

# Tribal Council Actions

Wed., March 8, 2000

5:05 p.m. — Meeting called to order by Ed Larsen, Tribal Council Vice-Chair. With the exception of Kathryn Harrison (excused), a full Council was present.

Bob Haller moved, Bob Mercier seconded to approve the previous February 23, 2000 Tribal Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

## TRIBAL GOVERNMENT, MANAGEMENT & BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

■ **Project Priority List Indian Reservation Roads.** Bob Mercier moved, Val Grout seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 020-00** approving the Fiscal Year 2000 Project Priority List for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Reservation Roads funds program. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **Enrollment Voluntary Relinquishment.** Bob Haller moved, June Sell-Sherer seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 021-00** approving the Enrollment Committee's recommendation that Barbara Jean Gibbons, #1116 be granted relinquishment as requested. Motion carried 7-0-0.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

■ **YCAP Bowling Blitz Donation.** Val Grout moved, Ed Pearsall seconded to approve a donation of \$500 towards Community Action Program of Yamhill County (YCAP) Bowling Blitz. The funds are being raised to help needy families in the area. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **SMMCI: Consent to 401(k) Plan Adoption.** Ed Pearsall moved, Val Grout seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 022-00** authorizing Spirit Mountain Management and Consulting, Inc. to become a participating employer under the Tribe's Retirement Plan. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **SMMCI: Release of Claims.** Bob Mercier moved, Ed Pearsall seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 023-00** authorizing the Chairman of Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc.'s Board of Directors to sign a release of claims on behalf of the Tribe which releases Bruce Thomas, Terry Contreras, Jeff Realand and Chuck Galford from any and all claims arising prior to their separation from employment with Spirit Mountain Gaming, provided, however, that those individuals provide the Tribe with an identical release of claims. Discussion followed. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **SMDC: Compensation of Key Spirit Mountain Personnel.** Val Grout moved, Butch LaBonte seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 024-00** approving salary increases for the following Spirit Mountain Development Corporation and/or Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. personnel as recommended by the Spirit Mountain Board of Directors: David Blum, Chris Elliott, Shelley Hanson, Bob Robbins, and Brian Werner. The Committee further recommends that the salary increases be effective as of January 1, 2000. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **Compensation of Health Authority Board of Commissioners.** June Sell-Sherer moved, Bob Haller seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 025-00** authorizing the Tribe to compensate each Commissioner on the Health Authority Board of Commissioners at a rate of \$100 for each meeting the Commissioner attends. Motion carried 7-0-0.

## RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE

■ **Natural Resource Management Plan.** Bob Mercier moved, June Sell-Sherer seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 026-00** directing the Natural Resources Department to include only the lands as described in PL 100-425, as amended, in current and future Reservation Management Plans. Motion carried 7-0-0.

## ANA LANGUAGE ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

■ June Sell-Sherer moved, Ed Pearsall seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 027-00** authorizing an application for funding through the DHHS, ANA Language Grant Program. The project's object is to provide language education training and curriculum development and emersion education for Head Start, Before & After School and adult language classes. Further, that the Tribal Council authorizes the Executive Officer and/or his designee(s) to sign all related grant application, award, modification, and program documents. The project budget will not exceed \$125,000 with additional matching funds of 20%, to be matched with existing Tribal budget expenditures. Motion carried 7-0-0.

## HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

■ **IHS Dental Disease Prevention/Health Promotion Grant.** Ed Pearsall moved, Bob Mercier seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 028-00** authorizing the submission of an application for funding through the Indian Health Service (IHS) Dental Disease Prevention/Health Promotion Grant Program. The project's object is to increase the number of decay-free children ages 0 through 14, from 37% to 41%; through a program of education, re: tooth-brushing, diet, and fluoride treatment. Further, authorizing the Tribal Chairperson, the Executive Officer and/or his designee(s) to sign all related grant application, award, modification and program documents. The project budget will not exceed \$33,000 in grant funding and with additional matching funds from outside sources and with existing Tribal budget expenditures. Motion carried 7-0-0.

# General Council Highlights

By Brent Merrill

The April General Council meeting was held on Sunday, April 2. Here are the highlights.

## GAMING UPDATE

Spirit Mountain Casino's top Interim Executive Officer Bob Watson updated the tribal membership on the latest news from the casino.

■ Watson began his report by thanking the membership for supporting him in his work at the casino. Watson said he is thankful for the opportunity. He talked about the Tribe's long-term development investment fund as well as updating members on the Tribe's equity fund. Watson said the Tribe is building an increasingly valuable asset base and looking at safe long-term investments with a long-term future and security.

"I would say, rest easy," said Watson. "These are wise investments."

■ Watson detailed some of the Tribe's projects through the Spirit Mountain Development Corporation (SMDC), including a Portland-based investment in the city's business district called "The Gregory." The project is a joint venture with Portland-area developer John Carroll to build residential, office and retail space in the city's Pearl District. The project is scheduled to be complete in 2001.

"It was a wise move that is really paying off," said Watson of the Gregory project.

There are two sources of funding for projects like "The Gregory" according to Watson.

"The largest of the two is a line of credit," said Watson. "This is drawn from as a loan and has been used primarily for real estate projects. It has been used to buy into projects with other investors on several real estate projects."

The second source of funding is a long-term development investment fund called an equity fund.

"SMDC uses the fund to buy equity that is recoverable ownership and is the Tribe's property during and after the project. It is found in all categories of SMDC's investment ventures," said Watson.

■ Watson took a moment to applaud the good work being done by Grand Ronde Industries (GRI) at their complex in Tangent. GRI is expanding their services to their main client (Hewlett-Packard) because of the

quality of the work already being done by GRI staff.

■ There are currently 151 tribal members employed at the casino, Watson said.

■ Members asked Watson about his job status and how long he would consider staying on the job.

"Although I was happily retired and walking on the beach with my wife a lot, we felt this (leading the casino through a transition in top management) was too critical an opportunity not to participate," explained Watson. "It is our intent to keep things flowing smoothly at the casino. I'm committed to finding someone (as a possible replacement) who really is an expert in this business. I will be here until that happens."

■ Marketing consultant Len Bergstein then introduced Jack Peterson of the casino's ad agency. Peterson showed the membership a first look at the casino's new television advertisements.

## SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

■ Social Services Director Anthony Gagliardo gave a program update. He introduced Indian Child Welfare Program Supervisor Dana Leno to the membership.

Leno, who said she had been with the Tribe for five years, administers a program that currently has 75 tribal children in foster homes. Leno said half of those children are involved with the Tribal Court system.

Leno said the program is in desperate need of tribal member foster parents.

■ Tribal Employment Coordinator Patsy Pullin informed the membership of a new employment services information center called a kiosk, which is now located in the social services modular.

■ Gagliardo introduced each member of his staff and they gave their individual program reports.

"We have an outstanding team in social services," said Gagliardo. "We take care of each other."

## DOOR PRIZES

Ed Pearsall won \$50 and donated it back to the Elders, Leon "Chips" Tom won \$50, Patrice Gray won \$50, and Ila Dowd won the \$100 door prize. Leonette Galligher won the 50/50 Royalty drawing and donated it back to the Royalty Committee.

At last Wednesday's Council meeting, Tribal Council honored former *Smoke Signals* Editor

Tracy Dugan for her eight years of dedicated service to the Tribe. Good Luck, Tracy.



"Many good words were written and shared during your time with the Tribe."

~ Tribal Chair Kathryn Harrison

"Your talents were greatly appreciated. You did quality work for us."

~ Tribal Council member Val Grout

## GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 7

11:30 a.m.

Community Center

## TRIBAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Anyone interested in making a nomination must:

- Be 18 years old.
- An enrolled member of the Tribe.
- Must make the nomination in person at the meeting.

Tribal members accepting a nomination for Tribal Council must also be present at this meeting.