

Tribal Council approves signing authority for Haller

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Smoke Signals editor

It happens whenever there's a new Tribal Council member.

Tribal Council approved adding newly elected member Matthew Haller as an authorized signer on Tribal bank accounts and also approved his use of a Tribal credit card during its Wednesday, Sept. 27, meeting.

Haller finished third in the 2023 election and will serve his first term on Tribal Council through September 2026. He edged out two-term council member Michael Langley by one vote in the Sept. 9 election.

Tribal Council also removed Langley's name from the authorized list of signers on Tribal bank accounts and canceled his Tribal credit card.

Tribal Council also set the agenda for the 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, General Council meeting that will feature an executive session briefing on the Tribal endowments from Robert W. Baird representatives. The meeting will be held on Zoom and in Tribal Council Chambers.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved the purchase of the Phoenix G2 Station Alerting System from U.S. Digital Designs and authorized a limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity only in favor of U.S. Digital Designs for arbitration and jurisdictional provisions outlined in the sales agreement;

- Approved a transfer from the Tribe's TriState Capital Bank line of credit for \$600,000 to Upq-wena LLC, which will be used for a secured loan to Shasta Administrative Services to be used as requested, totaling \$1.35 million loaned since 2022;
- Approved the \$350,000 purchase of the 9.98-acre Powley property at 24714 S.W. Grand Ronde Road and the \$100,000 purchase of the .7-acre Hurliman property adjacent to the Tribe's Kilchis trust parcel in Bay City;
- Approved re-enrolling one non-infant and enrolling nine non-infants into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance;
- Approved a resolution obligating grant funds from the Oregon Administration for Children and Families Office of Child Care to be used for the Tribe's Early Childhood Education childcare center through Sept. 30, 2024;
- And approved appointing Victoria Ernst to the Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees for a term ending on Sept. 30, 2025. She will replace former Oregon Sen. Arnie Roblan, who served on the board since May 2019.

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

Gas discount in Grand Ronde

Grand Ronde Tribal members, as well as Tribal and Spirit Mountain Casino employees, can receive a 30-cent per gallon discount on gasoline at the Tribally owned Grand Ronde Station convenience store.

There are, however, a few rules. Tribal members and employees must go inside and show either their enrollment card or employee identification card to receive the discount. ■

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Native plant restoration effort.

Grand Ronde Tribal employees were granted three hours of administrative leave on Thursday, Sept. 21, to participate in a native plant restoration effort on the Grand Ronde Reservation. The event was hosted by the Natural Resources Department at the end of their 9-year project with the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

<https://youtu.be/aEtsaBbwrPM>

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FISH AND WILDLIFE ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council adopted, on an emergency basis, amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Ordinance at the Sept. 6, 2023, Tribal Council meeting.

The primary purpose of the amendments is to reflect the terms of the memorandum of agreement for off-reservation and non-trust land hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering between the Tribe and the state of Oregon. The adoption of the amendments on an emergency basis will allow the Natural Resources Department to implement the changes for the 2023 hunting season.

Tribal Council invites comment on the amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Ordinance. For a copy of the amendments, contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 or by email to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by Oct. 15, 2023. ■

BURIAL FUND ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Burial Fund Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a first reading at the Sept. 6, 2023, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments increase the burial benefit from \$7,000 to \$8,000, and may also include minor technical (i.e., formatting, typographical, housekeeping) modifications.

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Clothes Closet open

The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon Friday on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive.

The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, small appliances and pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items.

For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565. ■

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NOV. 19, 2023

Grand Ronde Cemetery

8:30 A.M. – Atudship with Jon A. George

Spirit Mountain Casino

10 A.M. – Doors open • 10:30 A.M. – Program begins
12:30 P.M. – Meal served • 2:30 P.M. – Break
5:30 P.M. – Powwow begins

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