

TSWAN Meeting March 2010



Hosted by the
Snoqualmie Tribe
When: **March 17th, 8:30 to 4**
March 18th, 8:30 to 12
Where: **Snoqualmie Casino**
98065

◆ **Board Elections to be held**

Please make your room reservations through TSWAN before our FEBRUARY 16th deadline. We will be staying, at the Holiday Inn, 1801 12th Ave. NW, Issaquah, WA 98207. Airport shuttle service available from Seattle Airport to Issaquah is \$26 each way and takes about 30 minutes. For Info: www.shuttleexpress.com.

Per diem rates are \$71 for full days and \$53.25 for first and last days. Mileage rates may be calculated using www.mapquest.com and using the Issaquah zip code above. Trips out to the Snoqualmie Casino are about 12 miles one way for those using their own cars and can be calculated by using 37500 North Bend Way, Snoqualmie, WA 98065. Directions are also available at www.snocasino.com.

TSWAN Meeting Minutes
December 9 - 10, 2009
Worley, Idaho

ATTENDANCE: Bill Denton, *Coeur d'Alene Tribe*; Danny Joe Stensgar, Pete Palmer, *Colville Confederated Tribes*; Lewis Younger, *Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde*; Kevin Greenleaf, *Kootenai Tribe*; Ron Wassillie, *Newhalen Tribal Council*; John Wheaton, *Nez Perce Tribe*; Adrian Francis, *Native Village of Port Lions*; Jill Boskofsky, *Native Village of Ouzinkie*; Cindy Spiry, *Snoqualmie Tribe*; Bonnie Burke, *Umatilla Tribe*; Derald Ortloff, *Yakama Nation*; Kami Snowden, Anne Bailey, Elaine Welk, *TSWAN*.

Absent Tribes: *AVCP; Chehalis; Cheesh-Na; Chignik; Kalispel; Larsen Bay; Levelock Village; Makah Tribe; Muckleshoot Tribe; Nunakauyarmiut; Native Village of Eklutna; Native Village of Eklutna; Native Village of Venetie; Old Harbor Village; Quinault Indian Nation; Shoshone-Bannock; Confederated Tribes of the Siletz; Spokane Tribe; Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak; Tulalip Tribe; Warm Spring.*

Guests in Attendance: Kelcee Palmer, Juanita Warren, *Colville Confederated Tribes*; Don Chalmers, *Sparrowhawk*, Mike Willis, *University of Washington*.

Danny Joe Stensgar, President of TSWAN welcomed the members present and made some corrections on the Agenda. He then turned the agenda items over to Kami Snowden, Executive Director of TSWAN. presentation of the 32 page plan that has been approved by the TSWAN Board.

Kami Snowden passed out the binders for TSWAN's Strategic Plan Template and introduced Don Chalmers of Sparrowhawk Consulting for his presentation.

Chalmers gave a power point presentation on the final version (see power point notes) and emphasized the importance of Tribal Strategic Planning to obtain grant funding. He said it is "always central" to the funder in showing a tribe's readiness with strategic analysis and choice, implementation of their planning and a way to evaluate how they are doing. He pointed out how working through the questions and establishing the goals can be used directly in grant writing.

Mike Willis, University of Washington, spoke up and explained how the partnerships that are formed with such planning also show how a tribe can utilize and leverage monies they are awarded in grants. Showing "compliance with prior awards" is very beneficial in securing further grants.

Bonnie Burke of the Umatilla Tribe had volunteered at the September meeting to be one of three tribes to use the plan as a model to seek funding sources for their Strategic Health Plan. She thought it would be a good tool for them to work through in their search for funding as their Solid Waste Program seems to always have to find their own funding sources. She reported that she had tried the plan with their Board of Trustees to good affect, however they are in the process of a major departmental move and need to get through that and get their KSIs in order to really evaluate the tool. She said one thing they have realized working with this tool is how important it will be to have other departments involved. For example, their Household Hazardous Waste program needs input from other departments like the fire department, natural resource department, etc.

John Wheaton of the Nez Perce reports that he is hoping to use the tool in bringing various departments together. He said at this point each department sets their own goals and define their own way of how best to serve the tribe. He is working on ways to bring this tool to other

departments besides the Natural Resource department. Kami Snowden suggested studying the Policy Statement on TSWAN in the document (page 62) as a sample.

Kami Snowden presented a printed handout on E-Waste. Mike Willis, UW, said he has a connection at Basal Action Network and will see if they can speak at our next TSWAN meeting. Kami also announced that Anne Bailey will be working on a "Health and Safety" Template in the future for possible use as an income source.

TRIBAL UPDATES

Umatilla Tribes. Bonnie Burke

Burke reports there is much construction going on at the tribe in preparation for the moving of departments into a new facility. She said her department is getting 150 – 5 gallon recycling receptacles for paper recycling at the new tribal office building.

Household Hazardous Waste facility issues may require cutting back to only taking tribal HHW. Since they are the only facility in Umatilla County, shutting down to outside communities may be too much liability. Burke says they will be using the Strategic Plan to bring more interested parties to the table on the HHW operation issues.

Burke says they are also working to educate the community to go green. They will be a new 200 room hotel in which they hope to implement green standards and recycling practices. Burke also reports that their new truck required new can sizes and met some resistance with the community. However, adjustments are taking place and people are getting used to it.

Colville Confederated Tribes – Pete Palmer and Danny Joe Stensgar

Pete reports that since April, 2009 they have identified 150 illegal dumps and have cleaned up 22 of them. Multi-departmental and public interest groups, schools, BIA contractors, etc. are all becoming involved in cleanup. She said many of their departments would be interested in the meth lab training TSWAN will be sponsoring with UW and WSP.

Cap and closure at Nespelem is a priority for the site closure there. They have sought grant funding for that purpose.

The Environmental Trust Program received \$60K for a campus fire that included a lot of e-waste. This fire identified a serious need for emergency response plans and actions. They identified five buildings for destruction but they contain asbestos which had to be handled properly and disposed of. The remainder of the buildings will be used for fire training.

Anne Bailey, TSWAN Circuit Rider, will be doing more with **T. S.** staff for better waste sorting. Since August, they have recycled: 5 tons of paper; 18 tons of e-waste; 22 tons of cardboard and make about \$2K in the process.

The Tribal Council approved a recycling coordinator for one year and were supposed to seek grants, but it turns out those grants are in direct competition with the energy department. There was no 2010 budget prepared for the recycling coordinator, so Palmer is trying to come up with the money justifications for continuing recycling programs.

Code amendments are underway to make the Solid Waste Code stronger. The illegal handling and disposal of asbestos is one of the reasons for this. They are sending their first two cases to court. They also hope to have higher fines and awareness training under the new codes. They have no

enforcement teeth past jail time on tribal trust properties. Their hands have been tied by federal laws thus far to pay for cleanup on trust properties.

Newhalen Tribe – Ron Wassillie

Ron reports that he is no longer in charge of the local dumpsite. Control of it has been given back to the City which maybe falling behind in its maintenance. Newhalen did a Fall Cleanup with good participation and success.

Kootenai Tribe - Kevin Greenleaf.

Greenleaf reports that their tribe is very small only generating 15 to 20 tons of waste per month. The Tribe recycles with Boundary County. There are at least 8 sorts available including, steel, aluminum, #1-#7 plastics, cardboard, paper, glass, vehicle batteries, electronics (except TV's).

Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde - Lewis Younger

Lewis reported some of the many grants that have been awarded to the Grand Ronde. He said the Grand Ronde are looking forward to hosting a grant writing workshop there just preceding the June TSWAN meeting. He said with costs up, grant writing is getting harder but is also a very important source of income for all tribes.

Younger reports that they received a grant and are putting a \$75K state of the art testing system on their waste treatment plant that will identify illegal drugs from their tribal housing. He said they can even tap into the system at various places to specifically identify those using illegal drugs.

They have also received a \$250K grant for Energy Analysis. They are hoping to put in 60 solar panels to generate 22,750 KW which will give them a payback in 9 years.

They have also applied for a Bio-Diesel grant to use to study a system to use the waste from the casino as an alternate energy source.

Nez Perce Tribe – John Wheaton

John reports that the General Council accepted per capital payments minus any outstanding utility bills and is putting enforcement in place for illegal dumping. They also plan a community outreach, education program as part of this effort.

They have applied for an Environment Education Grant, hoping to implement tools for the educators to use. This would provide a website for the educators to use.

They are applying for a USDA grant and also an IGAP grant for environmental utilities such as alternate energies, wind testing and feasibility studies on wind power. They are also working on a Waste Water Plant fund, with \$1.7M from IHS and a total of \$7.5 M from all funding sources.

The tribe is still negotiating with the city on the transfer site. The tribe owns all the equipment at the site so that should give them some leverage. They also want to build their own recycling site and are partnering with a local recycler on that. They are currently recycling 200 gallons of oil and 100 gallons of antifreeze. They have also recycled 300 pounds of batteries. They are no longer recycling latex paints because they are no longer able to monitor the transfer site. They are having a problem with a hydraulic company with illegal dumping.

The tribe received a \$5000 refund from the Lewis and Clark Heritage fund for cleanup projects the tribe did on the trail. They are implementing an environmental code in the Water Resource dept. Also, Anne Bailey will be helping with some Hazardous Waste training for the tribe. And John is working to keep the HWERTeam alive with DEQ and their fire department.

Coeur d'Alene Tribe – Bill Denton

In August the tribe sponsored a Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup event which went well. They sponsored it for four hours on a Friday and Saturday and hauled off 2 truckloads of materials.

They are wrapping up a USDA grant. They are expanding the casino hotel and hoping their green practices will help them get LEAD certification in the newer part and construction. The new building will feature more skylights and LED lighting to cut electrical use. The new air system will recycle and purify the air more. Their golf course has Audubon certification because of minimal fertilizer and herbicide use. Water from the new casino expansion will be treated and recycled as irrigation water.

They have a baler for their recycling program and are recycling about 6000# of cardboard a week. Other green practices they are doing are using biodegradable plastic dishes and cups, and they are recycling office paper and aluminum.

The waste food from the casino is currently being put in the landfill and amounts to 30% of their solid waste. They would like a drier to draw out the water and prevent odors.

Yakama Nation – Derald Ortloff

Derald reported that they have been very busy during the past 9 months. They have passed an indepth and elaborate Law and Order Code with a fine schedule attached.

They have presented their Solid Waste Plan to the Council and got a resolution for it to become a 501.c.3 non profit program. They have seven new council members so are working through everyone getting settled in.

They are cleaning up two more landfill sites. They have received a \$40K grant to do a “rate study” on tipping fees for green solutions. They have also received a \$60K grant to study the landfill. Also they have a grant for an energy study and another for an artifact study.

The recycling program they have started in the agencies has cut their waste by 1/3. They are training their janitorial staff to do some paper sorting.

They are currently finishing their GAP grant application and hope to move forward with their SW Plan and charter.

They have 130 buildings to maintain, and are trying to conserve energy by going green. They have hired an environmental consultant to assess their program for ‘green’ opportunities.

Snoqualmie Tribe - Cindy Spiry

Cindy reports that her SWMPlan is temporarily on hold while she finished up her GAP grant writing. She said they got a \$5K grant to hold a Household Hazardous Waste educational event. They have put out bids for signage for illegal dumping. And they have a violation letter/fine system in place.

They are also working with a small scale , backyard composting system for their community members.

Native Village of Ouzinkie – Jill Boskofsky

Jill reports that the native village on Kodiak Island have been meeting for some ‘island wide’ ideas for them to all work on together. The Native Village of Ouzinkie is working with a grant writer on some solid waste funding. They have also ordered some recycling bins through their IGAP funds.

Native Village of Port Lions – Adrian Francis

Adrian says they are building an new recycling building in Port Lions as they have outgrown the old one. They hope to have some solar or wind energy systems on this to cut energy use. They also hope to have an oil burner for the new building.

Adrian and Amanda Squartsoff did a door to door program, stressing the need to recycle to keep the island. They asked the community for input and got the suggestion for bags of different colors for people to put their recyclables in.

Adrian said he has been pricing out “briquetting” presses, so they can shred and press paper products in to briquets for heating fuel. They are adding this to their IGAP grant application.

He and Amanda also visit the high school once per month in an educational outreach trying to get the kids started on recycling and green habits earlier in their lives.

Every April on Earth Day they sponsor an annual clean-up day. They have increased their Household Hazardous Waste recycling, as well as 1600 # of cans, plastic and 400# of electronic waste. They have also been stockpiling Styrofoam and have a commitment from Total Reclaim to try to find a place to recycle it.

Their department has received a new truck which is large enough to accommodate much more than their last one. They are working on their scrap metal for recycling and a brownfields grant for the scrap metal dumpsite.

Kami Snowden thanked everyone for their tribal updates. New business was the setting of the meeting dates for 2010. Kami explained that TSWAN will be doing three more Meth ID trainings in 2010 and one in 2011. She was wanting in put on working some of these trainings around meetings.

On Monday and Tuesday, March 15-16 will be a Meth ID training held in Seattle on the U of W campus. This will be followed by a TSWAN meeting to be co-hosted by the Snoqualmie and Muckleshoot Tribes at Issaquah on Wednesday and Thursday, March 17 – 18th. TSWAN elections for officers will also take place at this meeting. Nominations were opened by secret ballot at the meeting. Snowden is finishing up by doing a survey from other members online.

The dates and hosts for the June meeting were left up in the air. However, the Grand Ronde Tribe of Oregon will host a Grant Writing workshop on September 28th, to be followed by a TSWAN meeting on September 29 – 30th.

At some time during the year, TSWAN will be sponsoring a three day training on Solid Waste Management 101. It will cover – source reduction; - composting; C & D management; e-waste management, etc. We are currently getting trainers and speakers lined up.

February 7th to 12th will be the Alaska Forum on Environment. Kami said she plans to attend with Danny Joe Stensgar and the TSWAN Circuit Rider. The process of writing an IWMP Template for Alaska will be underway at that time and must be finished by September, 2010. TSWAN will also have a side meeting with the 13 Alaskan delegates.

TSWAN is also in the process of hiring a Program Coordinator under their STAG grant. Applications have been received and interview will be held January 6, 2010.

Snowden reports that base level GAP grants for consortiums like TSWAN are now set at \$115,000. This could affect TSWAN's ability to provide travel to all meetings and so we are looking at changing the way TSWAN meetings are structured.

Other trainings that TSWAN members have suggested are oil spill clean-up and lead clean-up.

The meeting was adjourned and plan to meet for tribal caucus Thursday morning.