

## Tribal Council Actions

Wed., December 15, 1999

5:00 p.m. — Meeting called to order by Ed Larsen, Vice-Chair. With the exception of Kathryn Harrison (excused), a full Council was present.

Reynold Leno moved, Bob Mercier seconded to approve the previous December 1, 1999 Tribal Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

### LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

■ **Funding Grand Ronde Community Resource Center — resolution.** Reynold Leno moved, Bob Mercier seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 148-99** to authorize a donation in the amount of \$15,000 for the purpose of providing adequate food resources and minimal operational costs for the calendar year 2000. The organization was created to meet the basic needs of the community. The funding will be supplemented by applying for grants and donations to further the needs of the community. Motion carried 7-0-0.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

■ **Revenue Allocation Plan: Minors and Incompetents Trust — resolution.** Bob Mercier moved, June Sell-Sherer seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 149-99** designating the Tribe's Financial Officer to take requests and make determinations on expenditures of funds from the Minor and Incompetents Trust, consistent with the Tribe's Revenue Allocation Plan. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **Revenue Allocation Plan: Minors and Incompetents Trust/Adoption of Trust Law — resolution.** After discussion, Ed Pearsall moved, June Sell-Sherer seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 150-99** authorizing adoption of relevant Oregon Trust Law in trust administration disputes; designating Tribal Court as the forum for all disputes arising under the trust(s) created pursuant to the Revenue Allocation Plan; and clarifying that by incorporating the intestate succession provisions under the Oregon Probate Code as a part of the Minors and Incompetents Trust, the Tribal Council expressly did not intend to include the provision contained in ORS 112.055 allowing escheat to the state in the event no person takes the assets under the intestate succession rules and intended that any escheat shall be to the Tribe. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **Protection of Rabbi Trust Assets — resolution.** Val Grout moved, June Sell-Sherer seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 151-99** precluding the inclusion of the Rabbi Trust assets in any pledge of tribal assets as security in financing transactions of the Tribe executed after the date of this Resolution, to the maximum extent possible. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **Tribal Court Ordinance/Uniform Commercial Code Clarification — resolution.** Ed Pearsall moved, Val Grout seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 152-99** to clarify the intent and scope of Section (g)(2) of the Tribal Court Ordinance as applied to the Tribe and tribally chartered corporations by expressly stating Council's intent that this section be applicable to the Tribe and tribally chartered corporations, regardless of whether or not any tribally chartered corporation is an arm of tribal government or not, and further expressly including, without limitation, those tribally chartered corporations in existence at the time of the adoption of Section (g)(2) of the Tribal Court Ordinance, such as SMDC and SMGI, and those which have been established since, such as SMMCI, provided that such application is not inconsistent with other tribal law and sovereign immunity. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **Tribal Council Ordinance — first reading.** After discussion, full consensus was given of Council, to approve publication of the proposed amendments to the Tribal Council Ordinance in the tribal newspaper, *Smoke Signals* (see page 12). The amendment adds a new section providing for limited indemnification of a party to a proceeding because of conduct by the individual while he or she was a Tribal Council member and adds a new section authorizing the Tribe to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual who is or was a Council member, official, employee, or agent of the Tribe.

■ **Calendar Year Annual Funding Agreement; Executive Officer Authority — resolution.** Ed Pearsall moved, June Sell-Sherer seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 153-99** authorizing the Tribal Chair, with the assistance of the Executive Officer and the Tribal Attorney, to negotiate, execute and resubmit the Calendar Year 2000 Annual Funding Agreement. Motion carried 7-0-0.

## January General Council meeting highlights

### PER CAPITA UPDATE

Tribal Finance Officer Bob Saunders gave an update regarding the per capita distribution last month.

- 800 checks were handed out at the tribal offices. All others were mailed.
- Should other distributions occur, the Finance department is interested in suggestions that would make distribution run smoothly in the future.
- The per capita distribution in December was taken from casino revenue, and is taxable income.

### PROGRAM REPORT:

#### SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The SBD staff spoke briefly about services they can offer the tribal membership.

- The Business Information Center (BIC) is open to everyone, and offers free business services including: computer lab, books and business publications, audio and video tapes, and computer classes which repeat monthly.
- Turbo Tax is available for members who wish to complete their Income Tax Returns using this software. SBD offers free tax return services to Elders. Interested Elders should call for an appointment with Elaine Moore or Barbara Lake.
- SBD offers one-on-one counseling for members interested in opening a business. Or, a new series of business classes will begin in February. *You and Your Business Idea* begins February 1 and is a six-hour class; *Starting a Successful Business* begins February 15 and lasts for ten weeks. Upon completion, participants will have written a Business Plan they can take to banks and lenders for loan consideration.

### CTGR TRUCKING

Located in Willamina, CTGR Trucking has been in business since May, 1999. They are currently running five drivers. There are nine full-time employees. Two are tribal members. A Board of Directors oversees operations of the company. The trucks haul throughout the West Coast, and can haul goods that will fit in a flatbed truck.

### DOOR PRIZES

\$50 — Berneice Jensen; \$50 — Teresa Haller; \$50 — Kathy Patterson; \$100 — Sylvia Fuller; Jay Leno tickets — Dan Ham.

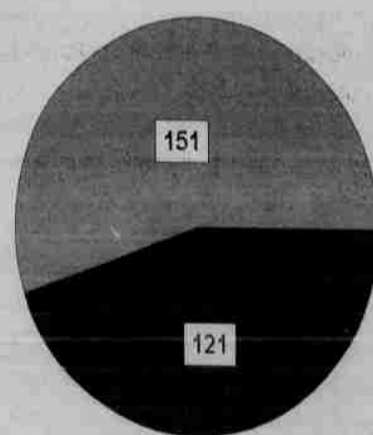
The next General Council meeting will be Feb. 6, 2000, 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center.

## FYI: Human Resources Year-end Report

In an effort to relay information to our community, the Tribe's Human Resources department would like to inform you of the number of tribal members employed by the Tribe (excluding the Casino). The Tribe currently employs 272 people. This number includes temporary employees but not committee members. The breakdown of tribal member employees and those in management and supervisory positions is as follows:

<b>Total Employees</b> .....	<b>272</b>
Tribal Member Employees .....	121
<b>Total Managers</b> .....	<b>17</b>
Tribal Members .....	3
<b>Total Supervisors</b> .....	<b>41</b>
Tribal Members .....	17

272 Total Employees



■ 121 Tribal Members  
■ 151 Non-Tribal Members

The Human Resources Department would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very **HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

## 1999 wrap-up, what a year!

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spend nine months in Senator Gordon Smith's office in Washington, D.C.

- ▶ The Tribe signs the Collaborative Stewardship Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service, coordinating the management of 6,000 acres of national forest lands near the Tribe's reservation.
- ▶ "Soaring Spirit," the Tribe's float depicting two Perigrine falcons and their young, wins top honors at the Grand Floral Parade in Portland.
- ▶ The Tribe and Polk County Sheriff's Department announce two more deputies will patrol the Grand Ronde area.
- ▶ The Grand Ronde Food Bank opens, providing emergency food assistance to local families in need.

### FALL

- ▶ The Tribal Council hires a new Executive Officer — Bob Martin — in September.
- ▶ June Sell-Sherer, Butch LaBonte, and Reyn Leno are sworn in as new Tribal Council members.
- ▶ The remains of 180 tribal ancestors as well as their funerary objects are returned to the Tribe and reburied at the tribal cemetery during a special ceremony. Cultural Resource Protection announces the Tribe's claim to the Willamette Meteorite.
- ▶ The Oregon Commission on Women names Kathryn Harrison a "Woman of Achievement."
- ▶ Tribal members, employees, and Council work together to create a cultural site for tribal member use.