

Thank You Letter

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers while Don was in I.C.U. at Emanuel Hospital in Portland. Also thank you for the cards, flowers, trees and food after his passing.

Thanks to all of you — especially my family — for the hugs and support I have gotten this past month.

Again, Thank You and God Bless.
Arlene Beck

Emergency Assistance Notice

Tribal members needing emergency assistance during the month of December will need to utilize their Casino Revenue Distribution money first. The Social Services department will freeze funds from their Emergency Assistance program, the Benevolence Fund and the General Assistance program from December 1-31.

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Tribal Council Actions

Wed., November 8, 2000

4:10 p.m. — Meeting called to order by Kathryn Harrison. Except for Reyn Leno (excused) and Ed Larsen (who arrived during the meeting), a full council was present.

Butch LaBonte moved, Bob Haller seconded to approve the previous October 25, 2000 Tribal Council meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Due to the absence of the Tribal Secretary Reyn Leno, Ed Pearsall read the Subcommittee information.

LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

■ **Tribal Council Ordinance Amendments.** Ed Pearsall moved, Cheryle Kennedy seconded to acknowledge the first reading to amend the credit card policy set forth in the Tribal Council Ordinance as follows:

1. Amend section (k)(3)(B) to read:

Allowable Expenses: Tribal credit cards may be used only for commercial transportation, hotel lodging, and meals with official guests of the Tribe. Individuals must request a travel advance for other meals and anticipated costs prior to traveling, provided, however, that if the individual is unable to obtain a travel advance before departing, he/she may use their Tribal credit card.

2. Amend section (k)(3)(D) to read:

Limit: The credit limit on each card shall be five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars.

Discussion followed. Motion carried 6-0-0.

EMPLOYEE 2000 NOVEMBER HOLIDAY APPRECIATION GIFT

■ June Sell-Sherer moved, Bob Haller seconded to authorize the ordering of enough turkeys (delivery on Thursday, November 16, 2000) for Tribal employees (full/part-time/temporary) and to authorize an additional 50 turkeys for the Grand Ronde Community Resource Center (GRCRC) delivery at a date specified by Tim Holmes, President of GRCRC. Motion carried 6-0-0.

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT, MANAGEMENT & BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

■ **MWACT Appointment for CY2001.** Jan D. Reibach moved, Cheryle Kennedy seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 138-00** appointing Butch LaBonte as the representative for the Tribe to the Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation (MWACT) for the calendar year 2001. Motion carried 5-0-1. Butch LaBonte abstained.

■ **Additional Funding for CY2000 Royalty Committee.** Cheryle Kennedy moved, Ed Pearsall seconded to approve additional funds for the CY2000 Royalty Committee budget in the amount of \$1,548. The amount will be drawn from contingency funds. Discussion followed. Motion carried 6-0-0.

■ **Appointment of Tribal Council Royalty Liaison.** June Sell-Sherer moved, Bob Haller seconded to appoint Cheryle Kennedy as the liaison for the Royalty Committee. Motion carried 5-0-1. Cheryle A. Kennedy abstained.

■ **Capital Contribution to CTGR Trucking, LLC.** Cheryle Kennedy moved, Jan D. Reibach seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 139-00** to approve making a capital contribution to CTGR Trucking, LLC of a Ford dump truck (VIN #1FDZ596P5VVA40400). Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **Education Committee Member Appointment.** June Sell-Sherer moved, Ed Larsen seconded to approve the appointment of Joann Mercier to the Education Committee. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **Education Committee Tribal Council Liaison.** Butch LaBonte moved, Ed Larsen seconded to re-appoint Ed Pearsall at the Tribal Council liaison to the Education Committee. Motion carried 6-0-1. Ed Pearsall abstained.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

■ **Natural Resources Management Plan Extension.** Jan D. Reibach moved, Bob Haller seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 140-00** to approve extending the current Natural Resources Management Plan through December 31, 2001. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **Acquisition of Greenery Property.** June Sell-Sherer moved, Ed Pearsall seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 141-00**

(1) approving the acquisition of real property located in Willamina and commonly known as the "Greenery Property" from Spirit Mountain Development Corporation, and

(2) authorizing the Council Chair, with the assistance of the Tribal Attorney, to finalize and execute all documents necessary to acquire the Greenery Property. Motion carried 7-0-0.

■ **Melcher Property Trust Conversion.** Ed Pearsall moved, Ed Larsen seconded to adopt **Resolution 142-00**

(1) requesting that the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, hold title to real property located in Polk and Yamhill Counties, Oregon, known as the "Melcher Property," identified as Tax Lot 201 on Polk County Map 6801 located in Section 1 of Township 6 South, Range 8 West of the Willamette Meridian and Tax Lot 4900 on Yamhill County Tax Map, located in Section 1 of Township 6 South, Range 8 West of the Willamette Meridian, in trust for the benefit of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, and

(2) authorizing the Tribal Chair to execute any documents necessary for said transfer of the Melcher Property to the Department of the Interior. Motion carried 7-0-0.

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HEALTH INSURANCE CHANGES

There will be some changes to the Tribal Health Security programs beginning January 1, 2001.

Changes will be as follows:

1) Members who are eligible for Medicare Part B will be required to accept this coverage before enrolling into the Tribal ODS program. If you need an application or assistance in enrolling please call Valorie Sheker at 1-800-442-0346. Remember open enrollment for Medicare Part B is only during the month of January for a July start date.

2) Currently ODS open enrollments are in July and January of each year, this will be changing effective January 2001. Open enrollments for the ODS Health Plan will be restricted to January 1st of each year.

3) Members who are participating in a State funded insurance program will be unable to enroll into the Tribal ODS program. Remember if your State funded insurance program ends, you will be eligible for enrollment into the Tribal ODS program on that date.

4) The Standard Dental Insurance program has been upgraded to include a 50% Orthodontic benefit and the \$1,000 yearly maximum has been increased to \$1,500 a year.

If you have any questions please call 1-800-442-0346 and ask for Valorie Sheker at ext. 2221, Amy Justen at ext. 2223, Hollie Larsen at ext. 2490 in the Member Services department.