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Tribal Council takes stand against attacks at public meetings

By Dean Rhodes

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Eight Tribal Council members signed a statement issued on Thursday, Feb. 1, that takes a stand against personal attacks, particularly those against Chief Tumulth descendants, during public meetings.

The statement was disseminated using the Tribe's new Listserv function and was posted on Tribal Council's Facebook page.

The statement was prompted by comments made by Tribal Elder Brenda Gray during the Wednesday, Jan. 24, Tribal Council meeting in which she said it was her opinion that Chief Tumulth descendants who had disenrollment proceedings against them dismissed are not Tribal members and should not be serving on the Enrollment Board.

Excerpts of Gray's exchange with Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, which started at the 54-minute mark in the meeting, include:

"We got people on there now that was disenrolled and then the courts made the decision and we know they're zero Grand Ronde because that's in the court papers, and now they're on our Enrollment committee" Gray said.

"They are real Tribal members," Kennedy responded.

"To me they're still not Tribal members. Courts made them, but they're not," Gray said.

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elder Dorothy Leno cleans food off her plate into a waste and recycling receptacle that is part of the Tribe's new green policy. The receptacles are going to be used at all Tribal events.

Green efforts moving forward

Nutrition Program testing new recycle bins

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Tribal people think seven generations ahead. With this in mind, the Tribe's Nutrition Program has recently started using new recycle bins and compostable silverware for all catering functions going forward.

The new test recycle bins have been placed at the Elders Activity Center during lunchtime to determine the best placement and any additional needs. Nutrition Department Manager Kristy Criss-Law-

son said that the bins are being used but that some adjustments may be needed. These could include photos and descriptions of recyclable items placed behind the bins, as well as having recycling monitors.

"Right now we are just testing these to see what will work," Criss-Lawson said. "But we noticed people putting items that should go in the garbage in plastic recycling."

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Tribe attends Oregon pot summit

Tribal Council member Denise Harvey talks with Bryan Schroder, U.S. Attorney for the District of Alaska, before the start of the U.S. Attorney's Oregon Marijuana Summit held at the Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse in Portland on Friday, Feb. 2. Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight and Tribal Attorney Rob Greene also attended the summit.



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State's marijuana enforcement will focus on curbing illegal sales

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PORTLAND — Grand Ronde Tribal Council member Denise Harvey, Tribal Attorney Rob Greene and Police Chief Jake McKnight attended the U.S. Attorney's Oregon Mar-

ijuana Summit on Friday, Feb. 2, representing the Tribe's elected, legal and law enforcement entities.

They heard Gov. Kate Brown say that Oregon's booming marijuana business is here to stay with a caveat.

Marijuana businesses that operate unlawfully, traffic mar-

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