

# Tribal Council Actions

Wed., September 27, 2000

5:05 p.m. — Meeting called to order by Kathryn Harrison, Tribal Chair. Except for Ed Larsen (excused), a full council was present.

Reynold Leno moved, June Sell-Sherer seconded to approve the previous September 13, 2000 Tribal Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

■ **Credit Card/Check Signing Authority New Council Members.** Bob Haller moved, and June Sell-Sherer seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 119-00** authorizing Cheryle A. Kennedy, Ed Pearsall and Jan D. Reibach to use Tribal credit cards in the performance of their duties as council members, subject to the Tribe's credit card policy, and they are hereby authorized to sign checks drawn on accounts maintained by the Tribe, subject to the laws and ordinances of the Tribe. Motion carried 7-0-0.

## TRIBAL GOVERNMENT, MANAGEMENT & BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

■ **Amendments to 1999 Siuslaw National Forest Agreement.** Ed Pearsall moved, Reynold Leno seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 120-00**

(1) approving amendments to the Tribe's agreement with the Siuslaw National Forest regarding the management of National Forest lands near the Grand Ronde Reservation, the purpose of such amendments being to update the agreement consistent with federal law, and

(2) authorizing the Council Chair, with the assistance of the Tribal Attorney, to finalize and execute said amendments. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **Contract for CTGR Trucking Parking Lot and Storm Water Improvements.** Ed Pearsall moved, Bob Haller seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 121-00** to approve entering into a contractual agreement with Chief Excavation, Inc. for construction of parking lot and storm water improvements at CTGR Trucking, LLC to implement requirements of the NPDES Permit 1200Z. The contract amount is \$18,676. Chief Excavation, Inc. is a Native American contractor and provided the lowest of three bids for this project. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **Communication Tower Site Work and Utilities Contract.** Ed Pearsall moved, Reynold Leno seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 122-00** to approve entering into a contractual agreement with Dan Kaufman Excavation for site work and utilities installation to service the Communications Tower project. The contract amount is \$53,951. Dan Kaufman Excavation provided the lowest of four bids for this project. Discussion followed. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **School Clothing.** Bob Haller moved, June Sell-Sherer seconded to approve the allocation of an additional \$3,975 from the Contingency Fund to cover the extra cost associated with the school clothing assistance program. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **Annual Funding Agreement with IHS for CY2001.** June Sell-Sherer moved, Ed Pearsall seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 123-00** to approve the Annual Funding Agreement between the Tribe and the United States of America for Calendar Year 2001. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **Reappointment of Two Health Authority Board Members.** Reynold Leno moved, Bob Haller seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 124-00** to approve the reappointments of Steve Bowles and Marie Davis to serve as Commissioners with voting authority on the Grand Ronde Health Authority, with three (3) year terms of service. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **2001 Calendars from Tribal Council.** Full consensus was given by council present to approve the ordering of 3000 calendars for CY2001 and to be sent out to Tribal members over the age of 18 years. Tillamook Advertising has offered: a) \$1.68 per calendar/any quantity; b) 0.8¢ per envelope with return address printed, and c) they will stuff. Postage is to be paid by the Tribe.

■ **Motion to Change General Council Meeting to October 08, 2000 due to Hunting Season.**

1. Full consensus was given by council present to change the General Council Meeting from October 01, 2000 to October 08, 2000 due to hunting season opening.

2. General Council meeting 10-08-00 agenda items

Old Business:

a. Government Trust Fund Advisory Vote Announcement

New Business:

a. Gaming Update

b. Program Report — Natural Resources and Housing

c. Door Prize Drawings: \$250 (1 at \$100 and 3 at \$50)

Council consensus was to approve the agenda as presented.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

■ **Use of Economic Development Fund by Spirit Mountain Development Corporation.** Ed Pearsall moved, Bob Haller seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 125-00** authorizing the allocation of \$190,000 of the Long-Term Business Investment Fund to SMDC for use as additional capital contribution to Grand Ronde Industries, LLC for expansion of industrial cleaning services and construction of clean room. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **Use of Economic Development Fund by Spirit Mountain Development Corporation.** Ed Pearsall moved, June Sell-Sherer seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 126-00** authorizing the allocation of \$1,000,000 of the Long-Term Business Investment Fund to SMDC for issuance of a convertible note to Coinless Systems, Inc. by SMDC to provide funds for production of a VLT coinless ticket transfer system. Motion carried 7-0-0.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Full consensus was given by council present to approve June Sell-Sherer and Ed Pearsall to attend an Education Committee retreat off-site on September 30 and October 1, 2000.

■ Jan D. Reibach asked for prayers for his brother, Michael Reibach, who recently is needing medical assistance for a stroke.

## OTHER BUSINESS

■ Full consensus was given by council present for Earl "Butch" LaBonte to attend training by the Pacific Program on October 7-14, 2000 in Bend, Oregon. The program emphasizes development of both analytical skills and the interpersonal skills required for effective policy leadership and public management.

■ Ed Pearsall moved, June Sell-Sherer seconded to adopt **Resolution 127-00** authorizing a loan to Gary Dinges for \$600,000 secured by a note and deeds of trust against Turnstone, Eagles Nest, and Brighton Beach Estates and to buy 30 days through October to complete the project, Kittiwake and Turnstone. Motion carried 6-1-0. Reynold Leno voted no.

■ A Tribal member asked, "why a medicare check was not honored at a local grocery store?" Executive Officer Bob Martin and Finance Officer Bob Saunders both offered to research and respond.

■ A Tribal member presented a petition for information to the Tribal Council. The petition was read to the council and audience present. It is as follows:

*We, the undersigned Tribal members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, respectfully submit this petition to our Tribal Council and are formerly requesting written answers to the following questions regarding the SMDC be presented at the General Council meeting October 8, 2000.*

1. How much Tribal money does SMDC currently have invested (total)?

2. Not including gaming profits, what is the total loss so far this year?

3. With the current projections, when will the non-gaming investments break-even?

4. Not including gaming profits, how much money have we lost (including operation costs) in the last five years, total since 1995.

*Note: The intention of this petition is to acquire important information that the entire Tribal membership is entitled to. We would like to thank our Tribal Council and SMDC for their assistance.* Discussion followed.

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*"I am respectfully writing this letter in regards to our SMDC. There are many of us Tribal members who have questions and/or concerns about what is going on in this area. At the last General Council meeting, the SMDC Board presented their report. At the meeting, SMDC employee from GRIDCO asked if the General Council had any questions. Jim Sizemore stopped him. Jim Sizemore then said that he would allow for questions at the end of the report, but did not.*

*I have some questions, here are a few:*

*Are our investments losing money? If yes, are they on the projected course?*

*Over all, how much profit did SMDC make last year, not including Casino revenue. Maybe SMDC should again report to the general membership and allow for questions this time. This letter is not meant to be an attack on council, only to voice my concerns. Thank you for listening."*

Discussion followed. Jan Michael Reibach, SMDC Board member and Tribal member, offered to take forward the petitions to the SMDC Board on their behalf.

■ A Tribal member asked, "why an enrollment was denied to a 1/4 blood quantum Grand Ronde Indian child?" Tribal Attorney Rob Greene and Directors of Operation Chris Leno offered to set up a meeting with the mother of the child and to invite a representative from the Enrollment Committee also to attend.

■ A Tribal member asked, "has the Tribe looked to other investment firms to represent us and if the Tribe considered opening a Tribally-owned bank?" Patrick Sizemore, Owner of Strategic Wealth Management, Inc. responded and fielded questions from the audience.

**NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING  
SUNDAY, NOV. 5 — 11:30 a.m.  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

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