

The Muckleshoot Tribe Will Host

November 2010 TSWAN Meeting

WHEN: November 17 and 18th, 2010

WHERE: Muckleshoot Casino, Auburn, WA

LODGING: Best Western Peppertree
401 8th St SW
Auburn, WA 98001

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Meeting**

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ATTENTION!

We are up against a tight deadline for this meeting. There are only so many rooms available and we have a two week cancellation policy, so please let me know if you need a reservation. Also, please get your Travel Authorization forms into Kami Snowden as soon as possible, along with any Agenda items you might want added. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



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TSWAN Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2010
Grand Ronde, Oregon

ATTENDANCE: Danny Joe Stensgar, Pete Palmer, *Colville Confederated Tribes*; Lewis Younger, *Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde*; Kevin Greenleaf, *Kootenai Tribe*; Alex Panamaroff, *Larson Bay*; Hans Apokedak, *Levelock Village*; Eddy Chu, *Muckleshoot Tribe*; Ron Wassillie, *Newhalen Tribal Council*; John Wheaton, *Nez Perce Tribe*; Amanda Squartsoff, *Native Village of Port Lions*; Jill Boskofsky, *Native Village of Ouzinkie*; Angie Christiansen, *Old Harbor Tribal Council*; Tom Gibbons, *Quinault Nation*; Aleena Beasley, *Shoshone-Bannock Tribes*; Claire Wood, *Siletz Tribe*; Cindy Spiry, *Snoqualmie Tribe*; David Ernst, *Spokane Tribe*; Rick Rowland, *Sun'aq Tribe*; Bonnie Burke, *Umatilla Tribe*; Phillip Johns, *Warm Springs Tribes*; Kami Snowden, Anne Bailey, Elaine Welk, Michael Snowden, *TSWAN*.

Absent Tribes: *AVCP; Chehalis; Cheesh-Na; Chignik; Coeur d'Alene Tribe; Kalispel; Makah Tribe; Native Village of Eklutna; Native Village of Venetie; Nooksack Tribe; Tulalip Tribe; Yakama Nation.*

Guests in Attendance: Bill Denton, Don Chalmers, *SparrowHawk Consulting*; Jason Fenton and Dean Adams, *Burns-Paiute Tribe*; Curtis Stanley, *Nisqually Tribe*; Michael Snowden.

Lewis Younger of the Grand Ronde Confederated Tribes welcomed the members present. He announced some of the projects that his tribe is working on since our last time there in June of 2009. They have completed \$11.6 M in improvements on seven tribal facilities, and \$9.3 M of that was from grants further stated that was why he was so happy to be able to host the Grant Writing Workshop that had preceded the meeting on Tuesday. Lewis then turned the meeting over to Danny Joe Stensgar, President and Kami Snowden, Executive Director of TSWAN.

Kami told the group about a Professional Development workshop that Don Chalmers had presented to the TSWAN Board two weeks before. The goal was to improve the way we do business and work with each other.

Don Chalmers reported on the workshop, saying the TSWAN Board was doing all it could to move the organization forward. He said there are two non-profit models: Board focused or Membership focused and that TSWAN is a MEMBER focused non-profit with an elected board. One of his goals in his presentation was to promote CLARITY among the Board/Membership/and Staff. He and Kami both asked the membership to review the notes from the training, and please bring discussion to the caucus the following day.

Kami handed out several pages of items developed as a product of the professional development workshop. These included Organizational Roles; TSWAN Missions, Vision and Values for the Board and one for the Members; some ground rules for meetings and events; a conflict resolution processes; tracking action items from meetings which require follow-up; and a review of how to host a TSWAN meeting. These items would go into the TSWAN Policies and Procedures after discussion at the caucus.

She said one of the things they would like to see the membership take a greater role in is the agenda planning which would involve action and informational items. The staff of TSWAN should be

implementing member ideas rather than the reverse. Cindy Spiry, Treasurer of TSWAN, said she liked the specific rules and ideas from the training.

Danny Joe Stensgar, President of TSWAN, praised the training and discussion of so many items. He said he wants the members to know that the Board is here to SERVE the membership and will help in any way that he can. He also informed members that Michael Snowden was filming the meeting and members for a Facebook page and would also be making a TSWAN CD for the membership to send to those seeking further information on TSWAN.

Ron Wassillie, Vice President of TSWAN, said this was a very helpful training for him as a board member and as a member of many boards that he sits upon.

Eddy Chu of the Muckleshoot said he really appreciated the way TSWAN makes sharing of codes and ordinances available. He also said he appreciated the meetings where touring is part of the agenda. Peer matching was one of the suggestions he opened up.

TRIBAL UPDATES

Warm Springs Confederated Tribes – Phillip Johns reports that the tribal composting program through the schools is going well. They are continuing to work on outreach to the public. The compactor passed for the casino area.

Nisqually Tribe -- Curtis Stanley, a guest from the Nisqually Tribe said he appreciates any help he can get from TSWAN. Their area is more metropolitan and they are trying to fit a solid waste program to their environment. Kami recommended he talk with Eddy Chu of the Muckleshoot Tribe since they too are in a more metropolitan area.

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes -- Aleena Beasley reported on their transfer station and landfill and the fact that they are leaning toward more an incinerator. They have a problem with tire piles, but are working with a Salt Lake, UT company who will haul them for \$500 per load. The tribe has started charging \$1.00 per tire to those who dump. They are starting to charge for use of the transfer station, however, for those who declare they cannot afford it, they are using a sliding scale and working with them on a cooperative basis. They are also having great success with their environmental programs in the schools. Aleena also reported that they have been having the school kids work with the diabetes program and the wildlife department on environmental programs.

Siletz Confederated Tribes -- They deal with local haulers and the county. They have implemented a recycling program in their schools with educational talks and materials. These are working well. They have a composting/worm project they are working on. They have some of the tribal facilities working with them on these, including the Tillicum Fitness Center and the Healthy Traditions Project. Kami mentions the successful Colville school recycling program, working with the hot lunch program, and how they are sending some of the food waste to hog farmers.

Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak -- Rick Rowland said this is his first TSWAN meeting. His tribe is participating with DOE on a military cleanup and would like to do an ocean floor cleanup if possible in future. He is interested in policy development and Kami suggested he talk with Steve Pendleton of the Makah Tribe as they face many of the same ocean problems.

Old Harbor Tribe -- Angie Christiansen was attending her first TSWAN meeting. She reports that Old Harbor is working to sort their dump. They are installing an electric fence around it as they have seven bears living there this summer, one of which had to be put down for charging a worker. It is

going slower than hoped although the funding is available. They have a grant for scrap metals, although the city owns the site. They also got the funding for a new dock.

Colville Confederated Tribes – Pete Palmer said they are working with EPA on burning at their transfer station, trying to get in compliance with a no burning plan. They are updating their FARR document. They would like EPA to come to the reservation and work with them. They are working with the state on 480 tons of tires. They now have a car crusher on the reservation and are working on cleanup. Their recycling center is growing. There is a lot of cooperation from the school at Inchelium. They are also looking into alternative hauling routes because too they have many items being brought to the Nespelem center. There is a problem with stealing and fires set at the Desautel transfer station and they are trying to figure a way to stop these problems.

Burns-Paiute Tribes -- Jason Fenton and Dean Adams were guests from the Burns-Piute Tribes. They said they were a very small tribe with only 200 of their 400 members living on the reservation. They do some recycling at their offices and have a problem with people bringing things onto their reservation to illegally dump. They have no solid waste plan at this time. They need policies and procedures; regulations, etc and are hoping that TSWAN will be a place they can find help.

Nez Perce Tribe -- John Wheaton reports that they broke ground on their waste water treatment plant in July. They hope to see it completed in about a year. The regional landfill continues to be a problem. Their SWAC committee proposed one for Camas Prairie. EPA called the tribe to see how they felt about that and asked to be at the table on talks. The Tribe was funded by the Department of Energy for a waste to energy study in the amount of \$128K. They are still looking at a proposed study and looking at bio fuels, bio mass and incineration. They are also opening their recycling plant this October and have a collection facility in operation order. They have added a new container for aluminum, tin and plastic. The problems with Lapwai City Transfer station continue. It operated 8 to 5 daily under the tribe, but now is only open 2 days per month and only yard, metal and household waste are taken in. John also reports that Al Latourette identified more illegal sites as they are getting organized for a clean-up of brownfield sites. They have a garbage truck that was purchased by the casino which does a 100 mile loop for casino, gas stations and tribal offices. It will save them \$35,000 per year.

Quinault Nation -- Tom Gibbons splits his duties between the Water and Environmental Department. He said they were able to do \$35,000 cleanup on illegal dumpsites last year and hope to do more this fall. The problem they face most are random dumps, but so far their cleanup rate seems to be outpacing the dumpsites. They were also able to get some abandon cars removed from the reservation. Outreach through the tribal paper seems to be helping, but much comes from off the reservation. Enforcement is helping the find sites, but they have no real enforcement authority. They are also working on many water quality issues, including pesticide permits with the EPA. They have several proposals with levies, dams for flood control. They will be hosting the oil spill workshop TSWAN is presenting next spring.

Muckleshoot Tribe -- Eddy Chu says their problems are very urban and cover the Green River/White River fishing rights problems. They have gated the areas not open to the public and given keys to only tribal members. They deal with many illegal dumping issues. Their collection sites are monitored and can be entered with enrollment card only.

Kootenai Tribe -- Kevin Greenleaf reports that their tribe is small with only 135-145 members. All of their collection process is done by maintenance department and paid for by the Casino profits. They recycle from their offices and have a good relationship with the county landfill. They would like to contract with someone in Spokane for recycling. They have been doing a five year feasibility

study, but recycling is still voluntary and less than 50% do recycle. The city of Bonners Ferry is working to make it mandatory. They would like to get the funding to establish a full program.

Coeur d'Alene Tribe – Bill Denton, formerly represented the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, and attended his last TSWAN meeting to pass on some information. He said that one of the grants he had worked on over the past couple of years is in the process of being closed out and reported on the USDA green hotels and the composting bins they have distributed throughout the communities. He said the community outreach program presented three workshops on solid waste, household hazardous waste and composting. The composting project worked with the schools, head-start program and some with the public schools also. He felt the EPA Hazardous Waste grants had been very successful, collecting 12,000 pounds of household hazardous waste over two half day sessions. There is enough funding left to host at least one more collection. Tiffany Allgood is the manager of the Environmental Programs Office which includes the Environmental Health Specialist as one of the staff members. He also said to spread the word that his position is open with the tribe.

Spokane Tribe -- David Ernst apologized for not being available to make the tour at our last meeting. He said their facility is the poster child for dumps! They have two transfer stations with two dumps. IHS gave \$300K to close the West End dump. They are still working on possibly having tribal trucks haul from the West End to the Wellpinit dump. In April, EPA issued a solicitation and the Spokane Tribe asked for \$210K. They appreciated the letter of support from TSWAN. And in September at the community meeting, Solid Waste as a project was brought to the table for the first time. They are sponsoring a tire round up project with Washington DOE September 18-19th. They hired Les Schwab, but couldn't do project because the dumps are still open. There is not enough funding to operate the transfer station.

Larsen Bay -- Alexander Panamaroff said he had plans for a busy summer closing the dump, but there was no personnel available. Their housing authority is putting up solar panels. They have formed consortium for backhauling metals and are waiting for EPA for notification of grant monies for metals. They are doing public outreach in schools on environmental issues. They have an aluminum can crusher and 33 gallon collection going, but already have five full dumpsters waiting for shipment. Their brownfields project is hoping to work toward a community garden. Because he has had three part-time assistants in two years, is hoping to fund a fulltime position. Their landfill has an electric fence for bears installed two years ago and run by solar panels. This stopped the bear problems, however hunters are now trying to destroy it, so they have had to install cameras.

Native Village of Ouzinkie -- Jill Boskofsky reports they have a new shed for recycling, and they have a new burn barrel, but the city is not using it yet. The can crushing project at the school is great and they are now providing crushers for households. Their community clean-up went well. IGAP 2011 funding is being targeted for a landfill technician but no assistant.

Native Village of Port Lions -- Amanda Squartsoff reported their Earth Day posters and programs were a great success as the kids are loving all the projects they are doing. Projects like the paper beads were so popular that they have been doing them other times also and many community members have joined in. The "Go Green" recycling project they have is working well. She said K-3 created terrariums; K-6 worked with the paper beads; and 4th -6th graders made rainsticks out of paper towel rolls. In June, they had a recycling day and afterward fed the participants. They have cleaned three of the five beaches. They have a recycling "family" award they are starting in September as the recycling program is still going strong.

Levelock Village -- Hans Apokedak said they are in the process of preparing their landfill for winter. He has an assistant now to help him. They sorted 22 barrels of oil, some with antifreeze in it, and are now able to store it indoors for shipping. Some they use as fuel. At the landfill, they are updating the scrap metal area and still keep some equipment parts for reuse. They are working on the road near the gate to build it up. They have been doing fence repair. They have also done some beach cleanup by removing old boats. The fish processing plant will run next summer and they need someone to run the composting projects for the fish waste recycling. They need a burn box and a new dozer and are working on funding for those.

New Halen Tribe -- Ron Wassillie says the city took over the dump in November of 2009 with all the equipment. They need a grant for vehicle cleanup. Solid waste seems to be on the bottom of the list for funding. Road work equipment is needed for the tribe to be able to get to the dump.

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indians -- Bonnie Burke said the revision of their Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan will be finished by the end of this year. Wildhorse Casino is building a new 10 story hotel, a 4 plex movie cinema, and adding 600 more slot machines. She said they need more containers for recycling. They are also looking for new equipment and containers in their grants. They were denied funding two years ago and the tribe bought 6 new 20-yarders last year. They also need to add a new staff person. Their part-time person is out right now. The housing authority and Terf will revised the MOU. They are enforcing a tarp bill. Tribal police watch haulers coming in and out for tarps. They hope the Department of Science and Engineering will be building a facility next to the transfer station. She would like to get the transfer station landscaped with native plants. They have a lot of extra waste coming in from Pilot Rock and are very busy with the construction projects at this time.

Snoqualmie Nation -- Cindy Spiry said their Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan has been approved by the tribal council. They had to postpone the community cleanup program. October 23rd they are having a household hazardous waste and recycling event with Total Reclaim. They are working with the high school on environmental programs. Next August the Snoqualmie Nation will be partnering with TSWAN on a Green Building Conference.

Kami Snowden announced some program TSWAN will be sponsoring next year as a result of some of the new grants we have received.

- A 24-hour Oil Spill Response Training will take place next May, hosted by the Quinalt Nation. This will provide NIEHS Emergency Response Technician Certification through the University of Washington. It will be open to 30 people and first preference will be given to tribal members who already have a basic Hazwoper certification or tribal emergency response teams. Travel will be provided for TSWAN members.
- TSWAN will host one more Mobile Meth Lab ID on Indian Lands training tentatively scheduled for Vancouver, Washington next year, probably in March.
- TSWAN and the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council are working to partner and host a Meth Lab ID training in Alaska using Alaska State Troopers.
- TSWAN plans to hold a 'stakeholders' meeting in Idaho in June, 2011 in Boise. This will be similar to the event held with government agencies in Washington state.
- TSWAN will be hosting a Green Building Conference with the Snoqualmie Nation in August of 2011.
- TSWAN is changing the structure of meetings next year following the Strategic Plan and budgetary concerns. For complete details, please refer to your copy, but essentially, the Alaskan TSWAN delegates will hold their own caucuses around other central events, (Alaska Forum, GAP training, or the ATCEM Conference for example), and then elect three rotating

delegates to attend regular TSWAN meetings. Snowden will be available at the Alaskan caucuses to help and to provide information. Also, there will be a budget available to those Alaskan villages to spend the extra day to meet as TSWAN.

Snowden talked about the Open Dump Inventory conducted by IHS four years ago. They were re-doing the inventory from 1997, with GPS and visual assessment, proximity to water, towns and population all factored in. Tribes with open dumps must have them identified and listed on the IHS inventory in order to have them qualify for cleanup funding. This is the only way to have them included on the SDS rating system, and only those on the system can qualify for funding. Seventy sites are in EPA Region 10, and of those, 75% are in Alaska and have been declared an immediate threat. Tribal leaders need to be talking to their legislators about monies to clean up these open dumps. It is important to talk with Al LaTourette and know your status on these dump sites.

Snowden announced that they are finished with the Alaskan Template and working on feedback. Jeannette Carlson of the Chignik Tribal Council suggested that they include the fish canneries in the plan, so staff is completing that section and the Chignik will be doing a trial on this for TSWAN.

Claire Wood of the Siletz Tribe asked how many of the tribes present have grant writers on staff. David Ernst of the Spokane Tribe said they used to have one for the tribe, but no longer have one. He said he has had good success with using "contract" grant writers. Cindy Spriy of the Snoqualmie Nation said they have one for the entire tribe, so she writes her own. Host tribe, The Grand Ronde have been very successful with their in house grant writing.

Snowden asked that ALL travel receipts needing reimbursement be turned in by October 31, 2010 for payment as the current GAP grant closes and she must begin the closeout process.

A gift was presented to a surprised Bill Denton from TSWAN President, Danny Joe Stensgar, for Bill's years of service as a delegate to TSWAN from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Idaho. Bonnie Burke, Secretary of TSWAN, also presented Bill with a gift.

Announcements about the tribal caucus to follow on Thursday morning were made and the meeting was adjourned.