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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

Sunday, February 10, 1991
IWA Hall
1523 NE Vine St.
Roseburg, OR

Board of Directors Meeting 9 a.m.
General Council Meeting 1 p.m.

Enrollment Status:

On January 10, 1991, the official tribal roll of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians was published in the Federal Register. On that roll there are 765 names having been certified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, pursuant to P.L. 100-139. Delays in the final publication were caused by some tribal members protesting and appealing the enrollment of other tribal members, however, the enrollment the tribe itself adopted in 1980 prevailed, and all of those who were entitled, under both P.L. 97-391 and P.L. 100-139, and who applied and sent in their documentation to the Bureau, were enrolled. It is very unfortunate that some did not respond and are not presently enrolled. Both the administrative staff and various members of the Board of Directors made every effort to assist all tribal members in securing the necessary documentation for their enrollment. If you have questions regarding your enrollment, they should be directed to:

Dave Bartels, Acting Supt. PH: (503) 444-2679
U.S. Dept. of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
P.O. Box 539
Siletz, OR 97380

Ten years after the tribe accepted its own roll, those 765 are now legal.

As you are aware, those born after Oct. 26, 1987, according to the law, were not enrolled. The Board of Directors have taken immediate action for their protection and future enrollment enrollment by the requirement of the Tribe that a certified birth certificate be furnished showing that person to be a direct lineal descendent of a person on the roll. Those names that have been tribally certified during this interim period have been accepted by resolution. Any lineal descendent, whether born before or after the October cut-off, are urged to get their enrollment into the tribal office as quickly as possible. For further information, contact Linda Rondeau, (503) 672-9405. When the tribal constitution is passed, these members may then be enrolled officially and their names will be placed on the supplemental roll.

Plans for ID cards are underway. This is being coordinated with the Bureau. The cards will show the Bureau Control Number that was given to you by the BIA as your enrollment application was processed. The cards will also show your new tribal number, determined in alphabetical order of the 765 names.

You will be advised as this process is finalized.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS AND BOARD OF
DIRECTORS ACCEPTS TRIBAL CONSTITUTION WORDING

Constitution Committee Members:

Gary Jackson, Chairman
Naomi Gould
Clementine Rice
Tim Rondeau
Wallace Rondeau, Jr. (Buster)
Sue Shaffer
Carla Swanson

Administrative liaisons:
Sherri Shaffer
Mike Rondeau

The proposed constitution is in final form and has been forwarded to the Bureau for their review and subsequent conduction of a Secretarial vote. The constitution as submitted is very similar to the one the tribe previously passed.

The Constitution Committee members are to be commended for their work to get this most important document completed. They worked through each section very carefully in an effort to give the tribal membership the very best possible finished product. Also working with them were Bureau officials Nelsen Witt, T.O. Traversie and Dave Bartels, as well as Dennis Whittlesey, tribal attorney. Bureau comment was that the finished product was the fairest constitution they had seen. We are hopeful that the Bureau can get the wheels turning so that it will be adopted and approved in time for the annual election.

BUREAU REORGANIZATION TASK FORCE SELECTED
AND IN OPERATION

The tribally selected Task Force met with BIA officials in Washington D.C. on Jan. 22,23,24, 1991, to set the framework for the process. In the Portland Area, the Oregon Tribes selected Ken Smith, (Warm Springs) as their delegate; Georgia George (Suquamish Tribe) and Mickey Pablo (Salish-Kootenai) comprise the three representatives for the Area. As of this printing, there has not been time to report back to the tribes.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES RELOCATED

The Cow Creek Tribal Administrative offices relocated to a larger complex on September 12, 1990.

According to the Tribal Administrator, Sherri Shaffer, "larger space has been needed to expand our Indian Health Services Program. We will also be hiring a Community Health Nurse and a Community Health Representative."

The new office complex has a conference room which will enable the Board of Directors, tribal staff, and the community to hold meetings in the administrative offices.

The new tribal Administrative offices are located at:

2400 Stewart Parkway
Suite #300
Roseburg, OR 97470

The telephone number remains the same:

(503) 672-9405

FALL ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING OFFERED

Applications for the Adult Vocational Training Program are being accepted by Mike Rondeau in the Education Department of the tribal offices.

The Adult Vocational Program is designed to assist tribe members in acquiring the skills necessary for full-time employment. The program provides for institutional training in any vocational or trade school approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Students are required to attend school full-time and maintain no less than a 2 pt. grade average and must be "job ready" at the end of their program, which may last no longer than 24 months. This program is not meant to serve as a preliminary to immediate further education.

Eligibility requirements include the following: Applicants must reside in the seven county service area, must be 18 years or older, must willingly declare intent to accept full-time employment as soon as possible after completion of training.

If you are interested in the Adult Vocational Training program and would like to make an appointment to discuss your options, please call Mike at the tribal office. (503) 672-9405

OPENINGS IN HIGHER ED PROGRAM

Applications are being accepted in the Education Department of the tribal offices for assistance in entering an institute of higher education, beginning winter term. Since the grants are very competitive, the earlier applications are submitted, the better.

The Higher Education program is designed to assist tribe members in acquiring a four year degree. Students are required to apply for alternate sources of financial aid, maintain no less than a 2 pt. grade average, and attend school full-time. You do not have to live in the seven county service area to be eligible for the Higher Education program.

Thirteen tribe members were awarded Higher Education grants and started the 1990/1991 school year this fall.

EDUCATION LIBRARY EXPANDED

Audio/video equipment is now installed in the Education Library in the tribal offices to be used with the various educational VCR and cassettes available. New tapes are purchased regularly for use by tribe members. These tapes range in interest from self-help, health, finance, psychology, and speed reading. Students with poor grades and study habits are encouraged to check-out "Where There's a Will, There's an A." Subliminal tapes in the areas of stop-smoking, weight loss, and self-confidence are also available, and can be checked out from the tribal office.

If you are in need of your GED, classes are held at the Wooley Center on Harvard in Roseburg. Books for the class are free and can be picked up at the tribal office. The Adult Education program will also pay for the state testing fees.

If you are interested in joining a water color class to be held Oct. 5, 1990, or in joining the on-going ceramics class, please contact Yvonne at 672-9405.