

## General Council briefed on investments in executive session

By Dean Rhodes

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The Grand Ronde Tribal membership received its annual update on the Tribe's investments during the Sunday, Oct. 4, General Council meeting held virtually using the Zoom teleconferencing app.

About 45 Tribal members, Tribal staff and representatives from Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc. attended the meeting. The 22-minute briefing was presented in executive session, which limits how much *Smoke Signals* can reported on the content.

Baird Directors Joseph Hoon and Patrick Cronin made the presentation and fielded one question from the membership after they were finished.

Tribal members who did not attend the meeting, but would like to see the presentation, should contact Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez at [stacia.martin@grandronde.org](mailto:stacia.martin@grandronde.org)

[dronde.org](http://dronde.org) or call 503-879-2304 to obtain a copy.

In other action, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy announced the Tribe's intention to put the former Multnomah Greyhound Park property in Wood Village into trust for gaming purposes. For more details, see the *Smoke Signals* story on page 1 of this edition.

Hernandez said that an update on the Tribe's Blue Heron property at Willamette Falls in Oregon City will be scheduled in the near future.

The next General Council meeting will review the draft 2021 Tribal budget at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, using the Zoom teleconferencing application.

The non-executive session portion of the meeting can be viewed by visiting the Tribal government's website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) and clicking on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

## Tribal Council OKs Elder housing roof replacements

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Just in time for what is forecast to be a cold and rainy western Oregon winter, Tribal Council approved during its Wednesday, Oct. 14, meeting a \$558,480 contract to replace the almost 20-year-old roofing on the first phase of the Elders housing development.

Public Works Coordinator John Mercier said during the Tuesday, Oct. 6, Legislative Action Committee hearing that the roofing project will affect 38 housing units located in 14 multiplex buildings on the Tribal campus.

The first phase of Elder housing was completed in 2001 and the contract was awarded to Washington Roofing Co. in McMinnville. The housing units have sheet metal roofing.

"The roofs need replacement" states the staff report regarding the project.

Mercier said the work will begin the week of Oct. 19.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved executing a license agreement with Pacific Northwest Solar of Vancouver, Wash., to erect a solar farm on the 78-acre Risseeuw property at the northeast corner of Hebo and Grand Ronde roads once all permits are obtained and a lease is signed;
- Approved the Tribe's 2021 Indian Housing Plan that will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The \$6.5 million plan, which outlines all eligible activities, will bring the Tribe \$3.1 million in new funding, Housing Department officials said during the Tuesday, Oct. 13, Legislative Action Committee hearing;
- Approved applying for a \$125,000 Oregon Department of Education grant for career technical education. The grant will pay for Baker Technical Institute to bring its simulator for heavy equipment training and certification to the Tribe. Education Department Manager Angela Fasana said during the Tuesday, Oct. 13, Legislative Action Committee hearing that about 18 Tribal and community youth would be eligible for the training;
- Approved applying to the Oregon Department of Education

for a \$150,000 grant that would fund two new academic adviser positions and an education/career coach for Tribal member students. The grant also would purchase three laptop computers;

- Approved acceptance of a \$35,000 Meyer Memorial Trust grant that would fund development of habitat restoration alternatives at the Tribe's 425-acre conservation property Chankawan located in Marion County;
- Approved acceptance of a \$15,000 Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant that would improve habitat conditions at the Tribe's Rattlesnake Butte conservation property northwest of Junction City in Lane County;
- Approved acceptance of a \$22,500 Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District grant that will help to replant 29 acres of the 429-acre Chahalpam conservation property on the North Santiam River in Marion County. The replanting will take the acreage out of agricultural use and return it to traditional oak savannah, riparian vegetation;
- And approved the enrollment of two infants into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Also included in the Oct. 14 Tribal Council packet were approved authorizations to proceed that OK'd Tribal involvement in the Indigenous Gardens Network being facilitated by Southern Oregon University professor Dr. Brook Colley, approved the Natural Resources Department to purchase a track loader skid steer for a maximum of \$180,000 to maintain Tribal conservation properties and directed General Manager David Fullerton to develop policies and procedures for a technology grant program designed for Tribal Elders to purchase computers so they can participate in remote meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To watch the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government's website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) and click on the Government tab and then Videos. ■



### TRIBAL HOUSING ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council adopted, on an emergency basis, amendments to the Housing Ordinance at the Sept. 2, 2020, Tribal Council meeting.

The primary purposes of the amendments are (i) to allow the Tribe to reassign a lease when a tenant is in default on a HUD guaranteed mortgage; (ii) to update the necessary definitions; (iii) to recognize federal court jurisdiction in HUD foreclosure proceedings; (iv) to provide eviction procedures when tenants don't comply with the terms of a federally insured loan; and (v) to clarify Tribal and federal government references throughout the Ordinance.

The Tribal Council invites comment on the amendments to the Tribal Housing Ordinance. For a copy of the amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347, or by e-mail to [legal@grandronde.org](mailto:legal@grandronde.org).

Comments must be received by Oct. 31, 2020. ■



### Self Care in the Changing Times

Friday, October 23, 2020  
Via Zoom  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting  
[www.Zoom.us](http://www.Zoom.us)  
Meeting ID: 874 2945 1514  
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