

Tribal Council adds 21 names to Restoration Roll

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Tribal Council continued adding Tribal member names to the Restoration Roll by approving 21 new ones during its Wednesday, Jan. 13, meeting held in the Tribal Council Conference Room.

The 21 names added brings the number of Tribal members who have been added to the historically important roll since 2019 to 352. In 2019, Tribal Council added 204 names and added 127 names in 2020.

The Restoration Roll was the first roll compiled of Grand Ronde Tribal members after Nov. 22, 1983. However, because the membership had become so dispersed during the 29 years after 1954's Termination, all those who should have been included could not be identified at the time or were unaware that they should have had their names on the roll.

The current process, which requires Tribal members apply to Member Services for addition to the Restoration Roll, allows a Tribal member who was living on Aug. 13, 1954 – date of congressional approval of the Western Oregon Indian Termination Act – and born to a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to be added.

In November 2018, Tribal Council approved a resolution that established criteria for consistently applying the phrase “entitled to be on the membership roll of the Tribe on Aug. 13, 1954” as meaning that the person was entitled to be on the roll if that person was alive on that date and born to a Tribal member.

The 21 new names now move forward to the Department of the Interior for approval.

The Tribal Council meeting was held in the conference room because workers are installing new technology in the Tribal Council Chambers that will allow more remote interaction with the membership.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved amendments to the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance that restrict a TERO commissioner's access to records if that same commissioner is bidding on a project and requires TERO workers on construction projects work the same hours as non-TERO workers. Tribal Staff Attorney Brooks Wakeland said during the Tuesday, Jan. 12, Legislative Action Committee meeting that no comments were received from the membership regarding the amendments.
- Approved amendments to the Workers Compensation Ordinance that provide protections to Tribal employees who contract COVID-19 while on the job. The amendments were originally adopted on an emergency basis in May 2020. Wakeland said the amendments expire at the end of March and Tribal Council might want to extend them at that time.
- And approved two blood quantum corrections.

To watch the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government's website at www.grandronde.org and click on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

Availability of ODOT STIF Transit Grant Funds

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is providing notice that the Tribe is reviewing options for its application (or STIF Plan) for ODOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Funds (STIF) which is due Feb. 1, 2020. The Tribe is eligible for \$100,000 a year from this fund for use with public transit. The Tribe's STIF Advisory Committee was scheduled for Jan. 12 for public call in and suggestions.

Last year, Tribal staff and the advisory committee recommended creating a new public transit route between Grand Ronde and the city of Dallas and creating local collector/circulator service within the immediate Grand Ronde area. That was approved by Tribal Council and submitted. The Tribe anticipates continuing with that plan this year as well but is accepting other suggestions for options.

It is expected that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will vote on adopting the Tribe's STIF Plan on the uses of these funds at its meeting on Jan. 27, 2021, at the Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meetings are not open to the public. To obtain more information or to provide comments or suggestions on the STIF Plan for this meeting, contact Kim Rogers at 503-879-2250 or kim.rogers@grandronde.org. ■

CTGR Academic Advising and Coaching Important Services Update

The program has assessed the amount of requests for academic coaching and advising services and believe we have the capacity to expand these services to CTGR Tribal descendants and other Native students at our local schools we serve. Please contact the Youth Education Program for more information or to request services.

Also note that the current Internet classroom held at the Tribal gymnasium has adjusted and expanded hours of operation to serve our youth better. Contact information: Administrative Assistant – 503-879-2101 or Devon.Mercier@grandronde.org

We look forward to hearing from you. ■

Availability of ODOT 5310 & Special Transportation Fund Transit Grants

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is providing notice that eligible transportation providers may apply for federal 5310 grant funds (\$97,571) allocated to the Tribe for the 2021-23 biennium by the Oregon Department of Transportation. Projects providing transportation services to seniors and persons with disabilities are eligible for funding including those that also serve the general public. In past years, the Tribe has chosen to select internally generated proposals to use these funds in agreements for the transit service to Salem through the Tillamook County Transportation District (TCTD) and to McMinnville through the Yamhill County Transit Area.

The Tribe also will be applying for its ODOT Special Transportation Fund (STF) allocation (\$135,400) and project proposals, suggestions and comments can be provided for use of these funds as well. STF funds have been used for these same routes to Salem and McMinnville and for transit service to Lincoln City through an agreement with TCTD.

STF and 5310 applications for projects serving the Grand Ronde community must be submitted to the Grand Ronde Tribe not later than noon Feb. 5, 2021. Contact Kim Rogers at 503-879-2250 or kim.rogers@grandronde.org for more information.

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021, the Tribe's Transportation Advisory Committee will meet to review 5310 and STF proposal options and make its recommendation to Tribal Council. The meeting will be by telephone between noon and 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend by calling in. Contact Kim Rogers at 503-879-2250 or kim.rogers@grandronde.org for more information including the call-in number and participant code. Meeting materials will be available for public review by Feb. 5 and can be e-mailed.

It is expected that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, which is an STF agency, will vote on the recommended uses of these funds at its meeting on Feb. 24, 2021, at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Both the STF and the 5310 applications from the Tribe to ODOT are due March 1, 2021. ■

LIHEAP program open in service area

The Tribal Social Service's LIHEAP – Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – is open to eligible Tribal members in the six-county service area and Clackamas County.

This is a first-come, first-served program and income criteria applies.

LIHEAP is federally funded through the Department of Health and Human Services and is designed to help low-income households with home heating costs.

For more information, contact Social Services at 503-879-2034. ■

CTGR TERO ANNOUNCEMENT



TRAFFIC CONTROL FLAGGER

Due to COVID restrictions
TERO is putting on two 5 hour
Flagger Certification Classes

Classes Feb. 24-25. 10am-3pm.
9 person max per class. Mask required.

CTGR Employment Service Center
9615 Grand Ronde Rd.
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
(Building C, Rooms A & B)

No cost for Tribal members and
\$100 for non-Tribal members.

Register with the TERO office by calling
503-879-2139 or 503-879-2188

You can also e-mail us at
tero@grandronde.org



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