

Tribal Council makes numerous committee, board appointments

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Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council made a slew of appointments to Tribal committees and special event boards during its Wednesday, March 21, meeting.

Tribal Council appointed or re-appointed:

- Marline Groshong and Shonn Leno to the Ceremonial Hunting Board with terms expiring in March 2020;
- Margaret Provost, Faye Smith, Joanna Brisbois and Logan Kneeland to the Culture Committee with terms expiring in March 2020;
- Andy Jenness to the Editorial Board with a term expiring in March 2021;
- Shelby Maerz and Tammy Cook to the Education Committee with terms expiring in March 2020;
- Andrew Freeman, Bryan Langley, John Lillard, Harold Lyon, Tracey Howerton and Angey Rideout to the Fish & Wildlife Committee with terms expiring in March 2020;
- Bernadine Shriver, Faye Smith, Gladys Hobbs and Darlene Aaron to the Health Committee with terms expiring in March 2020. In addition, Patti Tom-Martin was appointed as an honorary member;
- Angey Rideout and Stephanie Craig to the Powwow Special Event Board with terms expiring in March 2020;
- Stephanie Craig to the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance Commission with a term expiring in March 2020;
- Bob Mercier, Jon George, Khani Schultz, Frank Hostler and Mel Holmes to the Timber Committee with terms expiring in March 2020;
- Albert Miller and Raymond Petite to the Veterans Special Event Board with terms expiring in March 2020;
- Deanna Johnston and Lori Sterling to the Election Board with terms expiring in March 2020;
- Margaret Provost, Barbara Gibbons and Tracie Meyer to the Enrollment Board with terms expiring in March 2020;
- Matt Thomas and Shayla Myrick-Meyer to the Housing Grievance Board with terms expiring in March 2019; Kristy Criss-Lawson and Linda Hale to the Housing Grievance Board with terms expiring in March 2020; and Cristina Lara and Patti LeClaire to the Housing Grievance Board with terms expiring in March 2021;
- And Isabelle Grout, Jason Page and Madalyn Volz to the Youth

Council with terms expiring in March 2019 and Kailiyah Krehbiel, Kaleigha Simi, Payton Smith and Aspen Wilson to the Youth Council with terms expiring in March 2020.

In other action, Tribal Council authorized a fiscal year 2018 funding agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration not to exceed \$132,711 that funds the Tribe's participation in Power Administration processes in its ceded lands, as well as the Hydrosystems Compliance specialist position in the Lands Department.

Tribal Council also approved the enrollment of one infant into the Tribe because he or she meets the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

In addition, Tribal Council approved the Housing Department's 2017 Annual Performance Report to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Native American Programs and approved a Tri-Forest memorandum of understanding with the Willamette, Mount Hood and Siuslaw national forests that will now renew automatically every five years.

By consensus, Tribal Council approved the agenda for the Sunday, April 8, General Council meeting to be held at the Many Nations Longhouse on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene. The Natural Resources Department will make the presentation.

Also included in the March 21 Tribal Council packet were 11 approved authorizations to proceed that included OKs to generate an official Tribal membership roll that will include all Tribal members living and deceased and will be made public, nominates Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy to the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development Board, authorizes the Tribe's executive team to implement a central repository for important Tribal documents, authorizes Housing Department staff to develop recommendations regarding inclusion of suspicion-based drug testing into its drug testing policy and transfers \$25,000 from contingency to Member Services to cover the cost of supplies needed for re-organization of the department's enrollment files.

The entire Tribal Council meeting, which was the last 4 p.m. meeting until November, can be viewed by visiting the Tribal website www.grandronde.org and clicking on the News tab and then Video. Tribal Council meetings return to a 5 p.m. start time beginning on April 4. ■

Smile Day

For the fifth year, the Tribe's Dental Department participated in Give Kids A Smile Day held at Willamina Elementary School in Willamina on Thursday, March 15. Tribal Dentist Erin Lange and Tribal Dental Hygienist and Prevention Coordinator Sheila Blacketer screened 269 children, providing 258 child prophylaxes, a non-therapeutic procedure for the maintenance of a healthy mouth, and 238 fluoride varnishes. The Give Kids A Smile program is sponsored by the American Dental Association to provide underserved children free oral health care services. In addition to Lange and Blacketer, Tribal dental assistants Tammy Baird and Sam King helped with the screenings.



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Dentist Erin Lange brushes second-grader Satara Blanchard's teeth during Give Kids A Smile Day held at Willamina Elementary School on Thursday, March 15.



Devin Doar, a second-grader at Willamina Elementary School, tries out Tribal Dentist Erin Lange's, left, dental loupes during Give Kids A Smile Day held at the school on Thursday, March 15.

Police Department starts non-emergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has created a non-emergency text line, Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight announced.

"We learned in our last school meeting that kids would like a different way to communicate with the police if they have a non-emergency situation," McKnight said. "We all know kids love to text so my officers and I decided this would be a great tool to utilize."

The new text number is 541-921-2927.

"Even though this is mostly designed for children, I don't want adults thinking that they can't use it as well. If you have a non-emergency situation or question, feel free to contact my officer via text through this line. When one of my officers receives the text, they will call you back when they have time."

McKnight said that emergency situations still require people to call 911. For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■

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