

Tribal Council Actions

Wednesday, August 3, 2005

5 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

■ Angie Blackwell moved, Reyn Leno seconded to approve the July 20, 2005, Tribal Council regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

■ **Tribal Debt Collection Ordinance Enactment.** Jack Giffen moved, Jan D. Reibach seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 115-05** enacting the Tribal Debt Collection Ordinance which, among other things: 1) requires the creation of a Debtor List of Tribal members currently indebted to the Tribe and its entities; 2) requires notice of outstanding debt be given to members on the Debtor list and provides an opportunity for administrative review of such debt; 3) outlines the appeal process to Tribal Court; 4) provides an opportunity for members to enter into a payment plan for repayment of debt; and 5) provides for staged implementation in which the total amount withheld from a Debtor's share of any 2005 Gaming Per Capita Payment shall not exceed 50 percent of such payment. Discussion followed. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

■ **Enrollment Infant Determinations.** Angie Blackwell moved, Reyn Leno seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 116-05** approving five (5) infants numbered #5491 through #5495 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. **Motion carried 6-0-1.** Wesley "Buddy" West abstained.

■ **Enrollment Infant Denial.** Jack Giffen, Jr. moved, Wesley "Buddy" West seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 117-05** denying membership to infant, John Doe (date of birth 2-19-05), because, based on the investigation and recommendation of the Enrollment staff, the applicant does not meet the enrollment requirements under the Tribal Constitution and the Enrollment Ordinance. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

■ **BIA 2 percent Transportation Planning Funding Request.** June Sell-Sherer moved, Jan D. Reibach seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 118-05:** 1) requesting 638 contracting for the final \$1,505 of its FY 2004 2 percent BIA Transportation Planning Funds and for all of its FY2005 2 percent BIA Transportation Planning funds; 2) authorizing the use of these funds for the Grand Ronde Road construction project north of Highway 18 as described in the attached scope of work and budget; and 3) authorizing the Tribal Council Chairwoman or, in her absence, the Tribal Council Vice-Chairman to execute all documents required for these funds. Discussion followed. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

■ **BPA Utility Pole Relocation.** Jan D. Reibach moved, Chris Mercier seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 119-05:** 1) approving an agreement between the Tribe, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians for relocation of a utility pole at the Chemawa Station property, including the construction of a traffic barrier for the pole, and 2) authorizing the General Manager, with the assistance of the Tribal Attorney, to finalize and execute said agreement. Chemawa Station LLC will compensate the Tribe for the costs incurred to perform this agreement. Discussion followed. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

■ **Education Scholarships Additional Funding.** Reyn Leno moved, Jack Giffen, Jr. seconded to adopt a motion approving additional funding in the amount of \$32,000 for Calendar Year 2005 to fund additional education scholarships for Tribal members. Discussion followed. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

■ **SMGI's Interim General Manager Retroactive Compensation.** Angie Blackwell moved, Reyn Leno seconded to adopt a **Resolution No. 120-05** approving the proposed retroactive payment to Mike Larsen in consideration for his services as Interim General Manager for Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. Discussion followed. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

■ **SMGI's Audit Director Compensation.** Jack Giffen, Jr. moved, Jan

D. Reibach seconded to adopt a **Resolution No. 121-05** approving a merit increase to the compensation of the Audit Director for Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc., as recommended by the Spirit Mountain Gaming Board of Directors. Discussion followed. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

■ **SMGI's Guest Services Director Compensation.** Jack Giffen, Jr., Reyn Leno seconded to adopt a **Resolution No. 122-05** approving the proposed starting salary, relocation costs, and temporary housing expenses for the Guest Services Director for Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc., as recommended by the Spirit Mountain Gaming Board of Directors. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

■ **Enrollment Requirements Ad-Hoc Committee Appointments.** Wesley "Buddy" West moved, June Sell-Sherer seconded to adopt a **Resolution No. 123-05** appointing Enrollment Requirements Ad-Hoc Committee members and alternates. *Members:* Marilyn Portwood, Barbara Feehan, Evelyn Quenelle, Charles G. Haller II, Deborah Larsen, Jessica Brann, Khani Schultz, Christine Contreras and Ken Trevino. *Alternates:* Diana Norton, Duane Wheeler and Nancy Renfrow. Discussion followed. **Motion carried 7-0-0.** * A Tribal member asked whether the names of those whom applied but were not selected be recorded on the records of the council minutes. By consensus of council present, candidates not selected to the Ad-Hoc Committee will be contacted to obtain their authorization to enter their names on the recorded minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS

■ A Tribal member asked whether another candidate forum could be arranged prior to the elections in September. Chairwoman Kennedy stated there are no plans to hold another Candidate forum this year. Council member Blackwell announced that several of the candidates are holding group meetings around the Grand Ronde Pow-wow this year. Contact any one of the candidates for more information. In addition, the member advised that there exists a statute of an owl at Spirit Mountain Casino which, she feels is offensive to Native Americans. Council will look into the matter per Chairwoman Kennedy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians 52nd Annual Conference and Elections is scheduled for September 19-22, 2005, in Worley, Idaho. Registration and room arrangements need to be made. **Jack Giffen, Jr., Jan D. Reibach and Wesley "Buddy" West plan to attend.**

■ Oregon Native American Chamber of Commerce is holding a fundraiser on October 1, 2005. Cost per ticket \$75. Tickets available through the Oregon Native American Chamber of Commerce at 503-654-2138.

■ National Congress of American Indians 62nd Annual Conference and Elections is scheduled for October 30 through November 4, 2005, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Registration, airline, and room arrangements need to be made. **Jack Giffen, Jr., Jan D. Reibach, and Wesley "Buddy" West plan to attend.**

NOTICES

■ Procession of Nations is scheduled for Friday, September 23, 2005, at the Willamette University campus to welcome the Maori people of Aotearoa/New Zealand visiting Oregon the exhibition: Toi Maori: the Eternal Thread. The procession is to begin at 4 p.m. culminating in a ceremonial opening of the exhibition at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art. Further information is available from Rebecca Dobkins, Curator of Native American Art at the Museum.

■ Director of Operations Chris Leno introduced the new Tribal Education Manager Jackie Grant.

■ Acting Culture Resources Division Manager Tony A. Johnson announced the successful completion by members of Grand Ronde and Chinook Tribes canoe journey. The journey took the paddlers through various communities in the state of Washington.

OTHER BUSINESS (RESUMED):

■ Patti Tom-Martin, Chair of the Tribe's Health Committee, apologized to the council for inadvertently missing their scheduled Quarterly Update with council and sought authorization to reschedule at another time. Council directed Ms. Martin to contact Lauri A. Smith to reschedule the meeting.

6:12 p.m. — Jack Giffen, Jr. moved, Angie Blackwell seconded to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

5:07 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 Jan D. Reibach.

PREVIOUS MINUTES — APPROVE/AMEND

■ Jack Giffen, Jr. moved, Reyn Leno seconded to approve the August 03, 2005, Tribal Council regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried 7-0-1.**

Valorie Sheker-Robertson abstained.

SPECIAL REQUEST HEARD

■ Jim Willis of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Salem, Oregon and a member of the American Legion Post 10 [Air Force] in Albany, Oregon presented the Commander Accommodation Award to council member Jan D. Reibach and one to Spirit Mountain Casino employee James Gutierrez. Also, in attendance were Paula

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