

Tribal Council Actions

Wednesday, December 1, 2004

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funds and Tribal funds for recreation services to be provided at the proposed facilities; and 5) authorizing the Tribal Council Chairwoman or, in her absence, the Tribal Vice Chairman to execute all documents required for these funds. Discussion followed. **Motion carried 8-0-0.**

■ **Enrollment Infant Determinations.** Jack Giffen, Jr. moved, June Sell Sherer seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 165-04** approving two (2) infants numbered #5441 and #5442 for Tribal membership, because, based on the investigation and recommendation of the Enrollment staff, the infants have been found to meet the eligibility requirements for enrollment as defined in the Enrollment Ordinance and Tribal Constitution. Discussion followed. **Motion carried 8-0-0.**

■ **Health Committee Out of State Travel.** Jan D. Reibach moved, Reyn Leno seconded to approve a motion supporting and approving the

out of state travel request of the Health Committee members (Bernadine Shriver and Anna Marie Hannan) to attend the Falmouth Institute's Indian Board Members Conference in Las Vegas, NV on December 5-8, 2004. **Motion carried 8-0-0.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ University of Oregon President Dave Frohnmayer announces the grand opening of the Many Nations Longhouse on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 on school grounds. Planning a public opening ceremony at 11:30 a.m. in the new Longhouse with lunch to follow. Council members planning to attend: Cheryle Kennedy, Angie Blackwell, Chris Mercier, Jack Giffen, Jr., Valorie Sheker-Robertson and Wesley "Buddy" West.

4:45 p.m. — Valorie Sheker-Robertson moved, Reyn Leno, seconded to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

OPEN FOR COMMENT

**PROPOSED MARRIAGE
ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office, has proposed amendments to the Marriage Ordinance. The first reading of the proposed amendments was made at the November 17, 2004, Tribal Council Meeting.

The purpose of the amendments is to remove any ambiguity about who can enter into a marriage under Tribal law and to eliminate language in the Ordinance which is no longer applicable. The proposed amendments include, but are not limited to, the following:

Revising section (c) to clearly define a Marriage as a "consensual union between one man and one woman."

Revising section (e) to provide that no marriage license may be issued or acted upon unless at least one party is a Tribal member.

Eliminating "Common Law Marriage" from the definition section and eliminating section (m) which addresses Common Law Marriages from the Ordinance. Pursuant to the clear language of section (m), common law marriages were to be certified by the Tribal Court for a period of one year after the Marriage Ordinance was adopted by the Tribe. The Ordinance was originally adopted by the Tribe in 1992. Accordingly, the common law marriage provision is no longer effective.

Providing that the amendments apply retroactively to any and all applications for marriage licenses where a Marriage Certificate has not yet been issued.

For a copy of the proposed Marriage Ordinance amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments. You may send written comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347.

Comments must be received by January 6, 2004 at 5 p.m

OPEN FOR COMMENT

**PROPOSED FISCAL MANAGEMENT
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

The Tribal Council has proposed an amendment to the Fiscal Management Ordinance. The first reading of the proposed amendment was made at the November 17, 2004, Tribal Council Meeting.

The purpose of the amendment is to provide that copies of audited financial statements may be provided to adult Tribal members upon written request and pursuant to policies established by the Finance Officer for documentation of requests for sensitive audited financial statement information, establishment of reasonable fees for copying and mailing of information, and other policies deemed appropriate by the Finance Officer. The proposed amendment revises sub-section (f)(2)(B) to read as follows (added language underlined):

"Audited financial statements, including all informational notes and disclosures shall be published by the Tribe for each year for all financial activities, within seven months after the end of each calendar year. Such statements shall be provided to all members of Tribal Council and made available for inspection, upon request, to any adult member of the Tribe. Copies of audited financial statements for the primary government may be provided to any adult member of the Tribe upon written request pursuant to policies established by the Finance Officer for documentation of requests for sensitive audited financial statement information, establishment of reasonable fees for copying and mailing of information, and other policies deemed appropriate by the Finance Officer. Audited financial statements are proprietary and sensitive documents of the Tribe and release of such information to non-Tribal members may be damaging to the Tribe. No Tribal member receiving a copy of audited financial statements shall allow such statements to be viewed by any non-Tribal member and such statements may not be copied in whole or in part except pursuant to the policies established by the Finance Officer. Anyone violating the provisions of this Section shall be liable to the Tribe for any and all damages caused directly or indirectly through such violation."

For a copy of the proposed Fiscal Management Ordinance amendment, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments. You may send written comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347.

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ATTENTION VETERANS

The Employment Office in McMinnville (McMinnville Job and Career Center) has undergone recent staff changes specifically in the Veterans Representative area. Because of those changes the Veterans Outreach Program Coordinator, Dennis Carmody, has discontinued services to Veterans in the Grand Ronde and Sheridan areas on Fridays.

We are planning that this change is temporary and look forward to resuming services in mid-to-late December. Until those services are resumed Veterans can obtain services by calling Dennis Carmody in the McMinnville Job and Career Center. His phone number is 503-434-7578, weekdays except Wednesday. The Job and Career Center is located at the old Tanger Mall Outlet location, 370 N.E. Norton Lane. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are encouraged.