

Tribal Council Actions

Wednesday, March 16, 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, June Sell-Sherer and Wesley "Buddy" West. Excused was Valorie Sheker-Robertson (Personal Leave).

Invocation was done by Jan D. Reibach.

PREVIOUS MINUTES — APPROVE/AMEND

■ Reyn Leno moved, Jan D. Reibach seconded to approve the March 2, 2005, Tribal Council regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried 6-0-1. Angie Blackwell abstained.**

NEW BUSINESS

LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

■ **Health Committee Out-of-State Travel.** Jack Giffen, Jr. moved, Reyn Leno seconded to approve a motion authorizing out-of-state travel for Health Committee members: Janet Phillips and Anna Marie Hannan to attend the Women's Wellness Conference in San Diego, California on April 3-7, 2005. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

■ **Health Committee Out-of-State Travel.** Wesley "Buddy" West moved, Reyn Leno seconded to approve a motion authorizing out-of-state travel for Health Committee member Bernadine Shriver to attend the Falmouth Institute Training on Managing Contract Health Services on March 30-31, 2005, in Las Vegas, Nevada. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

■ **ANA Environmental Grant Application for Steelhead Project.** June Sell-Sherer moved, Jack Giffen, Jr. seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 036-05** authorizing 1) the Tribes application for \$80,254 in ANA Environmental Regulatory grant funding, 2) the provision of \$10,766 in in-kind staff time as match on this grant, 3) the payment of \$9,301 in indirect costs on the grant funded line items in this application, and 4) authorizing the Tribal Council Chairwoman to sign the application documents necessary for funding. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

■ **Nelsons Checker-mallow Management Plan and Conservation Agreement.** Reyn Leno moved, Jack Giffen, Jr. seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 037-05:** 1) approving the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's Nelsons Checker-mallow Management Plan; 2) approving the Conservation Agreement between the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde that would carry out the Tribal checker-mallow management plan; and 3) authorizing the Natural Resources Division Manager, with the assistance of the Tribal Attorney, to finalize and execute said plan and agreement. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

■ **Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) Recreation Grant Application.** Wesley "Buddy" West moved, Reyn Leno seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 038-05:** 1) approving the grant application to the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps for partial funding of the 2005 NRD-OYCC summer youth crews, grant not to exceed \$10,000; 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 7-0-0.**

■ **Grand Ronde Community Methamphetamine Awareness Team.** June Sell-Sherer moved, Angie Blackwell seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 039-05** authorizing and hereby approving the Grand Ronde Community Methamphetamine Awareness Team mission statement and initial implementation plan. Discussion followed. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

■ **UBS Line of Credit.** Jack Giffen, Jr. moved, Reynold L. Leno seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 040-05:** 1) revoking Resolution No. 100-04 and adopting this Resolution in its place; 2) approving an increase in the UBS Bank USA Line of Credit from \$40 million to \$60 million; 3) approving the Amendment and Second Amendment to the Premier Variable Credit Line Agreement; confirming the limited waiver of sovereign immunity approved by Resolution No. 131-02, provided however, that all reference to Washington state courts and King County, Washington are replaced with Oregon state courts and Multnomah County, Oregon respectively; and 4) authorizing the Finance Officer to execute the Amendment and Second Amendment to the Premier Variable Credit Line Agreement and related documents necessary to increase the UBS Bank USA Line of Credit to \$60 million with such changes as he deems necessary and appropriate consistent with this Resolution. Discussion followed. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

■ **Chemawa Station LLC Capital Contribution.** Reyn Leno moved, Jan D. Reibach seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 041-05** authorizing a capital contribution in an amount not to exceed \$1,329,038 to Chemawa Station LLC from the Tribes Fiscal Year 2005 Budget. The amount will fund the initial infrastructure until the property can be put into trust. This a joint venture by Siletz and Grand Ronde Tribes with each Tribe contributing equally. Discussion followed. **Motion carried 6-1-0. Chris Mercier voted no.**

■ **Ft. Yamhill Access Road.** Jan D. Reibach moved, Jack Giffen, Jr. seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 042-05:** 1) authorizing transfer of \$207,400 from the Tribes 2005 Capital Projects Contingency Budget to the Tribal Engineers 2005 Capital Projects Budget for construction of the Ft. Yamhill access road and Lewis & Clark Exhibition site; 2) authorizing the General Manager, with the assistance of the Tribal Attorneys Office and Tribal Engineer, to negotiate and execute amendments to the existing Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Parks Recreation Department (OPRD) regarding the mutual participation in development costs of the access road; 3) directing that reimbursement from OPRD for costs associated with the construction of the access road shall be returned to the Tribes Contingency Budget; 4) granting an easement(s) to OPRD and the Oregon Department of Transportation for public access at no cost, provided, however that OPRD agrees to direct funding equal to the value of the easement \$13,500 to access road improvements; and 5) authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract with Morse Bros. for a not to exceed amount of \$76,680 for manufacture of the pre-cast, pre-stressed concrete bridge decks and

appurtenances. Discussion followed. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

NOTICES

■ Pete Wakeland, Tribal member and Natural Resources Division Manager, announced that the Nelson's Checker-mallow Management Plan approved today has been seven (7) years in the making. Mr. Wakeland thanked his staff and the staff in the Tribal Attorney's office for their hard work.

OTHER BUSINESS

■ A Tribal member commented on the following: **a.** Encouraged the Health & Wellness Director Michael Watkins to also attend the NPAIHB Quarterly Meeting. Chairwoman Kennedy stated that Mr. Watkins is planning to attend. **b.** Encouraged that members of council attend the Western Governors' Association Executive Summit on Indian Gaming. **c.** Thanked the council who met with Joe Hostler, a Tribal member and the Hatfield Fellow, while they were back in Washington, D.C. attending the National Congress of American Indians Winter Session in February. **d.** Stated that since more Tribal youth are getting involved by attending the council meetings, the Tribe needs to become more united, with more accepting of differences of opinions.

■ A Tribal member stated the following: **a.** Asked for dates and places of the Tribal Community meetings. Chairwoman Kennedy read from the *Smoke Signals'* announcement: 1. Sunday, May 1, 2005, in the Grand Ronde Gymnasium and Community Center (combined with the General Council Meeting) at 11 a.m. 2. Thursday, May 5, 2005, in Eugene, Oregon at the Valley River Inn at 6 p.m. 3. Thursday, May 12, 2005, at the Portland Airport Embassy Suites Hotel at 6 p.m. 4. Sunday, May 15, 2005, in Tacoma at the Sheraton Hotel at 11 a.m. [A change in location may arise dependent on council's decision regarding parking at the Hotel.]

b. Thanked the attendees at the Portland General Council for their donations to the St. Jude's Hospital Cancer Research Program. His granddaughter raised more funds than all other students involved.

■ A Tribal member commented on the following: **a.** Expressed concern over an altercation with a Tribal Elder and several Youth. Discussion followed. Chairwoman Kennedy expressed that collaboration and recommendations are needed to prevent such occurrences. Parents and Tribal programs need to be involved in this discussion. **b.** In regards to bids for meals catered during the Annual Grand Ronde Pow-wow, asked if the Tribe generally furnishes the salmon? Natural Resource Department Manager Pete Wakeland responded that it is dependent on that year's salmon run. Generally, the Tribe has been able to provide the salmon for the meals. **c.** Encouraged the Tribe to protect the Endowments for the next generations. **d.** Stated that a Tribal Council member works "24/7" once the oath of office has been given. The job is not just "8 to 5." Chairwoman Kennedy acknowledged that a member works "24/7" and their behavior and conduct should reflect well on our Tribe. Discussion followed.

■ A Tribal member commented on the following: **a.** Stated that Tribal members, who live in Tribal housing, have reported thefts and encouraged Tribe to consider putting deterrents in place to protect personal property. **b.** Encouraged that the Grand Ronde Community Methamphetamine Awareness Team be more proactive than just informational. **c.** Encouraged Tribal Council to attend the Western Governor's Association Executive Summit on Indian Gaming in Denver, Colorado. **d.** Reminded members that Tribal members are invited to attend the Legislative Action Committee meetings on Tuesdays in the Governance Center Council Chambers. Notices are posted on Mondays or contact a staff member of Council.

■ A Tribal member stated the following: **a.** Sought clarification on the policy for out-of-state travel. Finance Officer Larry Kovach advised that the General Manager and Finance Officer approve staff's out-of-state travel. However, the Tribal Council is responsible to approve the Committees and Special Event Board members when they are traveling out-of-state. **b.** Asked the purpose of the Grand Ronde Community Methamphetamine Awareness Team. Council member Angie Blackwell stated that the team is looking at the broad scope at this time. For instance, the Team is looking at prevention methods, grant resources, etc. **c.** Shared comments on the council's work hours.

■ A Tribal member asked that the council consider setting up a committee to hear all issues on the usage of the church property owned by the Tribe. Discussion followed.

■ A Tribal member stated that any incidents of theft or personal attacks need to be reported to a law enforcement officer so that they may address it accordingly.

■ A Tribal youth commented that the youth learn behaviors from the adults and that the Tribal community needs to stick together for the youth. Need to put away our differences.

■ Several Tribal members spoke to the Tribe's cultural belief of being respectful to our Elders. Discussion followed.

■ A Tribal member asked the following: **a.** What services exist for incarcerated or recently released Tribal members? General Manager Cliff Adams stated his staff is working on gathering information and plan to share the findings with the membership shortly. Health Committee Chair Patti Tom-Martin advised that the Committee is also looking into the availability of services. Discussion followed. **b.** Expressed interest in serving as a member on the Tribal Member Review Board. Asked if there is a limit to the number of members in the pool. Chairwoman Kennedy referred the member to Tribal Court for assistance on applying.

■ A Tribal member asked whether the General Council meetings could also be scheduled through the summer. Chairwoman Kennedy stated that the council will take it under advisement.

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