

# Tribal Council ACTIONS

Wed., August 16, 2000

4:00 p.m. — Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ed Larsen. With the exception of Kathryn Harrison who was excused, a full Council was present.

Ed Pearsall moved, June Sell-Sherer seconded to approve the previous August 2, 2000 Tribal Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

## TRIBAL GOVERNMENT, MANAGEMENT & BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

■ **Dental Billboard.** Council consensus was to approve the placement of a billboard on Highway 18 that would promote dental health, particularly for children. Funds to put up the billboard will be provided by Proctor & Gamble (\$5,000) and the Dental program (\$2,000) per year.

■ **Tribal Gaming Ordinance.** Second reading acknowledged.

■ **SMDC Board Members Appointment.** Bob Mercier moved, Reyn Leno seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 107-00** appointing the following Tribal members to the SMDC Board of Directors:

- 1) Bob Watson for an initial term of three years, ending June 30, 2003 (*Editor's Note: Watson recently resigned from this position*);
- 2) Jan Reibach, Jr. for an initial term of two years, ending June 30, 2002; and
- 3) Chris Leno for an initial term of two years, ending June 30, 2002. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **SMDC Board Members Setting Terms.** Val Grout moved, June Sell-Sherer seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 108-00** setting the terms for SMDC Board of Director positions as follows:

- ◆ Mike Larsen's position  
1 year, ending June 30, 2001
- ◆ Len Bergstein's position  
3 years, ending June 30, 2003
- ◆ Jim Sizemore's position  
3 years, ending June 30, 2003
- ◆ Clyde Stryker's position  
3 years, ending June 30, 2003
- ◆ Ed Larsen's position  
2 years, ending June 30, 2002
- ◆ Open position  
1 year, ending June 30, 2001

Motion carried 7-0-0.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

■ **Use of Economic Development Fund by Spirit Mountain Development Corporation.** Ed Pearsall moved, Val Grout seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 109-00** approving making up to \$475,000 of the Long-Term Business Investment Fund available to Spirit Mountain Development Corporation for its use as additional capital contribution into Spirit Mountain Management and Consulting, Inc. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **Use of Economic Development Fund by Spirit Mountain Development Corporation.** June Sell-Sherer moved, Val Grout seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 110-00** authorizing the allocation of \$2,500,000 of the Long-Term Business Investment Fund to SMDC for use in acquiring an ownership interest in a real estate development project on the Oregon Coast. Motion carried 5-2-0, with Reyn Leno and Bob Mercier voting no.

# General Council Meetings Resume

By Brent Merrill

The September General Council meeting was held on Sunday, September 10 at the Community Center. Here are the highlights.

## ■ ELECTION RESULTS

Election Board Chair Ellen Fischer shared the results of this year's Tribal Election with the general membership. Fischer explained that the top three vote getters (Ed Pearsall - 374, Jan Reibach, Sr. - 310, Cheryle Kennedy - 266) were notified of the election results. Fischer said council members would be sworn into office by Judge Katherine English on Wednesday, September 13 in a special swearing in ceremony in Tribal Council Chambers. Fischer said election results would be posted throughout the Tribal complex and published in the Tribal newspaper.

Tribal Chair Kathryn Harrison thanked Val Grout and Bob Mercier for their service to the Tribe and encouraged them to stay involved in the Tribe.

## ■ SMDC PRESENTATION

Spirit Mountain Development Corporation (SMDC) board members were present and gave a presentation to the general membership about SMDC changes and activities. Elected Chairman Jim Sizemore began the presentation by explaining to the general membership that Spirit Mountain Development Corporation is splitting from Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. (SMGI) and that they will report separately to Tribal Council. SMGI board members will give a presentation to the general membership at the next General Council meeting in October. Sizemore said SMDC personnel would be transitioning into a new building off the casino grounds. Sizemore introduced Tribal members Chris Leno and Jan Michael Reibach as the newest board members of SMDC. Sizemore said new members would be added to both SMDC and SMGI in the future. Sizemore announced that Tribal member Bob Watson, who is currently serving as Chief Executive Officer of Spirit Mountain Casino, will be stepping down and returning to his retirement. Sizemore and the other board members thanked Watson for his efforts in regard to casino operations.

Sizemore introduced David Blum to the general membership. Blum is the Director of Business Development. Blum reported on the current status of the Tribe's tote-washing business in Tangent. The business was set up to handle a contract with Hewlett Packard and has been doing exceptionally well according to Blum. Blum also updated the membership on the Tribe's latest real estate ventures.

## ■ SMALL BUSINESS PRESENTATION

Small Business Department Manager Elaine Moore introduced her staff to the general membership. Tribal member and Small Business Development Specialist Perri McDaniel informed the membership of the business classes that are held in an effort to help Tribal members come up with a business plan. McDaniel explained that the classes "Starting a Successful Business" are set up to allow for one-on-one counseling and a step-by-step approach to establishing a business plan that will be successful for Tribal members with business ideas. McDaniel explained that the classes are every Tuesday for 12 weeks. McDaniel explained to the general membership that the Small Business department is set up with a Business Information Center to help Tribal members. The center has a library, computer lab, computer training classes, access to office equipment and is open to everybody — not just Tribal members.

Economic Development Specialist Roland Metzger then gave a presentation to the general membership about the Tribe's trucking company — CTGR Trucking. Metzger explained that the trucking company has been in business for 15 months now. Metzger introduced the members of the company's board of directors to the general membership. Several members of the general membership asked questions of Metzger about the financial viability of the trucking company. Metzger did his best to answer those questions and said he would be available for further questions if needed.

## ■ DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS

Tammy Shandy won \$50, J.R. Robertson won \$50 and Carol Nelson won \$50. Todd Shandy won \$100 and Arlene Beck won a special Wellness gift.

## New Before & After Care Modular at GRES

Story and Photos by Justin Phillips

With the help of a federal grant, the Child Care Development Fund, students will now have a bigger place to study and play. Located directly behind Grand Ronde Elementary School (GRES), a new modular is now the new home to the Tribe's Before & After Care program. The Before & After staff also run a full-day summer program.

"It's a place for children to come after school for activities and also to get some tutoring with homework if needed," says Vikki Bishop, Pre-school/ Head Start Supervisor.

In the 1,960 square-foot area, children will have room for science, reading, puzzles, art and music. The reading area consists of plush carpet and bean bags to lie on. Soon they will have new computers for the children to work and play on.

"On Tuesdays, drumming and dancing will happen after school," says Matt Buck-

nell, Lead Before and After Care Tutor. "Vernon Kennedy has already spent time drumming with the children."

Bucknell joined the Before and After Care in August.

Other activities include crafts on Wednesdays and science and math on Mondays and Fridays. Tony Johnson, Language Specialist for the Tribe, will spend time with the children teaching them Chinook Jargon on Thursdays.

Currently Before & After Care has 20 children in attendance, with a capacity of 30.



The Tribe's new Before & After Care building sits directly behind Grand Ronde Elementary School. This new modular gives the program much needed space.

## GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8  
11:30 a.m. at the Community Center

Presenters:

GRAND RONDE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
and NATURAL RESOURCES