

Tribal Council Actions

Friday, December 9, 2005 Special Meeting

3:33 p.m. — Meeting was called to order by Tribal Council Vice-Chairperson, Angie Blackwell. A quorum was present.

Present was Angie Blackwell, Chris Mercier, Reyn Leno, Jan D. Reibach, Wink Soderberg and Kathleen Tom.

Excused was Cheryle Kennedy (personal leave), Jack Giffen, Jr. (travel), and Wesley "Buddy" West (personal leave).

Invocation was done by Jan D. Reibach.

NEW BUSINESS

Friday, December 14, 2005

4:04 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, Kathleen Tom, Wink Soderberg and Wesley "Buddy" West.

Invocation was done by Jan D. Reibach.

PREVIOUS MINUTES — APPROVE/AMEND

■ Reyn Leno moved, Wink Soderberg seconded to approve the December 7, 2005, Tribal Council regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried 6-0-2. Angie Blackwell and Chris Mercier abstained.**

■ Chris Mercier moved, Angie Blackwell seconded to approve the December 9, 2005, Tribal Council special meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried 6-0-2. Jack Giffen, Jr. and Wesley "Buddy" West abstained.**

NEW BUSINESS

LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

■ **2006 Compensation Plan Approval.** Angie Blackwell moved, Reyn Leno seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 194-05** approving the 2006 compensation plan for Tribal Government. Discussion followed. **Motion carried 6-1-1. Kathleen Tom voted no. Chris Mercier abstained from voting.**

■ **Authorization to Pay Attorney's Fees & Costs to Jan D. Reibach.** Jack Giffen, Jr. moved, Reynold L. Leno seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 195-05** authorizing the Tribe's Finance Officer to pay the attorney's fees in the amount of \$4,361.88, which were incurred by Jan D. Reibach in defending himself against lawsuits filed by Ed Pearsall in Tribal Court. Discussion followed. Valorie Sheker Robertson #2236 asked for a roll call vote. By full consensus of council a roll call vote was taken by the Recording Secretary, Lauri A. Smith. **Wesley "Buddy" West, Jack Giffen, Jr., Chris Mercier, Angie Blackwell, Reyn Leno and Wink Soderberg voted yes. Kathleen Tom and Jan D. Reibach abstained. Motion carried 6-0-2.**

■ **Authorization to Pay Attorney's Fees & Costs to Bob Haller.** Jack Giffen, Jr. moved, Reyn Leno seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 196-05** authorizing the Tribe's Finance Officer to pay the attorney's fees in the amount of \$4,361.88, which were incurred by Bob Haller in defending himself against lawsuits filed by Ed Pearsall in Tribal Court. Valorie Sheker Robertson #2236 asked for a roll call vote. By full consensus of council a roll call vote was taken by the Recording Secretary, Lauri A. Smith. **Wesley "Buddy" West, Jack Giffen, Jr., Chris Mercier, Angie Blackwell, Reyn Leno and Wink Soderberg voted yes. Kathleen Tom and Jan D. Reibach abstained. Motion carried 6-0-2.**

Discussion followed:

■ June Sell-Sherer #735 asked that the council members who abstained, please state their reasoning. Council member Kathleen Tom stated that the discussion begun prior to her elections to council and therefore, chose to abstain. Council member Jan D. Reibach advised that since Bob and he had hired the same attorney to handle their respective cases, he therefore elected to abstain from voting.

■ Valorie Sheker Robertson #2236 asked the council as to why the Finance Officer and not the Risk Manager is directed to pay the attorney fees. Council Chairwoman Kennedy responded that the Risk Manager's position falls under the oversight of the Finance Officer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminders (*Council Members attending... Listed in Bold/Italics*)

■ Doernbecher Children's Hospital extends an invitation to the Tribe to the Grand Opening Celebration for their new Safety Center which has been re-scheduled for 12 p.m. on January 17, 2006. **Cheryle Kennedy, Jan D. Reibach, Jack Giffen, Jr., Angie Blackwell and Kathleen Tom**

■ Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Government's Annual Meeting and Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2006, from 6-9 p.m. at the Roth's Hospitality Center, Oregon Room in West Salem. The keynote address is to be delivered by Mr. Ray Naff, Governor Kulongoski's Director of Intergovernmental Relations. RSVP requested before January 18, 2006. **Kathleen Tom**

NOTICES

■ NIGA 2006 Winter Legislative Summit is scheduled for January 31, 2006 through February 1, 2006 in Washington, D.C. Rooms, registration, and air-line arrangements need to be made. **Jack Giffen, Jr., Reyn Leno, Jan D. Reibach and Wink Soderberg**

■ National Indian Gaming Commission Chairman Phil Hogan proposes to meet with Self-regulated Tribes in Portland, Oregon at 1:00 pm on January 24, 2006. More information to follow. **Angie Blackwell, Jack Giffen Jr., Cheryle**

LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

■ **2005 Contingency Budget Fund Transfer to Member Benefit/Gaming Budget.** Reyn Leno moved, Wink Soderberg seconded to adopt **Resolution #193-05** authorizing the Finance Officer to transfer up to \$1,500,000 from the CY2005 Contingency Budget to the Member Benefit/Gaming Budget cost center to be used for the 2005 Gaming Per Capita payment.

3:35 p.m. — Reyn Leno moved, Wink Soderberg seconded to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Kennedy, Reyn Leno

OTHER BUSINESS

■ June Sell-Sherer #735 asked for clarification of council's action regarding a Tribal Council Record of Instructions on CY2005 per capita percentage allocation distribution directions. Council member Chris Mercier read for the record: The Tribal Council shall make an allocation percentage allocation under the Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan each year. For 2005, this percentage is recommended to be set at 31.32% of net revenues from Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. (2005 allocation percentage of 31.32% is a change and needs Tribal Council approval) Recommendation of council present at the meeting is as follows: 1. Angie Blackwell, Jack Giffen Jr., Reynold L. Leno, Jan D. Reibach, and Wink Soderberg recommended 31.32%. 2. Kathleen Tom and Wesley "Buddy" West recommended 33%. Discussion followed.

■ Valorie Sheker Robertson #2236 stated the following: 1. Offered any assistance in meal preparation/serving for the family of Marlo George. 2. Was the reasoning behind the lowered per capita distribution this year due to loan payments on the Spirit Mountain Lodge expansion? Council Chairwoman Kennedy advised that the loan payment on the Lodge was involved. The loan is anticipated for repayment by CY2007. Discussion followed.

■ Les McKnight #510 asked how much Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. made last year. Angie Blackwell moved, Jack Giffen, Jr. seconded move to an executive session at 4:25 p.m. Angie Blackwell moved, Jack Giffen, Jr. seconded to return from executive session at 4:40 p.m.

■ Betty Bly #3544 asked whether the applications for Adult Foster Care are being taken. Referred to the Health & Wellness Center Executive Director Michael Watkins for the information.

4:45 p.m. — Reyn Leno moved, Angie Blackwell seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

Prominent Tribal Leader Rudy Clements Passes Away



Photo by Toby McClary

Story Courtesy of the Associated Press
Bend — Warren Rudy Clements, the leader of economic development and the longtime public face for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, passed away at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. He was 69.

The cause of death was complications from diabetes, according to a statement from the Tribes.

During three decades working for the Tribes, Clements served as the municipal manager, the manager of Employee Development Department and the first director of the

Warm Springs community center. Most recently, Clements served as Director of Tribal Relations and was one of the leaders of the Tribes' effort to build a new casino at Cascade Locks.

"He's going to be missed in a lot of different ways," said Jody Calica, Secretary-Treasurer for the Tribes. "We're going to have to look awfully hard to find some of the leadership Rudy provided." Clements was born on the Reservation on June 10, 1936, the oldest son of Bart and Helen McCorkle Clements. He was among the first in his Tribe to graduate from college, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Eastern Oregon University.

Clements served on numerous state and local boards and helped then state Sen. Vic Atiyeh create the Legislative Commission on Indian Affairs in 1975.

Atiyeh, who later became governor, said Thursday that Clements always was there when something important needed to be done.

He said Clements was a jovial man, and the pair kept in touch regularly.

Clements is survived by his wife of 47 years, Anna Queahpama Clements; brothers George, Mike and Grant Clements; one granddaughter Shayla Frank and one great grandson, Jake Frank.