

Council sets May 5 General Council agenda

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Tribal members who attend the May 5 General Council meeting at the Valley River Inn in Eugene will hear a program report from Tribal Economic Development Director Titu Asghar.

Tribal Council approved the agenda at its Wednesday, April 24, meeting.

Asghar will brief the general membership on the Tribe's purchase of Shasta Administrative Services in Redmond in 2012 and recent investment in Sam Medical Products in Wilsonville.

The General Council meeting will start at 11 a.m.

In other action on April 24, Tribal Council:

- Appointed Tribal Council member Jon A. George as the delegate to the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments and all remaining Tribal Council members as alternates;
- Authorized the Economic Development Department to file documents with the state to form Ilihi, LLC, for the purpose of expanding economic development into the sustainable plastics industry;
- Approved issuing a Tribal credit card for Human Resources Department Manager Connie Holmes;
- Approved applying to the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps for a grant not to exceed \$16,500 to help fund the Natural Resource Department's summer youth

crew;

- Approved an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant agreement for technical assistance and OK'd submitting an application for a Performance Partnership grant to the Environmental Protection Agency;
- Re-appointed Sharon Hanson, Joann Mercier and Michael Mercier to the Tribal Election Board and re-appointed Janet Giddings and appointed Kimberly Campbell as alternates;
- And approved one infant enrollment into the Tribe.

The April 24 Tribal Council packet also included a staff directive regarding proposed amendments to the Tribal Council Ordinance. Eight Tribal Council members approved bringing the amendments forward to Legislative Action Committee.

The amendments would authorize issuing General Services Administration cards to Tribal Council members for appropriate travel expenses and requires Tribal Council to discuss any allegations that a fellow council member was intoxicated or under the influence of drugs while conducting or traveling on Tribal business. It also requires Tribal Council members to report when they are taking prescription medications that may impair their judgment.


The amendments were advertised twice in *Smoke Signals* with comments due by March 31. None were received. ■

Shadowing




Photo by Michelle Alaimo

The Tribe held a "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work" Day on Thursday, April 25. The day included a welcome from Tribal Council, watching the Tribe's 25th Restoration video, facility tours, recreation activities and a cultural presentation in addition to the youths shadowing their parents at their respective work sites. Tribal 477 Employment & Training Supervisor Leslie Riggs brought his 13-year-old daughter, Kennedy Aronson, to work with him. "I thought it was important to expose her to the working day," he said. "I also thought it was a good opportunity for her to better understand what it is like to work for the Tribe." Nya Ainam, 6, answers questions as she sits in the witness stand during a tour of Tribal Court. Behind her Audrey Mercier, 8, tries out the judge's chair and Anesia Ainam, 8, waits for her chance in the chair. Other youth who took part in the day were Dominic Holtz, 9 and Grave Gibbons After Buffalo, 12.



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Speaking for Children



I am for the child

Belonging

- I am for the child feeling a sense of belonging in the Grand Ronde Tribe
- I am for the child fostering a sense of belonging in others
- I am for the child having the desire to maintain and enhance their belonging within the Grand Ronde Tribe for their entire life

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