

# Tribal Council Actions

## Wednesday, October 12, 2005

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

Present was Jack Giffen, Jr., Cheryle Kennedy, Reyn Leno, Chris Mercier, Wink Soderberg and Wesley "Buddy" West.

Excused was Angie Blackwell (Business Travel), Jan D. Reibach (Personal Leave), Kathleen Tom (Personal Leave).

Invocation was done by Wesley "Buddy" West.

### PREVIOUS MINUTES — APPROVE/AMEND

■ Reyn Leno moved, Jack Giffen, Jr. seconded to approve the September 28, 2005, Tribal Council regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried 5-0-0.**

### NEW BUSINESS

#### LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

■ **NCAI Delegate/Alternate & Tribal Membership Dues.** Jack Giffen, Jr. moved, Reyn Leno seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 155-05:** 1) authorizing the Tribal Council Chairwoman to take the necessary action to place the Tribe in membership in National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in the amount of \$5000, based on the NCAI By-laws; and 2) appointing Jan D. Reibach as delegate and the remaining Tribal Council members as alternate(s) to NCAI, and instructing them to become individual members in good standing in NCAI for 2005/2006 in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates to NCAI at their Annual, Executive Council, Winter, and Mid-Year sessions. **Motion carried 5-0-0.**

■ **Grand Ronde Pedestrian Safety Project/Land Dedication.** Wesley "Buddy" West moved, Reyn Leno seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 156-05:** 1) authorizing the transfer of a portion of the AGZ property (as described on Exhibit A) to Yamhill County as presented by Tribal Lands Department staff; and 2) authorizing the Tribal Council Chairwoman, with the assistance of the Tribal Attorney's office, to finalize and execute the required documents. **Motion carried 5-0-0.**

■ **Royalty Special Event Board Appointment.** Reyn Leno moved, Jack Giffen, Jr. seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 157-05** appointing Valorie Sheker-Robertson to serve on the Royalty Special Event Board for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2007. **Motion carried 5-0-0.**

■ **Elders' Committee Appointments.** Wesley "Buddy" West moved, Wink Soderberg seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 158-05** appointing the following Elders to fill vacancies on the Elders' Committee: Jessie Brann to serve the remainder of Ruth Rickard's term expiring December 31, 2006; Val Grout to serve the remainder of Ruby Bigoni's term expiring December 31, 2005; and Beryle Contreras to serve the remainder of Arlene Beck's term expiring December 31, 2005. **Motion carried 4-0-1. Jack Giffen, Jr. abstained.**

■ **Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance Appointments.** Jack Giffen, Jr. moved, Wesley "Buddy" West seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 159-05** appointing Angie Blackwell as the Tribal Council representative, and Chris Mercier as the alternate representative for the Tribe with Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance. **Motion carried 4-0-1. Chris Mercier abstained.**

■ **Chemawa Station, LLC Board of Directors Appointment.** Wesley "Buddy" West moved, Wink Soderberg seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 160-05** appointing Jack Giffen, Jr. to serve on the Chemawa Station LLC Board of Directors, to fill a vacancy created by Reyn Leno's resignation. **Motion carried 4-0-1. Jack Giffen, Jr. abstained.**

■ **Spirit Mountain Logistics LLC Manager Appointment.** Reyn Leno moved, Jack Giffen, Jr. seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 161-05** appointing Chris Leno as Manager of Spirit Mountain Logistics, LLC to replace Cliff Adams. **Motion carried 5-0-0.**

■ **Round Valley LLC Interim General Manager Appointment.** Wesley "Buddy" West moved, Wink Soderberg seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 162-05** appointing Chris Leno as Interim General Manager of Round Valley LLC to replace Cliff Adams. **Motion carried 5-0-0.**

■ **Tribal Youth Program Funding Cooperative Agreement.** Jack Giffen, Jr. moved, Wesley "Buddy" West seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 163-05:** 1) authorizing entering into a cooperative agreement with the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Pre-

vention for \$224,910 in Tribal Youth Program funding; and 2) authorizing the Tribal Council Chairwoman or, in her absence, the Vice-Chairwoman, to execute the agreement. Discussion followed. **Motion carried 5-0-0.**

■ **UBS Bank USA Line of Credit Transactions Authorized Signatures Amendment.** Reyn Leno moved, Wink Soderberg seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 164-05** updating the authorized signatures for the Tribe's UBS Bank USA Line of Credit Transactions. **Motion carried 4-0-1. Chris Mercier abstained.**

■ **Tribal Investment Accounts Authorized Signatures Amendment.** Wink Soderberg moved, Reyn Leno seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 165-05** updating the authorized signatures for the Tribal investment accounts. **Motion carried 4-0-1. Chris Mercier abstained.**

### REMINDERS

(Council attending listed in bold and italics)

■ The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians is celebrating the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Restoration on Saturday, November 19, 2005. The celebration will be held at Chinook Winds Casino & Convention Center in Lincoln City, Oregon beginning at 11 a.m. **Several members of council plan to attend.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN GRAND RONDE

■ Grand Ronde Restoration Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, November 20, 2005. Meal schedule to be served from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Spirit Mountain Casino in the Bingo Hall with Grand Entry to follow at 3 p.m. For more information, please contact Dakota Whitecloud 1-800-422-0232 ext. 1309 or Jackie Provost at 503-879-7724.

### ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Natural Resources Manager Pete Wakeland advised that there are no plans to relocate Elk from the reservation lands. The Bureau of Land Management is considering relocating elk grazing in the Mount St. Helens area.

### OTHER BUSINESS

■ Wesley "Buddy" West moved, Jack Giffen, Jr. seconded to approve out-of-state travel for Gene LaBonte and Marshall "Tall Eagle" Serna, members of the Veterans Special Event Board to travel to the National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Discussion followed. **Motion carried 5-0-0.**

■ Wesley "Buddy" West moved, Reyn Leno seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 166-05** authorizing the transfer of funds totaling \$286,000 from contingency funds for additional costs of construction for the Grand Ronde Elder Treatment Facility Project, and that this resolution shall remain in full force and effect until the project has reached completion. **Motion carried 4-1-0. Chris Mercier voted no.**

■ Val Grout #268: Announced that the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians have regained some of their restored land. She asked if council would consider sending a gift in recognition of the event. Asked whether the Wilma Mankiller event hosted by the University of Oregon is open to the public and if Tribal Elders' could attend. Councilwoman Kennedy stated the event is open to the public. The Elders need only to approve the travel, if funds are available in their budget. Commented on the article in the Sheridan Sun dated October 11, 2005, titled "School district loses \$3 million in Tribal land" and an editorial by George Robertson, owner, titled "Bond vote is an uphill battle." Council member West advised a response is being prepared by the Tribe's Public Affairs Director, Siobahn Taylor. Council Secretary Mercier inquired whether any one present was contacted for comments on the article/editorial. No response was given. Asked council to approve Elders travel to Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and/or National Congress of American Indian conferences. Councilwoman Kennedy encouraged attendance when funds available in the Elder's budget to cover travel arrangements/expenses. The Elder's Committee may wish to add funds to their proposed 2006 calendar budget. Encouraged the family that has signs posted on their property located on Highway 18 to remove them.

5:40 p.m. — Jan D. Reibach moved, Angie Blackwell seconded to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Carried.**



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**Tribal Elder Honored** — Tribal Elder and former Tribal Council member Val Grout was recently honored by family and friends for her years of hard work and dedication to the Tribe and the Grand Ronde Community.



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**Family** — Tribal members Laurisa Logan (left) and Kyoni Mercier share a light-hearted moment at Family Night held at the Youth Education Building on Tuesday, November 8. For more information on Family Nights call 503-879-2143.