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PROPOSED GENERAL COMMITTEE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office, has proposed amendments to the General Committee Ordinance. The first reading of the proposed amendments was made at the June 19, 2002, Tribal Council Meeting.

The purpose of the amendments is to centralize all committee provisions under one ordinance, the General Committee Ordinance, and eliminate the need for multiple committee ordinances. Committees will be established pursuant to the Ordinance by resolution of the Tribal Council and each committee shall adopt bylaws approved by the Tribal Council. The proposed amendments also include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Modifying the provisions regarding committee membership to
 - remove the restriction that committee members must reside in the Tribal six county service area;
 - increase the number of committees on which a Tribal member may serve at a time from one to two, except that Tribal member staff are still restricted to serving on one committee at a time;
 - increase the number of Tribal member staff that may serve on a committee at a time from one to two;
 - modify the age requirement to provide that committee members shall be at least 18 years of age;
 - add a requirement that members shall provide input on all matters properly before the committee and support all committee decisions;
 - provide that appointments will be for two calendar years.
- Modifying the removal provisions to provide that members may be removed with or without cause by vote of the Tribal Council.
- Modifying the duties of officers.
- Removing the provisions regarding annual meetings and providing that all regular and special meetings shall be held on Tribal property in Grand Ronde unless the committee obtains the prior approval of the Tribal Council to hold a meeting elsewhere.
- Modifying the compensation provision to provide that members may be compensated at a rate set by council and shall be reimbursed for expenses according to Tribal policy.
- Modifying the financial accountability provisions to provide that all financial transactions shall be within the parameters of the committee's approved budget.

For a copy of the proposed General Committee Ordinance amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-2265. The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Comments must be received by August 1, 2002.

ELECTION ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

As you may have seen from the notices in the *Smoke Signals*, the Tribal Council, in consultation with the Election Board and the Tribal Attorney's Office, made various technical updates and substantive changes to the Election Ordinance to provide for a more efficient election process.

The Election Board would like to bring to the Tribal membership's attention the following changes:

■ Only those Tribal members who have a Signature Verification Form on file with the Election Board will be sent an absentee ballot.

This change was made to avoid the confusion where Tribal members receive absentee ballots, fill out the ballots and return the ballots, but the ballots are not counted because the Tribal member did not have a Signature Verification Form on file, which is required in order to ensure that the vote cast in the name of a Tribal member is in fact cast by that Tribal member.

In an effort to get Signature Verification Forms from all Tribal members wanting to participate in the election, the board will be sending out Signature Verification Forms to those Tribal members who are eligible to vote but do not yet have a Signature Verification Form on file. These mailings will go out shortly after nominations.

If you already have a Signature Verification Form on file, you do not have to file another one, unless your name has changed. If you are not sure whether you have a Signature Verification Form on file, or would like to request one, please call the Election Board at 503-879-2271 or 800-422-0232.

■ A Tribal member's signature on the Signature Verification Form can now be verified either by a notary public **OR** by attaching a legible copy of a Tribal Identification Card, Driver's License, state issued Identification Card, or Passport which bears the signature of the Tribal member.

■ The Election Board will receive and maintain the Signature Verification Forms and will prepare and distribute the voters address list rather than the Enrollment Office.

■ The restriction on remaining, loitering or campaigning near the polling place on Election Day has been extended to 150 feet of any entrance to the polling place.

■ Absentee ballots must be received at the location designated by the Board Chairperson (usually the Post Office) by noon on the day of the Election.

All Indian Co-ed Softball Tourney

August 24 & 25 ■ Chiloquin, Oregon

12 Teams

Entry Fee: \$150

1st Place = Jackets

2nd Place = Hooded Sweatshirts

3rd Place = T-Shirts

MVP = Bat Bag

10 Men's & 10 Women's All Stars = T-Shirts

For more information, contact Rhonda Brown or Charlie Wilder at (home) 541-884-7088 or (work) 541-882-1487 or 1-800-552-6290. Tourney is same weekend as the Klamath Tribe's Restoration Celebration.

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PROPOSED FISCAL MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE REVISIONS

The Tribal Council in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office and Finance department has proposed revisions to the Tribe's Fiscal Management Ordinance. The first reading of the proposed Ordinance revisions was on July 3, 2002.

The purpose of the revisions is to update the Ordinance of the Tribe's Financial Standards by deleting unnecessary language from the Ordinance and clarifying the Tribe's current fiscal management practices.

The major revision to the Ordinance is to specifically provide for the position of Finance Officer ("FO") and to designate the FO as the Tribe's primary financial executive. The FO is provided with financial oversight responsibility for all Tribal Divisions and Tribal Governmental Corporations. Responsibilities of the FO included, but are not limited to:

- directing the Tribal governments accounting practices and ensuring that financial resources of the Tribe are accounted for in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP);
- providing interim financial reports to the Tribal Council;
- conducting internal audits and arranging for independent Certified Public Accountants to conduct annual external audits of the Tribe;
- establishing policies and procedures for records management; and
- obtaining such insurance policies as are necessary to protect the assets of the Tribe.

For a copy of the proposed Fiscal Management Ordinance revisions, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-2265. The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed revisions. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Comments must be received by August 15, 2002.

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Proposed Procurement Ordinance

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office and Finance department, has proposed a Procurement Ordinance. The purpose of the Ordinance is to provide centralized and uniform procurement practices to help reduce costs and allow the Tribe to manage its inventory more effectively. The Ordinance governs every expenditure of Tribal monies by the Tribe for the procurement of Goods and Services as those terms are defined in the Ordinance. It also governs the Tribe's expenditure of state and federal funds for the procurement of Goods and Services unless the laws, regulations, or other rules governing the expenditure of such state and Tribal funds provide otherwise.

The Ordinance:

- establishes a Tribal Procurement Office within the Finance department of the Tribe;
- provides that the Finance Officer shall hire a Procurement Manager who shall have administrative oversight over the procurement office and responsibility for, among other things, developing a policies and procedures manual ("Procurement Manual") which governs the purchases of Goods and Services and addresses such things as Tribal preference, competition, contracts, quality, cost etc;
- identifies the steps Division Managers and other Tribal employees must follow when purchasing Goods or Services;
- requires Tribal employees to follow the procedures outlined in the Procurement Manual to the extent practicable for goods and services not covered by the Ordinance; and
- encourages cooperative agreements with Tribal Governmental Corporations for the joint purchase of Goods and Services if aggregate savings to the Tribe can be achieved.

For a copy of the proposed Procurement Ordinance, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-2265. The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed revisions. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Comments must be received by August 15, 2002.