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Tribe seeking to sell Shasta Administrative Services

By Dean Rhodes
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Tribal Council approved making another \$600,000 available to Redmond-based Shasta Administrative Services from the Tribe's line of credit during its Wednesday, Sept. 27, meeting.

The decision brings the amount of Tribal funds loaned to Shasta, which the Grand Ronde Tribe has co-owned since November 2012 with Honolulu-based Hawaii-Western Management Group, to \$1.35 million.

Tribal Council also loaned \$350,000 to the company in November 2022 and \$400,000 in February of this year.

Although not approaching the kind of investment the Tribe lost in MicroGREEN Polymers

in 2015 – more than \$28 million – the continued and increasing loans are prompting concerns from the gun-shy membership.

Former Tribal Council member Tonya Gleason-Shepek, who was on Tribal Council during the MicroGREEN financial debacle, sought information about the third loan to Shasta Administrative Services during the Sept. 27 Tribal Council meeting and asked when the Tribe would brief the membership on the status of the company that members own a 51-percent stake in.

"That's a lot of money in one year," she said. Interim General Manager and Finance Of-



Photo by Tim Trainor/Redmond Spokesman

Tribal Economic Development Director Bruce Thomas said the Grand Ronde Tribe is trying to sell its ownership of Shasta Administrative Services, a third-party health benefits administrator located in Redmond, Ore.

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elder Victor Lomboy, left, and his son, Tribal Elder Victor Lomboy Jr., sign receipts for their hunting tags at the Tribe's Natural Resources Department on Monday, Oct. 2. The two traveled from Portland that morning to get their new tags and Grand Ronde Tribal harvest licenses.

First day of issuing new Tribal hunting, fishing tags a success

By Danielle Harrison
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Monday, Oct. 2, was the first day Tribal members were able to receive a new Grand Ronde Tribal harvest license and tags for use under the historic memorandum of agreement signed with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife.

By all accounts, it was a success, with 43 deer tags, 43 elk tags and 27 fishing/harvest tags issued. Tribal members traveled from as far away as Portland to get their Tribally issued tags, which allow them to ceremonially hunt and fish in expanded territory throughout

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Indigenous celebration



From left, Tribal member and Clackamas County Policy Advisor/Tribal Liaison Tracy Moreland, Tribal Council member Jon A. George, Harper Hernandez, 6, and Desirae Hernandez, 12, sing and drum at the beginning of the Indigenous Peoples' Day celebration at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City on Sunday, Oct. 8. The event was sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Clackamas County, Clackamas Community College, the Port of Portland and Unite Oregon.



Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach performs during the Indigenous Peoples' Day celebration at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City on Sunday, Oct. 8. Performing with Reibach is Robin Gentlewolf, one of his Native Rose band members.



Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy gives the welcome address during the Indigenous Peoples' Day celebration at Clackamas Community College.

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