

# General Council briefed on '16 capital improvement projects

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The Grand Ronde Tribe has made more than \$3.67 million in improvements to the Tribal campus and Reservation during 2016, said Engineering and Public Works Manager Jesse White during the Sunday, Dec. 4, General Council meeting held in the Tribal Community Center.

The projects ranged from construction of a new Tribal police station on Grand Ronde Road to completing road repairs on the Reservation to installing bleachers at Uyxat Powwow Grounds off Hebo Road.

White's 17-minute presentation started with an overview of the 4,400-square-foot police station that he said should be complete this month with a grand opening set for early January. The station is replacing a cramped modular adjacent to Spirit Mountain Casino.

"This is a much-needed facility for our Tribal police force," White said.

The station costs \$1.163 million and was mostly funded through



**Tribal Engineering and Public Works Manager Jesse White gives an update on the Tribe's 2016 capital improvement projects during the General Council meeting held in the Tribal Community Center on Sunday, Dec. 4.**

funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Department of Justice.

White said a recent expansion of storage for Tribal Archives will expand capacity from 3,000 boxes to 6,000 boxes. The mobile storage unit was donated by SAIF Corp. and cost \$86,180 to move and in-



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**Jeremy Anderson, a carpenter/installer with Salem Wood Products, installs a cabinet in the conference room of the new Tribal police station, which is near completion, on Monday, Dec. 12.**

stall. However, the unit is valued at more than \$300,000.

"Last year, Archives was nearing capacity and needed to find a way to expand," White said. "This was a great savings to the Tribe. This should be plenty sufficient for the next 10 years."

On the Reservation, the Agency Creek and Yoncalla road repairs rehabilitated four miles of roadway at a cost of \$2.2 million using Bureau of Indian Affairs' funds. In addition, 35 culverts were replaced and two fish passage culverts were installed under Agency Creek Road to Agency Creek, providing fish access to the creek.

White said several of the culverts were 50 years old and made of corrugated metal that was rusting through. The new culverts are made of plastic.

Meanwhile, an expansion of family housing wastewater treatment plant capacity increased the plant's ability to handle wastewater from 36,000 gallons per day to 72,000 gallons per day at a cost of \$79,856. The expansion was 80 percent funded by a federal grant.

And the installation of bleachers at the Powwow Grounds arbor cost \$130,000.

White said his department also built the Charnel House adjacent to the Tribal Cemetery and demolished several buildings on conservation properties managed by the Tribe.

White said that 24 Tribal Employment Rights Office workers

were used on the capital improvement projects and 2,534 hours were worked by those employees.

He added that future projects in 2017 will include working on a long-range Tribal transportation plan, Early Childhood-Youth Education building expansion and men's transition house renovation.

White fielded three questions from the membership during a question-and-answer session.

Elders' Committee nominations preceded White's presentation with Julie Duncan, Jenny Vanatta, Marcia Stake, Dwayne Wheeler and Dorothy Shortt being nominated for three open positions on the committee.

Votes will be accepted during the monthly Elders' birthday meeting in December and during the Jan. 8 General Council meeting.

Bob Duncan, Laura Gleason, Nichole Liebelt, Khani Schultz and Julie Duncan won the \$50 door prizes and Alton Butler, Dorothy Leno and Maxine Clements won the \$100 door prizes. Two beaded necklaces made by Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George also were raffled off.

Veronica Gaston gave the invocation to open the meeting.

The next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, in the Tribal Community Center.

The meeting, in its entirety, can be viewed on the Tribal website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) by clicking on the News tab and then Video. ■

## Table Games Dealer's School

### 16 Students per class

(2 Classes will be offered with a minimum of 12 students per class)

**WHAT:** Learn to deal Blackjack and Free Bet Blackjack. A commitment of 6 weeks\* is needed to potentially become a Part-Time Black Jack Dealer.

**WHO:** Preference will be provided to enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde; although all applicants are welcome to apply for consideration.

**WHEN:** Deadline to apply is Thursday, Jan. 12 at 5 p.m. Training begins on Jan. 20, 2017 and ends April 6, 2017. (10 weeks total, 6 weeks Blackjack, 4 weeks additional games)  
**Class Times:** Monday – Thursday. Class times will be decided based on availability of the majority of students.

**WHERE:** Training is held in the Gaming Training area at Spirit Mountain Casino

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**On-line Application Instructions:**

1. Go to [www.spiritmountain.com/careers](http://www.spiritmountain.com/careers)
2. Select External Applicants - Apply Now or Internal Applicants - Apply Now (current SMCI employees, will log into Ultipro and then select My Company, Job Openings)
3. Select Dealer School Student. Please read information about the school.
4. Select Apply On-line at bottom right hand corner of the screen.
5. Select "Create a new account" to create log in and password or returning users will enter login email address and password.
6. Complete application and select Submit.

All training is unpaid time and should not interfere with your current work schedule.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Applicant selection will be based on a combination of the following criteria:

- Tribal Member preference will apply
- Seniority with the company and must be in good standing for current employees
- External applicants must demonstrate good work history
- Pass basic math entrance exam
- Ability to obtain High Security class III Gaming License

Upon successful completion of the school, students will be required to pass a dealing audition.

Dealer positions are not guaranteed. Open positions will be posted and filled using the regular employment process as business needs arise.

All students should be prepared to work at part-time status if offered a Dealer position.

\*After completion of the school, students must complete additional 4 week training in Three Card Poker, Let It Ride, & Pai Gow Poker to maintain employment. Students will not be eligible for full time positions without knowledge of these additional games.

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