

Tribal Council Actions

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

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age. Vice-Chair Blackwell, who sits on the Chemawa Station Board LLC, stated that the Tribe is committed to an infrastructure time frame only at this point. No decisions have been made on development. The project is mainly proceeding in phases per council member Jan D. Reibach. A conceptual drawing of the project has appeared in the Tribes' newspaper, *Smoke Signals*. 4. Will the membership be offered training to obtain any of the open positions? Councilwoman Kennedy advised that the Tribe has several programs to providing job skills to the membership. On March 24 there will be a Career Fair for Native Americans at the Siletz Tribal Office and Tangent facility, per Denise Harvey, Mentorship Program Manager. Transportation will be available for those needing a ride to either site.

■ **Yolanda Catabay #3424** made the following remarks: 1. Concerned over whether the vacancies on the Tribes' Committees and Special Event Boards were open to all Tribal members and whether there is a notice requirement to alert members on any vacancies. Councilwoman Kennedy stated that all Tribal members are eligible to apply to fill any open vacancies. Vice-Chair Blackwell advised that this year the council considered all applications not merely recommendations to fill the vacancies. 2. Encouraged more efforts by the Tribe to meet the needs of area food banks. Discussion followed. Per Chairwoman Kennedy, currently, the Tribe and Spirit Mountain Community Fund (SMCF) have provided funding for the Grand Ronde Community Resource Center (GRCRC) and SMCF has granted funds to area community food banks (i.e. Sheridan). The council receives a monthly report regarding inventory at GRCRC.

■ **Marcella Selwyn #1721** and **Marilee Norwest-Davis #1530** raised concerns over the service received by their sister recently at the Health & Wellness Center. Councilwoman Kennedy cautioned the Tribal members that this was a public forum and that medical matters are confidential. They asked to be heard. Discussion followed. Councilwoman Kennedy directed Chris Leno, the Interim General Manager to set up a meeting with them. In addition, to ask that Michael Watkins,

Director of Health & Wellness and Dr. Diane Pratt attend this meeting. Councilwoman Kennedy advised that their sister would need to sign a release so that her specific medical information can be discussed outside of her presence at this meeting.

■ **Marcella Selwyn #1721** raised concerns regarding service received by her son also at the Health & Wellness Center. Chris Leno, Interim General Manager will also review this matter with the Director of Health & Wellness Michael Watkins and staff.

■ **Betty Bly #3534** made the following remarks: 1. Shared comments on services her granddaughter received at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center. 2. Asked whether the appointments to the Health Committee were from recommendations by the committee or by Tribal Council's decision. Dakota Whitecloud, Tribal Council Relations Coordinator responded that council received many recommendations from committee and Special Event Boards over a period of time. Council then saw all applications and made their selections. 3. How will the Enrollment Requirement Ad-Hoc Committee be filling their vacancies, by recommendation to council or will council decide. Councilwoman Kennedy advised that notice was published in the February 1, 2006, issue of *Smoke Signals*, applications to be returned to Dakota Whitecloud, who will turn over the applications to the committee for consideration then council will wait for recommendations from the committee. Appointment(s) to the committee will be finalized at a regular Tribal Council meeting.

■ **Maxine Rock #1173** sought clarification as to why a new chair of the council is elected every three years and not for life as some Tribes. Councilwoman Kennedy stated this required by the constitution adopted by the Tribe.

■ **Marilee Norwest-Davis #1530** stated concern over services received by her daughter at Spirit Mountain Casino's Human Resources department. Ron Hudson, Tribal member and employee of the Tribe, stated that concern had been addressed and that her daughter may begin work with out waiting for orientation to be held first.

6:35 p.m. — Jan D. Reibach moved, Angie Blackwell seconded to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Grand Ronde Energy Fair Held At The Community Center Wednesday, March 29 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

- ◆ Don Coon, GRTHA Home Improvement Specialist will talk about what the Grand Ronde Weatherization Program offers to Tribal members and a representative from CTGR will advise on utility bill payment assistance offered by the Tribe.
- ◆ Alisa Ray of the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency will talk about how changing behaviors in and around your home can save you money on your energy bills.
- ◆ Scott Hansen, Low-Income Native American Energy Coordinator will inform eligible Tribal members on how to access BPA funds for energy saving projects, and offer information on energy saving tips, energy tax credits and appliance rebates and energy efficiency improvements.
- ◆ Tom Beverly of the Oregon Energy Trust will talk about what they have to offer to assist Tribal members in energy saving projects for ALL income levels.
- ◆ Dan Elliot of the Oregon Department & Community Services will talk on state programs; energy conservation programs, renewable energy, energy saving tips, programs for low-income, tax credits and rebate incentives for all income levels.

**Come and gather handouts, useful information and
ways to save money on your energy bills.**

Is your utility bill high while your residence is cold?
Do you have cold spots?
Are you worried about mold?
Are you concerned about your energy use or heat loss management?
Not low-income? You can still get weatherization help, find out how.
Can a family of 4 with an annual income of \$36,964 qualify for help?
Is your residence more than 20 years old? We can help you save!
Learn more about programs that will assist you.

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