

Tribal Council OKs acquiring 60-acre conservation property

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is acquiring another conservation property, this one north of Rickreall in Polk County, after Tribal Council approved a resolution during its Wednesday, Sept. 11, meeting.

Tribal Lands Manager Jan Reibach said the 60-acre property does not have any title or environmental concerns during the Tuesday, Sept. 3, Legislative Action Committee meeting.

The Ahsney property – “ahsney” means coyote in the central Kalapuyan language – is being purchased for \$528,000 through the Bonneville Power Administration’s Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program, which is designed to offset the negative effects of the dams on the Columbia River that produce the administration’s electricity.

Reibach said the acquisition now brings the Tribe’s conservation properties purchased through the BPA program using its funds to more than 1,800 acres.

The property contains native oak woodland and savanna habitat that support patches of Kincaid’s lupine, a federally listed plant, black-tailed deer, native grasses and other significant species.

The Ahsney property is less than a mile from the Basket Slough Wildlife Refuge north of Highway 22 between Grand Ronde and Salem.

- In other action, Tribal Council:
- Approved the Tribe’s Historical Preservation Office conducting a Tribal Cultural Landscape study of the Santiam and McKenzie watersheds for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The two-year study will pay the Tribe \$110,527;
 - Approved amendments to the Election Ordinance that will outline procedures for constitutional election amendments proposed by Tribal Council and General Council;
 - Held a first reading on proposed

Tribal conservation properties

Property	Acres	Acquired
Ahsney	60	2019
Chahalpam	338.52	2013
Chahalpam 2	91.44	2015
Chahalpam 3	30.86	2018
Chankawan	425.71	2016
Noble Oaks 1&2	667.5	2019
R/snake Butte 1&2	96.98	2012
R/snake Butte 3	172.47	2015

Source: Tribal Lands Department

amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance, which will give Tribal members an opportunity to comment on them before they return to Tribal Council for final adoption. The proposed amendments remove the certified mail requirements, among other items;

- Approved three agreements with the Oregon Health Authority that provide \$36,500 in Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness funds, as well as \$71,162 in Prevention and Education Funds regarding tobacco use and \$61,250 regarding alcohol and drug use.
- And approved one infant enrollment denial because the child did not meet the enrollment requirements under the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Also included in the Sept. 11 Tribal Council packet were approved authorizations to proceed that approved a \$1,000 per capita distribution for Friday, Sept. 13, and directed the Ceded Lands Department to pursue and organize a government-to-government meeting between Tribal Council and Bureau of Land Management to discuss concerns about potential adverse effects to Lower Table Rocks near Medford resulting from a proposed Pacific Power utility construction project.

Tribal Elder Tracie Meyer gave the cultural presentation to open the meeting, discussing her attendance at the Monday, Sept. 9, blessing of the Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City. “It was a good day,” she said.

The entire meeting can be viewed by visiting the Tribal government’s website at www.grandronde.org by clicking on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

Briggs joins *Smoke Signals* as graphic design specialist

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Samuel F. Briggs III joined the staff of *Smoke Signals* on Tuesday, Sept. 10, as the graphic design specialist.

Briggs’ responsibilities for the Tribal newspaper will be helping to design ads, banners and fliers for *Smoke Signals* and other Tribal departments; designing the Tribal calendar, Resource Directory and Annual Report; and backing up the page designer when needed to help lay out and distribute *Smoke Signals*.

Briggs received degrees in multimedia design and computer animation from the Art Institute of Seattle. He also has a degree in trade and code from Clackamas Community College and is currently enrolled online at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, pursuing a bachelor’s of fine arts in illustration and graphic design.

Briggs previously worked for nine years for the city of Seattle as a senior graphic arts and multimedia designer for the Seattle Center. He helped market commercial and noncommercial events at the Seattle Center, including cultural festivals, concerts, family shows, art performances and sporting events at KeyArena.

He also has worked at several TV stations in the Seattle area, creating and updating graphic content for live television news broadcasts. He received a regional Emmy Award for best television open while working in Seattle.

Briggs is a 1992 graduate of Newberg High School and was raised in Yamhill County, giving him familiarity with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

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Reibach receives Lifetime Achievement Award



Jan Reibach

Multiple Native American Music Award recipient Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach received the 2019 One World Music Radio Lifetime Achievement Award on Tuesday, Sept. 3, from the No. 1 radio station in Europe that plays instrumental music.

Reibach was one of 20 artists nominated along with the likes of well-known new age artists Will Ackerman and David Arkenstone.

“Words cannot fully express the gratitude for this honor to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award by One World Music Radio,” Reibach said. “This is not an award where a person submits to be considered. There were 20 finalists that were selected. All of them have incredible accomplishments in music that represent a

broad spectrum of genres. Part of the process for this award was public voting. I cannot thank you all enough for the amazing support of this prestigious honor.

“I’ve been blessed to make music most of life and won’t take up your time with that long story here. Please just know that my heart is filled with love and appreciation.”

Reibach, who also works as the Tribe’s Lands Department manager, has received almost 70 awards for his Native America flute music over the last two decades, including six NAMAs in 32 nominations. His most recent release is “Rising Moon,” a two-CD collection of contemporary Native American flute. His website is www.lookingwolf.com.

His name was added to the radio station’s Roll of Honor that also includes 2016 honoree Medwyn Goodall, 2017 honoree Miriam Stockley and 2018 honoree David Lanz. ■

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For more information, please contact Kathy at 503-879-1443 or by email at kathy.cole@grandronde.org

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- Adult Education, Room 207
- Begins September 30th, 2019



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