

# Tribal Council approves revised trust fund policies

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*Smoke Signals editor*

Tribal Council approved four trust fund policy revisions that govern how the Tribe's endowments are used during the Wednesday, July 31, meeting.

The revisions are to the Housing, Health Services, Elders' Retirement and Education trust funds and address how much trust fund earnings can be used for budgeting purposes and establish a fully funded target for each fund.

In response to a question about Tribal member input posed by Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr., Finance Officer Chris Leno said during the Tuesday, July 30, Legislative Action Committee hearing that these are Finance Office policies and departmental policy revisions are not usually put out for comment by Tribal members like ordinance amendments.

However, Leno added, the Tribe can do a more thorough job of explaining the allowable uses defined in the policies during the November budget hearing and Tribal members can comment on the effects of the policy revisions during the annual budgeting process.

- In other action, Tribal Council:
- Approved accepting a maximum \$40,000 federal Natural Resources Conservation Service grant that will be used to perform wildlife habitat enhancement projects on eight Roosevelt elk meadows and other Tribal properties;
  - Approved applying for a maximum \$10,000 grant from the Oregon Wildlife Foundation to monitor deer and elk use of Reservation meadows. The grant would pay for trail cameras, memory cards and batteries;
  - Approved an agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs that will bring the Tribe \$1.149 million to fund Grand Ronde Tribal transportation projects and activities;
  - Approved adding Controller Amy Gallant and Assistant Controller Christine O'Day as authorized signers on the Tribe's bank, credit line and investment accounts and removing former employees Linda Hanna and Jody Jerger as authorized signers;
  - Approved a Tribal credit card with a \$5,000 limit for Single Resource Boss Jordan Makepeace

- to use while dispatched with the wildland fire crew;
  - Approved the Tribe participating in the "Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders" conducted by the North Dakota, Alaska and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging. The survey is conducted every three years and is required to apply for Elders' nutrition funds;
  - Approved applying to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$4.766 million in Indian Housing Block Grant funding that would be used to construct low-income units in Grand Ronde, including five fourplexes and three duplexes. If received, the Tribe would have up to five years to design and build the housing;
  - Approved the Tribe's 2019 Public Transit Civil Rights Plan that will be submitted to the state Department of Transportation;
  - Approved adding Bessie Burgess, Ivan Jeffers, Ricky George, Timothy George, Jolene Kamna, Tamara Williams, Jerry George, Jeanna Buxton, Joe Simi, Janet Titus, Lola Gray, Perri McDaniel, Lorraine McDaniel, Sabrina McDaniel, Victor McDaniel, Janie Stuck, Serena Layman, Ida Paterson, Lonnie Riddle, Patricia Batch, Kathleen Dewitt and Stephen Miller to the Restoration Roll and requesting that the Secretary of the Interior approve the Restoration Roll corrections;
  - And approved blood quantum adjustments for three Tribal members.
- Also included in the July 31 Tribal Council packet were two approved authorizations to proceed that instructed the Natural Resources Department and Ceremonial Hunt Board to follow the Ceremonial Harvest Distribution Policy as amended on July 15 and approved a memorandum of understanding with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Tribe's cooperating agency status in the Lower Columbia River Integrated Dredged Material Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement process.
- The entire meeting can be viewed at the Tribal government's website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) by clicking on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

## Election Office open until Aug. 30

The Election Board Office has a new schedule for 2019. It will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday through Aug. 30. Office hours are from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m. The Election Office is located in the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, and the phone number is 503-879-2271.

For convenience, blank signature verification forms will be placed in a hanging basket outside the Elections Office door. Completed forms with a notarized signature or legible copy of ID including your signature (driver's license, member ID card, passport, etc. attached) need to be mailed to the Election Board for processing. The form will not be processed unless it has been notarized or includes a legible copy of ID and your signature attached.

Ballots were mailed to voters with verified signatures on July 24. Tribal members may submit a verified signature card at any time up to and including Election Day on Saturday, Sept. 7. The Grand Ronde post office is no longer open to accept ballots on Saturday, Sept. 7.

For our members' convenience, there will be a ballot box in the Governance Center during the election season and also on Election Day we will have a box in the Community Center where completed ballots can be cast. We will have ballots available, as we have done in the past, for those members who want to come in and vote in person.

It is the voters' responsibility to ensure the ballot is received by the Election Board on Election Day – be sure to allow adequate time for the ballot to reach the Election Board by Sept. 7. ■

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**Qualifications:**

- Tribal member
- At least 21 years of age
- Living in the six-county area of: Polk, Yamhill, Tillamook, Washington, Multnomah or Marion counties, and
- Have special knowledge, background and/or experience in one or more of the following:
  - Parenting or foster care taking; Tribal customs, traditions; Juvenile Law; Health Care; Mental Health Care; Social work; or Education.

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