A report was submitted to Council concerning recent law enforcement activities in Grand Ronde. The report included activities and statistics related to the drivers adhering to speed limit on Grand Ronde Road, accidents, burglaries and assaults.

■ **Headstart Continuation Application Approval.** Bob Haller moved, Butch LaBonte seconded to approve the application for continuation of the grant in the amount of \$325,000. Motion carried.

WED., OCTOBER 20, 1999

5:05 p.m. — Meeting called to order by Kathryn Harrison, Tribal Council Chair. Except for Reynold L. Leno, Bob Haller, and June Sell-Sherer (who were excused), all Council was present. Approval of the October 6, 1999 Tribal Council meeting minutes was tabled by Council consensus.

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT, MANAGEMENT, & BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

■ **Tree of Giving/Christmas Food Boxes.** Val Grout moved, Ed Larsen seconded to approve a request from Tracy Biery, Peggy Biery and Kerrie Jones of the Health & Wellness Program to provide \$2,000 in cash and 50 turkeys to go toward the Tree of Giving and Christmas Food Boxes for Grand Ronde tribal members in need of assistance. Motion carried 5-0-0.

■ **Waive Indirect Costs Over-representation of Native American Youth Grant.** Bob Mercier moved, Ed Pearsall seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 124-99** to waive the indirect costs on the Over-representation of Native American Youth Grant of \$17,000. Motion carried 5-0-0.

■ **Waivers for General Assistance.** Ed Pearsall moved, Butch LaBonte seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 125-99** authorizing the submission of waivers to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The waivers will be used in the administration of the General Assistance Program in lieu of the regulatory guidelines, 25 CFR Part 20 and 66 BIAM, to promote continuity between the General Assistance program and other tribal programs. Motion carried 5-0-0.

■ **Chartering of Spirit Mountain Management & Consulting, Inc.** Val Grout moved, Ed Pearsall seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 126-99** authorizing the (1) chartering of Spirit Mountain Management & Consulting, Inc. (SMMCI), as a corporation existing under the laws of the Tribe, as governed by Articles of Incorporation that state (a) Spirit Mountain Development Corporation (SMDC) shall be the sole owner of SMMCI, (b) that all capital stock in SMMCI shall be registered in the name of SMDC, and (c) that no transfer of any interest in SMMCI shall be made or be effective without the prior approval of the Tribal Council by resolution, and (2) extending sovereign immunity to SMMCI and authority to SMMCI to waive same as to SMMCI's own transactions and dealings. Motion Carried 5-0-0.

■ **Use of Economic Development Fund by SMDC.** Butch LaBonte moved, Bob Mercier seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 127-99** authorizing making up to \$500,000 of the Economic Development Fund available to Spirit Mountain Development Corporation (SMDC) for its use as capital contribution into Spirit Mountain Management and Consulting, Inc. (SMMCI). Motion carried 5-0-0.

■ **Use of Commerce Bank Line of Credit by SMDC.** Discussion was heard, then Ed Pearsall moved, Val Grout seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 128-99** authorizing making up to \$6,000,000 of the Commerce Bank Line of Credit available to Spirit Mountain Development Corporation (SMDC) for investment and/or lending purposes in management or consulting projects involving Spirit Mountain Management and Consulting, Inc. (SMMCI). Motion carried 5-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

■ Chris Leno, Deputy Director of Operations, brought forward a request with regards to the contract with Pro Star Security. Discussion followed. Bob Mercier moved, and Ed Pearsall seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 129-99** approving a six month extension of contract for Pro Star Security and authorizing the Executive Officer to finalize the contract. Motion carried 5-0-0.

CELEBRATING 16 YEARS OF RESTORATION



The Annual Restoration Celebration will be held on Sunday, Nov. 21 at Grand Ronde Elementary School starting at noon.

Dinner will be served at 1 p.m., and a mini-pow-wow will follow.

All friends and family are welcome.

Tribal History

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon includes over 20 tribes and bands from western Oregon and northern California that were relocated to the Grand Ronde Reservation in the 1850's. These included the Rogue River, Umpqua, Chasta, Kalapuya, Molalla, Salmon River, Tillamook and Nestucca Indians who had lived in their traditional homelands for over 8,000 years before the arrival of the first white visitors. They lived off the land — fish and game were plentiful, and what they couldn't catch in the rivers or hunt in the forests, they acquired by trade with other tribes, and later, with the non-Indians.

Donation Land Act: By the beginning of the 19th century, European explorers and traders were arriving in the Northwest. In 1850, the Donation Land Act was passed by Congress offering free land to settlers who would establish farms in Oregon. By the mid-1850's large numbers of settlers had entered the valleys of western Oregon taking claim to much of the traditional hunting and prime harvesting lands and waterways of the tribes. By 1855, treaties, both ratified and unratified, ended Indian title to lands lying between the Pacific Coast and Cascade mountain ranges in western Oregon. These treaties mandated that the many separate tribes and bands of Indians would confederate and move to common land which would be reserved as a permanent home.

Grand Ronde Reservation: Beginning in 1856, the United States government removed over 20 Indian tribes and bands from their homelands, relocating them on the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation. These forced marches to the reservation had a devastating effect on tribal ancestors. Over half of those involved died before arriving in Grand Ronde. The reservation contained over 60,000 acres and was located on the eastern side of the coastal range on the headwaters of the Yamhill River approximately 25 miles from the Pacific Ocean.

General Allotment Act of 1887: In 1887 the General Allotment Act became law. The purpose of the Act was to make farmers of the Indians. Under this law, 270 allotments totaling slightly over 33,000 acres of the reservation were made to individual Indians. With these allotments came a provision which allowed the Indian lands to go from federal trust status to private ownership after 25 years. The result of this action was the loss of major portions of the reservation to non-Indian ownership. Further loss of reservation lands occurred in 1901 when a 25,971 acre tract of the reservation was declared surplus by the federal government and sold for just over \$1.10 an acre.

Indian Reorganization Act of 1936: Under the Act, the Tribe was able to purchase some lands to provide homes and farms for reservation residents. However, the Tribe's attempt at recovery was brought to an abrupt end with the passage of the Termination Act.

Termination Act of 1954: Congress passed the Termination Act in 1954, severing the trust relationship between the federal government and the tribes of western Oregon, including the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. This policy created social, economic and political problems for tribal people.

Grand Ronde Restoration Act: In the early 1970's tribal leaders began efforts to reverse the tide of termination when they began the arduous task of re-establishing the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon as a federally recognized tribe. On November 22, 1983 the Grand Ronde Restoration Act was signed which accomplished the task. The Restoration Act provided that the Confederated Tribes shall be considered as one tribal unit for purposes of federal recognition and eligibility for federal benefits; for the establishment of tribal self-government; for compilation of a tribal membership roll; and for the establishment of a tribal reservation.

Grand Ronde Reservation Act: A reservation of 9,811 acres was established for the Tribe on September 9, 1988 when this Act was signed into law. The reservation lies just north of the community of Grand Ronde. The purpose of creating the reservation is to give the Tribe an opportunity to create a viable economy aimed at achieving self-sufficiency. With the creation of the reservation the Tribe is able to provide a wide range of opportunities in employment and business development while contributing to the economic viability of the region. Since restoration in 1983, tribal efforts have focused on rebuilding tribal institutions and developing service programs to meet the needs of tribal people.