



GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

February 14, 2021

Chairman Dan Courtney called the General Council meeting to order at 10:07AM on Sunday February 14, 2021. Meeting was held at Seven Feathers Casino Resort in the Cedar Room, with a quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robert Van Norman.

There was a moment of silence for:

- Kirsten Nikol Ward
- Doris Lee Wolfer
- Jeffrey Michael O'Dell
- Shawn Rondeau, spouse of Tony Rondeau

Prayer was led by Elizabeth Bryant.

Gerald made the motion; Carla seconded to approve the meeting minutes from November 08, 2020 as written. Motion carried.

ENROLLMENT

Michael made the motion, Susie seconded to ratify the following individuals for Tribal enrollment.

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| • Carson Douglas Yeust | Tom Rondeau Family |
| • Raven Taylor Stevenson | Parazoo Family |
| • Dean Muir Sturgeon | George Rondeau Family |
| • Zachariah Orion Hartman | George Rondeau Family |
| • Isobella Catherine Hartman | George Rondeau Family |
| • Lakota Rowan Nataani Hayden | George Rondeau Family |

Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Dan reminded everyone to register to vote and to update your mailing addresses if you have moved recently.
- Dan let the membership know that the Board attends meetings with NCAI and ATNI throughout the year that deal with legislative actions and resolutions within Tribal Country.
- Dan asked Dirk to talk about the National Archives Building in Seattle with regards to litigation.

VETERANS REPORT –

- Rhonda reported that they will be getting money from the state to help the Tribe do the Veterans Dinner and a number of other things.
- Rhonda also reminded the membership about the Veterans meal at K-Bar Steakhouse for Veterans and a spouse. This will be expire November 2021. If the Tribal members is not a Veteran and their spouse is, please contact Rhonda and she will get you a dinner ticket.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MICHAEL RONDEAU:

- Sand Point Archives was very instrumental in Cow Creek's recognition process. They held a lot of information that was necessary in putting a case together to present to congress to get our restoration. Dr. Stephen Beckham, the historian for the Tribe played an active part in this as well. He provided a lot of information that is provided in those archives which in not only for Native American tribes but also for land management. All the records for the northwest are located there
- **Political Update**
 - Things are looking different for Tribes across the nation with its new administration, we are anticipating that representative Deb Holland will become the Secretary of Interior. We are hopeful that this appointment is confirmed for a number of reasons.
 - We are still concerned Even though basically to this point we won the argument with Coquille about the Medford Casino, there is still a possibility out there. Both Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden are going to be very influential in this administration so we are looking into taking advantage of those connections. One of the areas we are looking at is trying to put together a legislative agenda that will help our Tribe with future plans on development and protective measures for tribal revenues.

GREGG HERVEY:

- Gregg gave the Financial Report and Explained the Covid Cares Funding.
 - There were three payments that were sent out to the membership in 2020 (March, July and December) totaling \$3.6 million dollars.

SHANA SLAY & RYAN BOCHART:

- Introduced the new Benefits Manager Joanie Moore she will be assisting in Tribal Member Benefits which includes Nesika, Tribal Dental, Tribal EAP, Telemedicine- Wellvia
- **Rapid Pay Cards**
 - Distributions will be changing.
 - Instead of getting a check members will receive the Rapid Pay Card which is a visa debit card.
 - This will include over the counter payments, annual distribution and any other distributions that are sent out to the membership.
 - This is a prepaid card that does not require a credit check.
 - This prepaid card can be used at millions of ATM's and merchant locations worldwide.
 - You can transfer balance from the pay card to your checking account.
 - If cards are lost or stolen there is 24/7 access to assistance.
 - Fraud insurance is included.
 - No check cashing fees if you don't have a checking account.
 - There will be more information sent out to the membership on how this will work. We will post in the newsletter and on our Facebook page.
 - This will exclude elders that are signed up for direct deposit.

JASON ROBISON:

- ***Housing and Cultural Updates***
 - Big changes within the Housing Department
 - Former housing director Brenda Lewis resigned in November 2020. During this process the leadership team met to take a closer look at what we needed to do within the housing program to really get the services we need out to the membership and really focus on expanding the housing program.
 - We created a new structure. Robert Johnson is now the oversite to our maintenance department.
 - With these changes we have really been able to streamline the process and procedures and really start examining where we are in the housing department and where we want to be going.
 - We are working very closely with the Housing Review Board on different decision making processes right now as well.
 - Jennifer Bryant stepped into the Tribal programs role and is doing an amazing job. Her responsibility is to take a look at all the Tribal programs that are offered either through our Tribal general funds, housing dollars or through the IHGB block grant funds to be able to provide those programs and services out to the membership. If you have any questions about any of the programs that we offer please reach out to Jennifer and schedule and appointment. She is also running newsletter articles, we are going to try to advertise a different program each month to get the membership involved and excited. Just because it is a housing department doesn't mean we cannot service other Tribal members. One of the things we just received is a Secretary of Commerce Grant and we really started to look at how we provide Covid relief funds outside of the service area. We are able to pay utilities and back rent due to Covid, this is nationwide.
 - Riley Gearin was hired on as the administrative assistant, working with the tenants and collaborating with the Housing Review Board on completing minutes from the meetings.
 - Jason introduced Latesha Cobb, the new Housing Director.
- ***Cultural Discussion***
 - Developing a survey that they will be sending out to the membership and then also looking at some resources that may be available down the road. We are looking forward to developing a program that best meets the organization needs and also the needs of the Tribal membership as well.

SHARON STANPHILL & PAMELA GUTMAN:

- We are in the process of renovating a building on Edenbower here in Roseburg across from the Evergreen Urgent Care to move the North Clinic to. We will also have a diabetes center at this location. We are scheduled to move to the new building in July.
- Pamela runs the Public Health Department that was established in 2020.
 - Providing flu vaccines for Tribal members and employees.
 - Provide Covid testing and also have max vaccine sites, we use the moderna vaccine.
 - We also have a drive through clinic set up for the second vaccine shot.
- Pamela explained the vaccine trial for Covid.
- We are going to mobilize our ability to provide aid in case of an emergency. We will have three trailers and one medical van that will allow us to provide medical services to the community in case of an emergency.
- Getting medical supplies out to the public; we have developed a pod system which is currently being used to house emergency supplies for the Covid pandemic, we will roll over into emergency pods in the coming years out into the community.

- One of our goals is to have Health Fairs and other events in the counties that Tribal members live in.

JOHN MCCAFFERTY:

- **Grants Pass Downs Threat**
 - The will have around 220 slot machines and they are just like the games on the casino floor.
 - We expect Grants Pass Downs will make somewhere around \$220 dollars a day per machine and that I money that will come directly off the Tribe's casino floor.
 - It is ran by the Oregon Racing Commission that has no experience in gaming whatsoever.
 - There are no rules or regulations governing how machines have to work, if fact in order to participate you only have to be 18 years of age and if you want to look at the organization that is overseeing this three of the commissioners are operating and their terms expired a couple of years ago. So, there are a lot of things for us to do to try to stop this. They plan on opening in October/November 2021.
 - We are working with the state and other Tribe's now to stop this from happening. We have to be relatively careful about taking the front of the fight right now because those customers from Grants Pass that are our customers today are very loyal to the people that are putting Grants Pass Downs together, it's the Dutch Brothers so we need to be careful we don't alienate.
 - There are several game manufacturers involved.
 - This is far more severe than the Coquille threat.
 - We are grateful that we have expanded into hemp and some of the other products that we now grow and sell because they will help the Tribe if this Grants Pass Downs thing does go through.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- Rhonda thanked the Language staff and it is so important for the Tribe's support for the language to keep it moving forward. She also mentioned that there shouldn't be any reason why they couldn't do cultural classes virtually, like basketry Beth Gipson is a great teacher.
- Garry Zimmerman handed out a letter to the Tribal Board. He would like to have monthly assemblies after each nomination meeting of candidates and incumbents who are seeking a seat on the Tribal Board. He would like to be able to have assemblies announced to all Tribal members three weeks prior to the assemblies and held on Sunday mornings at 10:00AM in a large room to handle seating of 100 or more Tribal members and their associates. Garry also requested that the meetings be equipped to transmit via Zoom or Skype.
 - The Chairman thanked Garry and that the Board would take his request under consideration once they have discussed it.

Michael made the motion; Gary seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:42AM. Motion carried.

Next meeting, May 16, 2021 at 10:00AM

PREPARED BY BOARD ASSISTANT:

(Signature & Date) _____

BOARD SECRETARY APPROVAL:

(Signature & Date) _____