

Council makes appointments to Tribally owned corporations

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In reaction to the April 12 resignation of Economic Development Director Titu Asghar, Tribal Council removed his name as a manager of numerous Tribal corporations and appointed other Tribal employees to those positions during its Wednesday, May 4, meeting.

Tribal Council voted to appoint General Manager David Fullerton as manager of Iskum LLC, which owns and operates Cherry City Shopping Center in Salem, as well as manager of Dakta LLC, through which the Tribe has invested in SAM Medical Products in Wilsonville.

Fullerton also was appointed to oversee the dissolution of Dakta II LLC, which was created to expand the Tribe’s economic development efforts in the health industry but has always been inactive.

Tribal Finance Officer Chris Leno was named manager of Huy Huy LLC, which owns 51 percent of Lamatsin LLC, the company through which the Tribe co-owns Shasta Administrative Services in Redmond, as well as manager of Ilihi LLC, which continues to seek collection of MicroGREEN accounts receivable.

Asghar worked for the Tribe for more than five years, having started as Economic Development director in January 2011.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved the transfer of the allocation of stored water from the previous owners of Chahalpam on the North Santiam River to the Tribe;
- Approved an amendment to the Tribal Marriage Ordinance that would allow a wedding ceremony using a Tribally issued marriage license to take place anywhere in Oregon instead of just on the Tribal Reservation;
- Adopted an amendment to the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance that provides that the TERO Commission can have from three to five members;
- Awarded an \$118,485 contract to Cearley Construction of Estacada to build bleachers at Uyxat Powwow Grounds;
- Approved a contract not to exceed \$140,000 to remove dilapidated structures and relocate fences on the Chankawan property in Marion County. The funds are being provided by Bonneville Power Administration;
- Approved the enrollment of three infants into the Tribe because they satisfy the requirements outlined in the Enrollment Ordinance and Tribal Constitution.

Also included in the May 4 Tribal Council packet was a list of staff directives that approved live audio streaming of Tribal Council work sessions, authorized staff to further evaluate and work on a community pool project and designated the Tribe’s Social and Economic Assessment Survey summary as a public document that can be shared with the membership.

Tribal Council member Jon A. George, Cultural Outreach Coordinator Bobby Mercier and Public Affairs Administrative Assistant Chelsea Clark performed the cultural drumming and singing to open the meeting.

The meeting, in its entirety, can be viewed on the Tribal website at www.grandronde.org by clicking on the News tab and then Video. ■

Visiting Beavers



Photo by Brent Merrill

From left, Robert Kneeland, Kaitlyn Kohlenberg, Natalie Vega-Juarez and Benjamin Lacey, students from Oregon State University in Corvallis, visited with members of the Grand Ronde Tribal Council in council chambers on Thursday, April 28. The students are taking a class titled “Native American Assimilation and Activism” and learning about Native activism in regards to land, culture, art and histories. They also visited Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center during their visit to Grand Ronde.

Notice of Indian Community Development Block Grant Opportunity

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is soliciting for Tribes to submit applications for this year’s Indian Community Development Block Grant competition. The grant can be for up to \$500,000 and requires that a 25 percent cost share be paid by the Tribe (for full points). Projects must serve a predominately low-moderate income population. Eligible uses include public facilities and improvements, housing rehabilitation, land for housing developments, homeownership assistance, economic development and microenterprise programs. Some project suggestions have already been received. Past projects HUD selected for funding at Grand Ronde include the Food Bank, Police Station and an addition to the Preschool/Early Childhood Education Building. If you want to suggest a project, please e-mail or call Planning and Grants Manager Kim Rogers at 503-879-2250, kim.rogers@grandronde.org, by 10 a.m. Thursday, May 19, 2016. ■



Where: Grassy field across from Governance

Time: 10 a.m. Fun Walk

11 a.m. Family Field Games

12 p.m. Lunch

Please join us for the first annual Nutrition Program Fun Walk and Field Day. We will be outside moving having fun and eating healthy. There will be information booths from different departments, and Member Services will be available for tribal ids.

***Can food and school supplies will be accepted for our local food bank and clothes closet.**

Gambling & Family Movie Prevention Game Night

HAVE JOINED TOGETHER FOR AN EPIC NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT

Sponsored by The Youth Prevention Team

Place: CTGR Tribal Gym

Date: Friday, May 20th, 2016

Time: 5:15PM - 9:00PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AWESOME DINNER, BOARD GAMES, DOOR PRIZES AND DESSERT

Contact
Shannon Stanton 503-879-1489

OR
Andrea Verduzco 503-879-2162
FOR MORE DETAILS

Thank you for respecting our Grand Ronde Community & Culture by not displaying gang affiliation and by not bringing drugs, alcohol or weapons to this event.

NO SMOKING WITHIN 10 FEET OF THE ENTRANCE
AND PLEASE DISPOSE OF ALL CIGARETTE BUTTS SAFELY AND PROPERLY