

Tribal Council Actions

Wednesday, February 28, 2005

5:01 p.m. — Meeting was called to order by Tribal Council Chairwoman, Cheryle Kennedy. A quorum was present.

Present was Angie Blackwell, Jack Giffen, Jr., Cheryle Kennedy, Reyn Leno, Chris Mercier, Jan D. Reibach, Valorie Sheker-Robertson, June Sell-Sherer and Wesley "Buddy" West.

Invocation was done by Wesley "Buddy" West.

Comments were made by Chairwoman Kennedy regarding concerns received over the conduct at the January 26, 2005, Tribal Council meeting.

Previous Minutes — Approve/Amend

■ Reyn Leno moved, Valorie Sheker-Robertson seconded to approve the January 26, 2005, Tribal Council regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried 8-0-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

■ **OPRD Recreational Trail Program Tillamook Trail Grant Application.** Jack Giffen, Jr. moved, June Sell-Sherer seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 018-05:** 1) approving the submission of the grant application to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Recreational Trails Program for reconstruction of the historical Tillamook-Hebo Trail with, grant not to exceed \$51,860; 2) indirect costs would be paid for by the Tribes, which are not covered by the grant; 3) authorizing the Natural Resources Division Manager, with the assistance of the Tribal Attorney, to finalize and execute said grant, if awarded. **Motion carried 8-0-0.**

■ **Oregon Youth Conservation Corps Youth Crew Grant Application.** Reyn Leno moved, Jan D. Reibach seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 019-05:** 1) approving the submission of the grant application to the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps for partial funding of the 2005 Natural Resources Department - Oregon Youth Conservation Corps. summer youth crews, grant not to exceed \$11,111; 2) indirect costs would be paid for by the Tribe, which are not covered by the grant; and 3) authorizing the Natural Resources Division Manager, with the assistance of the Tribal Attorney, to finalize and execute said grant, if awarded. **Motion carried 8-0-0.**

■ **Roadside Alder Logging Unit Timber Sale.** Valorie Sheker-Robertson moved, Reyn Leno seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 020-05** approving the sale of timber on the Roadside Alder Logging Unit. The proposed sale of timber involves removing red alder and Douglas-fir timber along 24 miles of road. Timber volume to be harvested is approximately 562 MBF. The minimum bid rate set for this sale is \$406.52/MBF for red alder sawlogs, \$374.35/MBF for Douglas-fir sawlogs, \$17.05/MBF for conifer wood logs and other wood products, and \$14.09/MBF for hardwood wood logs and other wood products. **Motion carried 8-0-0.**

■ **Eadcalla Thin Logging Unit Timber Sale.** June Sell-Sherer moved, Valorie Sheker-Robertson seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 021-05** approving the sale of timber on the Eadcalla Thin Logging Unit. The proposed sale of timber contains approximately 118.4 acres to be thinned, and 3.1 acres to be clear up harvested. Timber volume to be harvested is approximately 2447 MBF. The minimum bid rate set for this sale is \$402.67/MBF for conifer sawlogs, \$459.71/MBF for red alder and other hardwoods and \$57.32/MBF for conifer wood logs and other wood products. **Motion carried 8-0-0.**

■ **West Fork Logging Unit Timber Sale.** Angie Blackwell moved, Reyn Leno seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 022-05** approving the sale of timber on the West Fork Logging Unit. The proposed sale of timber contains approximately 15.7 acres to be clear up harvested. Timber volume to be harvested is approximately 828 MBF. The minimum bid rate set for this sale is \$478.92/MBF for conifer sawlogs, \$393.11/MBF for red alder and other hardwoods and \$67.49/MBF for conifer wood logs and other wood products. **Motion carried 8-0-0.**

■ **Interim Chief Judge and Delegation of Administrative Tasks.** Valorie Robertson moved, Jan D. Reibach seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 023-05** appointing Edmund Clay Goodman as interim Chief Judge of the Tribal Court and delegating all administrative tasks required of the Chief Judge to the Tribal Court Administrator. Discussion followed. **Motion carried 7-0-1. Reyn Leno abstained.**

NOTICES

■ The 21st Annual Oregon Governor's Conference on Tourism "Catch the Dream: Strategies for Converting Dreams to Dollars" is scheduled for April 10-12, 2005, in Pendleton, Oregon.

OTHER BUSINESS

■ A Tribal member sought clarification over the action to appoint an Interim Chief Tribal Court Judge. Discussion followed.

■ A Tribal member stated the following: commented regarding food handling issues at the Grand Ronde C-Store. Commented on Tribal employment at the

Spirit Mountain Casino. Asked about the status of whether a Tribal Veteran, who receives disability payments from the Federal government, could also receive disability payments from the Tribe. Raised concerns over information heard regarding a possible audit by the Federal Government. Tribal Attorney Rob Greene offered to speak to the member individually regarding any information the member may have received. Information could not be offered in a public forum such as this meeting. Finance Officer Larry Kovach advised that the Tribe has not nor is now being audited by the Federal Government.

■ A Tribal member stated the following: sought clarification on the role of the Legislative Action Committee. Chairwoman Kennedy responded that the committee is set-up to hear items initially and to determine whether to bring the action forward for a formal vote at a Tribal Council meeting.

■ A Tribal member stated the following: sought clarification as to the protection regarding employee and contractor salaries. Chairwoman Kennedy advised that Human Resources has rated and classified all employee positions. The information as to salary range under each classification/ranking is posted for the public outside of Human Resources office. Rob Greene, Tribal Attorney, advised that it is up to council whether to release contractor compensation. Historically, council has elected not to release. Chairwoman Kennedy responded that council would take the request under consideration. Suggested that council adopt a code of ethics for Tribal elections.

■ Patti Tom-Martin, Chairwoman of the Health Committee, requested authorization for two Committee members to attend training out-of-state in Nevada. Discussion followed. By consensus of council, approval was given for Anna Hannan and Janet Phillips to attend the training.

■ Bill and Kathy Soderberg, current on-site Directors for the Grand Ronde Community Resources Center (Food Bank), stated that support in the form of food is available to Tribal and community members. Council member Valorie Sheker-Robertson mentioned a \$400 donation made to the Food Bank from the sale of Christmas Trees.

■ A Tribal member sought clarification of the council as to their reasoning in obtaining information from Dr. Stephen Dow Beckham and Dave Brumitt regarding the proposed Tribal Marriage Ordinance amendments. Discussion followed.

■ Patti Tom-Martin read a personal statement on the record regarding the release of a 2003 Grand Ronde Vocational Rehabilitation program internal audit report. Discussion followed. She asked that the document be returned to the Tribe due to the confidential nature of the information disclosed within the report. Discussion followed.

■ A Tribal member shared comments on the proposed amendment to the Tribal Marriage Ordinance before council for consideration.

6:55 p.m. — Valorie Sheker-Robertson moved, Jan D. Reibach seconded to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

OPEN FOR COMMENT

PROPOSED TRIBAL COUNCIL ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office, has proposed amendments to the Tribal Council Ordinance. The first reading of the proposed amendments was conducted at the March 2, 2005, Tribal Council Meeting.

The proposed amendments (1) add a new section setting forth Tribal Council ethics policies and procedures including standards of conduct, drug testing, filing of complaint for violation of such policies, appointment of hearings officer by the Chief Judge of the Tribal Court, investigation and determination of hearings officer, appropriate sanctions for violations, and appeal to Tribal Court; (2) deletes the provision authorizing reprimand of council members; and (3) makes other technical amendments. The proposed amendments include three possible alternatives for when a council member is considered to be representing the Tribe.

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

Comments must be received by May 2, 2005 at 5 p.m.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ELECTION ORDINANCE

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Election Board and the Tribal Attorney's Office, has proposed an amendment to the Election Ordinance. The first reading of the proposed amendment was made at the March 2, 2005, Tribal Council Meeting.

The proposed amendment increases the number of Election Board members from three (3) to five (5). The purpose of the proposed amendment is to provide more coverage by Board members in the Election Board Office during the election season to answer questions from the membership.

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Comments must be received by April 15, 2005 at 5 p.m.

ELECTION BOARD VACANCIES

The Election Board is seeking Tribal members to serve on the Election Board. Positions are open for board members and alternates. Board members and alternates are appointed by Tribal Council and serve two-year terms, unless a shorter term is necessary to provide for staggered terms. Board members must be able to spend some weekday hours in the Election Office during election season. If you are interested in being a board member or an alternate and you or an immediate family member are not planning on being a candidate in the 2005 Tribal Council Election, please send a letter of interest to Nancy Coleman, Election Board Chair, P.O. Box 99, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347.

Deadline is April 15, 2005.