



GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING November 12, 2017

Chairman Dan Courtney called the General Council meeting to order at 10:00AM on Sunday November 12, 2017. Meeting was held at the Cow Creek Government Office's, with a quorum present.

Robert Van Norman asked that all the Veterans stand to be recognized.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer was led by Robert Van Norman.

There was a moment of silence for Tribal members Harold William Bochart and Robert Lee Perdue.

Luann Urban made the motion and George Rondeau seconded to approve the meeting minutes from August 13, 2017 as written. Motion carried.

Vonnie McCafferty made the motion, Michael Rondeau seconded to ratify fifteen individuals for tribal enrollment. Motion carried.

VETERAN'S REPORT:

- The Youth Ambassador group came to Robert and asked if they could do a float for the Veteran's Day Parade this year. They put together tribal logo items in bags to handout during the parade. The color guard, Robert Fred Van Norman Tyler Jasper and Ryan Bochart were the lead color guard for the parade, this was quite an honor to be able to do this and represent the Tribe. In today's paper there is a picture of the honor guard on the front page. The Youth came in on Friday and helped decorate the float in the rain. On the float they displayed photos of Tribal Veterans who have recently passed away. Robert thanked the youth and others for being there at the parade; it is always an honor to represent the Tribe.

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

- Dan attended the Legislative Commission on Indian Services that he attended in Warm Springs in September.
- Dan attended the Annual State Tribal Summit for Legislative Commission on Indian Services in Lincoln City; the Siletz Tribe hosted the event this year at Chinook Winds Casino. Also in attendance were Michael Rondeau, Robert Van Norman, Tom Cox and Sharon Stanphill. Michael and Sharon both served on a panel, Michael spoke about rural economy and Sharon talked about health issues and what is happening in Indian Company. Robert brought in the Tribal Flag. All nine Tribes in Oregon participated; there were a lot of good discussions on tribal sovereignty issues. The first day is a training for state employees and it give them an opportunity to hear what is going on with the Tribes and the second is the Government to Government which includes Governor Kate Brown giving a speech as well as some of the State agencies.
- Dan has been to D.C. a couple of times since the August General Council meeting. Continuing to work on the issue with the proposed casino down in Medford, Lands Bill which we are making good progress. We also have met regarding some health issues, Sharon will give an update.

- Elder's Dinner was last night, well attended event, the Youth Activities Committee helped serve at the Elder's dinner.
- YEP Committee hosted the Children's Pow Wow last night; Dan thanked Mike for doing the salmon for the event.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MICHAEL –

Our Tribe is plugged into so many different organizations in Southern Oregon.

- Lonnie Rainville
 - Very involved in the South Douglas County community.
 - Serves on the City of Myrtle Creek's Planning Commission
 - Was elected in July 2017 to serve on the South Umpqua School Board.
 - Sits on the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley here in Roseburg.
 - Lonnie also sits on a Statewide Board, the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association Board.
- Sharon
 - Member of Sutherlin Church security team.
 - Sutherlin FFA Alumni Board.
 - Booster Club for Sutherlin High School.
 - Member of the Opioid Taskforce for the State of Oregon.
 - Federally Sharon sits on the Tribal Leader Diabetes Committee, representing the Tribes in Oregon, Idaho and Washington.
 - Fund Distribution Work Group, Indian Health Service.
- John
 - Douglas County Partnership Board, this Board works to bring businesses to Douglas County.
 - Umpqua Business Commission this is the building the Tribe funded several years ago that brings businesses into our area.
 - Board member for Project Access in Jackson County this Board helps underprivileged people to get food, clothing, housing; particularly people with young families that are looking for places to live.
- Travis Hill
 - Oregon Economic Development Council, they have a Tribal Cluster that meets once a quarter.
 - Roseburg Chamber Tourism Taskforce
- Nathan Jackson
 - Jackson County Livestock Association, Douglas County Stockgrowers, Oregon Cattlemen's Association President-Elect, Director of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.
- Robert Van Norman
 - Robert was on the Historic Resource Review for Douglas County for years, however, he is passing it onto Jessie Plueard from the Natural Resources Department. She will represent the Tribe well.
- Jason Robison, Natural Resources Director sits on the statewide board for the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.
- Tribal Member, Kelly Coates out of the Medford Office sits on a number of Conservation Boards for the Rogue Valley regarding Rogue River Enhancement.

- Michael added that the Tribe is very fortunate to have the people they have working for the Tribe both Tribal and Non-Tribal that represent and give a wonderful face to our Tribe in the community and it shows that we are plugged into so many different areas. Everything that goes on in the community the Tribe matters, the opinions, the involvement. It just goes to show that we have a lot of dedicated people and would like to recognize the staff for what they are doing for the Tribe.
- Michael found that in 1910 Isadore Rondeau signed a contract with the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce to put on the Indian Rodeo. It is amazing that even back in the olden days the Cow Creek Tribe was very active in community efforts.
- Michael added that the Tribe is sponsoring the Medford Chamber of Commerce Luncheon for the month of November. We will be providing some speakers for this event.
 - Former Douglas County Commissioner Doug Robertson, Lee Patterson who is the Chairman of the Cow Creek Foundation.
 - They will be doing a presentation on the communities for Healthy Forests.
 - This will include better forest practices and address the catastrophic fires.
 - As a sponsor of the event we will be featuring our Takelma Roasting Company, this will give us an opportunity to give more exposure to the Tribal businesses that we are working on.

Tribal Reservation

- In 1853 when the Cow Creek's signed the treaty, they had a provision in the treaty that would provide for a permanent reservation.
 - Because the way history laid out and what had happened in the 1850's with the Rogue Indian Wars that never happened.
- Finally in 2013 Senator Wyden was approached about making that treaty whole and actually honoring the fact that the Cow Creek Tribe would get their reservation.
- Through a lot of work with our Natural Resources and Legal Staff we defined the area that was acceptable to BLM and all the Government Agencies and we have come up with approximately 17,000 acres that are checker boarded along the South Umpqua River and some on Cow Creek, these are the identified areas that will be the reservation.
- Senator Wyden has now introduced our bill three times in the senate in three different congressional periods and out of the House of Representatives, Congressman has introduced the same bill seven times and it has passed out of the House. It always gets over to the senate and it has hang-ups that are totally unrelated to the Tribe or the Bill, it's just the dysfunction of congress.
- What is exciting about it now is that we are in the first year of the third congress and we are further along now than we have ever been. It is passed out of the house and is in the senate, senator Wyden is holding it at the desk which is a good thing.
- The committee that is was introduced it out of the House was the Energy Committee, Senator Murkowski of Alaska is the chairman of that committee so we have had to work very closely with her and in doing so we have built relationships with the staff and the senators.
- We have been able to broker a deal with Merkley and Murkowski on doing a Hotline.
 - **A Hotline** is a strategic procedure carried out by Leadership and their Cloakrooms. There are a few situations in which Senate Leadership might hotline a bill. The most common is that they want to move it quickly. In that case a member of Leadership asks their Cloakroom to leave an outgoing message for the Senate that the measure will be called up to pass without a vote (by Unanimous Consent). If a single Senator objects to the bill they can phone the Cloakroom clerk, register their objection, and the bill is stopped. Sometimes the Majority leader doesn't really expect a bill to pass by Unanimous Consent but will hotline it anyway-- like a trial balloon to measure a bill's support.

- There were a lot of problems on the republican side but Murkowski's staff worked with all of them and got them all settled. We are now going to work on the democratic side, and between Wyden and Murkowski they are going to put out an email to all the senate. They have 48 hours to respond which is why it is important to do all the homework ahead of time to ward off any opposition or holds.
- Once the coordinated time is right they will put out the email and they have 48 hours (this is a rare practice but they will do it occasionally) once it is responded to, the Bill will automatically go to the floor and it will be voted on and it could be on just an automatic vote then it will go onto the President and then there is another layer.
- We are closer than we have ever been to having this and this is different than other Indian Lands Bills because the language that was written by our delegation (Wyden & DeFazio), it places the land into reservation status immediately which means when they make the vote that land is instantly turned into reservation; normally there is a process of sometimes up to 24 months to 36 months that allows for transition.
- All of these responsibilities are going to be switched over to the Tribe, we have developed a committee here with staff and Board members that are working on the transition process so we have everything covered (utilities, roads, special needs, etc.)
- Our bill is coupled with two other bills, one is a lands bill similar to ours with the Coos Lower Umpqua Siuslaw, and they are getting a reservation bill as well. The other bill is the Coquille Tribe, they have already received Timber Land from the government but they were required to manage it with the Northwest Forest Plan, they are the only tribe in the country that has to do that. They are trying to get it switched to the Indian Tribal Forestry Act. Congress only has a limited number of days; if you watch the news you will see how contentious and crazy it is.

Coquille Issue:

- The Coquille has put an application into the Bureau to take lands into trust in Medford for a casino. We have continually been working on our opposition for this.
- Recently the Department of Interior sent out letters to all the governments to find out if they are still opposed to it.
- The city of Medford and Jackson County have indicated that they are in opposition to it and will be submitting letters to the BIA.
- If the casino in Medford were to go through our economist have said that we would lose 500 jobs and half of our revenue, this would basically put us (Casino & Tribe) into technical default of our Bonds.
- We are working directly with the Department of Interior on resending a letter that was sent out in January of 2017 that states that the property wasn't taken into trust however it was eligible for gaming.

SHARON STANPHILL – Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS)

- Acknowledged and thanked Tribal Member Ben Steward for being the first Dental Health Aide Therapist in Oregon.
- Health survey has been completed, Sharon went over the results.

LONNIE –

Programs Report

- Ally Van Norman spoke a little about what the Tribal Youth Council is all about.
 - Mission Statement: The purpose of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians Tribal Youth Council is to create leaders interested in future growth of the Tribe and Tribal families. The Council will act as a role model for the community Tribal youth, help foster education within the Tribe, create a bond and promote mental and physical

wellbeing of all, participate in community service projects and work with the Tribal Board of Directors to help maintain good relationships through the Tribe and the community in which they live in.

- The Youth Council has created a constitution and bylaws.
- Volunteered at the Southern Oregon Trade & Career Expo down at Seven Feathers.
- Helped set up for the Youth Harvest Party at the Tribal Gardens.
- Received a donation of coins from the Seven Feathers Fountain and decided to give to Tribal Members for emergency assistance.
- Involved in the Veteran's Parade and served the Elder's at the Elder's Dinner event.
- Future plan in January the youth council will be doing a junior toastmasters program and are planning more community service projects for the coming year.

Youth Council for 2017 – Ages 14 – 22

- This year's officers are:
 - Ally Van Norman, President
 - Nicholas Lowell, Vice President
 - Hannah Lowell, Secretary
 - Alyssa Rainville, Alternate Secretary
 - Elizabeth Bryant, Treasurer
- Committee Members:
 - Molly Yeust
 - Darrin Looney
 - Monte Sertain
- Committee Advisors:
 - Kelly Warner
 - Kayla Knight
 - Robert Lowell
- Russ Cox received an award for Toastmasters, second place for a speech contest.
- Education Department
 - New Youth Development Specialist, K'Ehleyr (Kay-lar) McNulty.
 - Halloween event took place at the Tribal Gardens.
 - Backpack Giveaway
 - All Tribal members ages 3 – 18 had the opportunity to pick up a backpack and school supplies to help them start off their school year successfully.
 - TeachMy PreK & K
 - TeachMy PreK and TeachMy Kindergartener were mailed to any Tribal families that requested materials for their children ages 3 -6 years old.
 - If you need more info, contact Kayla Knight 541-677-5575.
 - Expanding Horizons Youth Center
 - The afterschool program has been busy tracking, studying, and learning Takelma words for cloud formations.
 - Crafts and Friday Fun days are a big hit.
 - Student math scores are greatly improved because of tutoring at the Center.
 - It's a friendly, safe, nurturing environment for our youth to thrive.
- Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative
 - The Gentry Loop Housing Project is in full swing.
 - UIUC assisted the Housing Department in this project by constructing the building pads and connected the utilities for the homes.
 - The electrical work will start on Wednesday, November 15th.
 - To date UIUC has finished pad work on lots #1, 3, 5, & 6.
 - Plans have been submitted to the county for lots #1-7 & 26.

- RV Park Power Project
 - UIUC started the RV Park Power Pedestal project in October.
 - The RV Park currently has 33 transformers that have no panel associated with them that allows for circuit breakers to shut the power off in times of emergency.
 - Each transformer has anywhere from 3 to 10 spaces hooked up to it.
 - UIUC is placing a panel at each transformer and wiring each RV space to the panel as part of the RV Park Power Pedestal project.
 - UIUC will redo one transformer a week.
 - The project is expected to be completed June of 2018.
- Dole Road Project
 - UIUC completed the Dole Road Project for the Natural Resources Department.
 - UIUC performed an annual pond maintenance which consisted of removing over 100 yards of sediment that eroded into the pond in the last year.
 - Road maintenance was completed on Dole Road and the slide area was addressed, the culvert inlets to the existing culverts were cleaned up as well.
 - Replaced three existing dole stream culverts with new 84" culverts.
 - The inlet and outlets will be resloped in a way that will minimize the erosion that is currently affecting the culverts.
- UIUC Electrical Point of Delivery for #4 & #5
 - On October 25th UIUC received from Pacific Power the rough draft of the Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement (NITSA) for Point Of Delivery on areas #4 and #5. This is the document that will ensure the transmission of power to UIUC.
 - Once all parties agree the agreement will be signed and construction will then be scheduled.
- Emergency Management Program Activities
 - Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative Infrastructure Assessment- DHS
 - FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Workgroup
 - Tribal Climate Camp Participation-ATNI/Nisqually
 - Chetco Bar Fire Mutual Aid –Coos County/Tolowa Di' Nee Nation
 - National Tribal Emergency Management Conference
 - Horse Prairie Fire Resource Coordination
 - Oregon Tribal Emergency Management Coalition Meetings
 - Basic Disaster Life Support Class- 7F Security/Health and Wellness
- CCBUTI Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
 - April '17-Plan Kick Off Meeting
 - June '17 Risk/Threat Identification Meeting
 - October '17 Mitigation Strategy Meeting
 - December '17 Plan Review Workshop
 - February '18 Board Review and Adoption
 - March '18 FEMA Approval
- Down Payment and Repair Assistance
 - The Down Payment Repair Assistance Program continues to grow on an annual basis.
 - We have already paid out more this year in services than last year and anticipate being up \$37,000.00 by end of year.
 - To date, we have assisted 18 Tribal Members/Families with Down Payment Assistance and 24 Tribal Member/Families with Repairs on their homes, totaling \$133,000.00 in services.

- These services are available to our membership anywhere in the United States.
- Indian Health Service Sanitation Projects
 - We have been working with Indian Health Service (IHS) on projects for our Tribal Membership and Affiliates in the seven county service area.
 - We finished several individual site projects this year and will begin work on additional sites in December.
 - In addition to the individual site work, the Tribal Housing Program and UIUC have been working with IHS on the connection services for the Gentry Loop Project as well as improving the infrastructure at the Riverside transitional housing property.
 - Funding has been approved for these projects and we anticipate beginning work in November 2017.
- Teledoc – Nesika Health Group Corp Tribal Health Benefit Plan
 - This is a convenient and affordable option for quality care.
 - Free access to doctor 24/7 /365-U.S Board Certified.
 - You can use Teledoc:
 - Whenever you feel unwell, you can receive convenient, quality care from a variety of licensed healthcare professionals.
 - You can use Teladoc if you are considering the ER or urgent care center for a non-emergency issue.
 - If you are on vacation or a business trip, or away from home.
 - For short-term prescription refills.
 - Teledoc doctors can treat many medical conditions, including:
 - Cold & Flu Symptoms
 - Allergies
 - Sinus problems
 - Urinary tract infections
 - Respiratory infections
 - Skin problems
 - And much more!
 - Must have Nesika Health Insurance to Qualify for Teladoc.
 - You can register any member living in your household even if they are not on your Nesika Health plan.
 - You can register online at <https://www.teladoc.com/> or call 800-835-2362 to register over the phone.
- Tribal EAP Services – Free Benefit to Tribal Members
 - This is an intervention program designed to identify and assist people in resolving personal problems (e.g., marital, financial or emotional problems; family issues).
 - Visit www.MyRBH.com
 - You can access current health news, tools for parenting, wellness resources, financial resources (education, budgeting tools, retirement planning), legal forms, personal growth information child care provider search and much, much more.
 - They have a 24-hour crisis help, toll free access for you or a family member experiencing a crisis. Call 866-750-1327.
 - In-Person Counseling
 - You get 6 face to face counseling sessions for each new issue. Simply call 866-750-1327 for access to qualified, local

counselors who can help you with a variety of problems such as family, parenting, relationship, stress, anxiety and other challenges.

- Natural Resources
 - The Natural Resource Department Administrative Staff are issuing the 2017 Waterfowl Hunting permits and reserving fields to hunt during Waterfowl season.
 - The Natural Resource Department Administrative staff continued to administer the Tribal Firewood Program, and the National Forest Pass Program.
 - 80 cords of wood are were utilized by Tribal members, Widows/Widowers and Tribal employees this year.
 - All wood was be picked up by Sept. 30th.
 - Forest passes can be picked up at the Tribe's Natural Resource Office.
 - Jennifer Bryant is managing the new reservation system for Bare Park and the Tribal Gardens. Contact Jennifer Bryant, 541-677- 5575 for more information.
 - Other Admin. Projects and Activities: Master Land Use Planning, Tribal Water Rights Review, Tribal Land Conveyance Bill, Wetland Mitigation Banking, Land Acquisition, Coquille – Medford Casino Review, Phase I ESA(s) for the Fee-to-Trust process, and Jordan Cove/Pacific Connector Project Review.
- Cultural Displays – (Located in the corridor to the hotel from the casino floor)– Traditional Lifeways
 - Four panels: Land, Resources, People, Culture.
 - Monitors with images of culturally significant resources.
 - Display cases with 23 traditional artifacts/replicas.
- John McCafferty announced that for lunch the Seven Feathers Food Truck will be here.
- Travis talked about the Takelma Roasting Company.
 - Working on distribution through different methods.
 - Travis had a meeting with Costco.
 - Just developed an Espresso roast.
 - Working through the process to sell the coffee at Truck & Travel.
- Nathan Jackson on K-Bar Ranch
 - Purchased 2800 head stocker cattle and have sold 2700 head to date at a very profitable rate.
 - Developing a branded beef product that we will be featuring in our own outlets as well as other outlets to make a tremendous amount of revenue.
 - Tribal members can purchase hamburger at the K-Bar Ranch.

General Discussion –

- Jim Deardorff wanted to know if the Tribe could put together a fire fighting class around March next year for interested Tribal members that want to become certified. There were a lot of interested people that wanted to help on the fires but were not able to get into a class.
 - Lonnie responded that he will talk to Tracy DePew for next year to have a class for Tribal Members and advertise it in the newsletter.
- Tom wanted to comment on all the great information that was presented at today's General Council meeting.
- Tom would like to propose to the Board at looking into putting together a newsletter to be sent out on a quarterly basis to the Tribal membership. The newsletter would include information on what will be presented at the General Council meeting so that the membership can review prior to coming to the meeting and would give them an opportunity to be able to ask more pertinent questions and show more interest in the meetings.

- Luann let everyone know that there will be a change in the Over the Counter program for 2018. Tribal members over the age of 18 will get a check for \$100 and age 17 and under will get \$50.
- Garry Zimmerman wanted to know if Lonnie was going to do another financial class.
 - Lonnie replied that he will advertise in the newsletter sometime around March.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30PM

Next Meeting will be February 11, 2018 at 10:00AM

PREPARED BY BOARD ASSISTANT:

(Signature & Date) _____

BOARD SECRETARY APPROVAL:

(Signature & Date) _____