

Corinne Sams Board of Trustees Member AT Large

UPDATE TO GENERAL COUNCIL

Committee and Commission Appointments

Law and Order Committee- Vice Chair

CTUIR Community Wellness Improvement
Committee-Member

Fish and Wild Life Commission- Ex Officio

Board of Trustee Corinne Sams is in Oregon State Capitol today and was extended a courtesy by Senator Bill Hansell to join him on the Senate floor to be introduced to his colleagues. Trustee Sams will be providing testimony on the Oregon Indian Child Welfare legislation today and updating district elected officials and the Governor's staff on current Flood recovery and assessment issues.



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LAW & ORDER



Mary Halfmoon Roberta Wilson Patricia Hall Jiselle Halfmoon Corinne Sams

First ever all-women committee reflects on past year

By Cary Rosenbaum of the CUJ

MISSION - The year 2020 was historic for a number of reasons. But here on the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the all-women Law and Order Committee was regarded as a first.

Five women - Chair Patricia Hall, Vice-Chair Corinne Sams, Secretary Mary Halfmoon, Jiselle Halfmoon and Roberta Wilson - comprised the group, which, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, continued to work toward making improvements in the community.

"If you know Indian women, we don't sit back idly when we hear of injustice or inequity," Sams said. "We really stand up for what we believe in."

"That many women are pretty no-nonsense and that quality is reflected in things getting done!" Wilson said. "I am happy to say we have worked on issues that show that the peoples' best interests have been at the forefront of committee actions."

"We're all about trying to make this a safer place

"That many women are no-nonsense and that quality is reflected in getting things done!"

-Roberta Wilson, former L&O Committee Member

for all of our community," Hall said. "We all get along great, I love that. Everyone kind of brings a little bit of their own personal experience to the committee, so that works very well. It's been a real pleasure to work with all these women because they're very intelligent women and they care very much about our Tribe and our community."

"We all have a common cause; and that's protect the community and to see that the laws are enforced," Mary Halfmoon said. "But we all have our different

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Law and Order

On September 15, 2020 the LOC conducted a meeting at which the UTPD provided information on body worn camera project and budget. A recommendation and letter was sent to the BOT for the use and purchase of Body Cams for the Umatilla Tribal Police Department.

December 14, 2020 Resolution 20-113 - RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the Umatilla Tribal Police Department (UTPD) Policy 430 Mobile Audio Video (Exhibit 1), and UTPD Policy 431 Portable Audio Recorders (Exhibit 2), to ensure the proper use of body worn and vehicle cameras by UTPD personnel in the performance of their duties

Law and Order

Testified and Lobbied in the Capitol several times on behalf of CTUIR in support of Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act HB 4214, which passed unanimously in the 2020

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation is excited to see the Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act become law. The CTUIR has been advocating for the creation of OICWA since early 2018 when it requested that DHS create an ICWA Compliance Group to address the State's pervasive non-compliance with the federal Indian Child Welfare Act. Through the leadership of Director Pakseresht and others the compliance group was formed and tasked with, among other things, the creation of an Oregon specific ICWA statute. The law was developed over the past two years by tribes, practitioners, and experts in the field. We are hopeful this law will assist DHS caseworkers, attorneys, and courts in understanding what ICWA requires, ensure compliance at all stages of a case, and ultimately reduce the system's disproportionate treatment of Indian children in the State's child welfare system

Continued testimony on ORICWA in the 2021 Legislative Session for some technical changes HB3182

This year's bill, HB 3182, is necessary to complete OR ICWA. It represents hundreds of hours of work since the passage of HB 4214 by Tribal Counsel, Legislative Counsel, Judiciary Counsel, the Department of Justice, Oregon Department of Human Services, the Oregon Judicial Department, parents' right attorneys, national ICWA experts and others in the ICWA work group, who sat around the virtual table to iron out the wrinkles in the previous legislation, add necessary adoptions protections to align with federal ICWA regulation, and recognize tribal customary adoptions.

Bill Passed both chambers on June 9,2021 and is on the Governor's desk for signature.9

Continue to testify on SB 731A to clarify tribal sovereignty over tribal police officers, while maintaining the state's Jurisdiction outside of Indian Country.

SB 412, the bill recognizing tribal officers as state officers, has proven to be a success since it was signed into law with all seven Oregon tribal police departments now being SB 412 compliant. Due to the Kurtz decision, prior to SB 412, there was a lot of uncertainty as to how tribal police departments were going to be able to serve their community's public safety needs when it came to dealing with non-Indian offenders. The way SB 412 is currently structured, to be recognized as a state officer a tribal officer and tribal law enforcement agency must comply with certain Oregon DPSST regulations. For off-reservation tribal officer conduct this makes sense and is not problematic. But when it comes to tribal officer conduct on reservations, and acting within the sovereign authority of a tribal nation, it presents a problem. SB 731 gets around these sovereignty issues by making it clear that SB 412 requires tribal officers to comply with state regulations when engaging in off-reservation conduct and does not apply when a tribal officer is engaging in on reservation conduct or otherwise within the sovereign jurisdiction of a tribal nation. This gives proper respect for both state and tribal sovereignty. And, it ensures tribal nations will be able to address police reform of their own agencies in a way that is appropriate for their communities without running afoul of SB 412 recognition.

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October 15, 2020
Dear Mr. Wright and Mr. Sams:

In light of increasing allegations and complaints to the CTUIR Law & Order Committee, a evaluation of the current policies of the Umatilla Tribal Police Department was recently performed. With consideration to the seriousness of the reports from the community we serve, it is the consensus of the CTUIR Law & Order Committee that there may be significant human and culturally sensitive disconnection occurring between those hired to serve and protect our community and the community members itself. **Therefore, a full quorum of the Law & Order met on September 15, 2020 and following motion was made and unanimously passed:**

"MOTION: CORINNE SAMS MAKES A MOTION RECOMMENDING USE OF FORCE SCHEDULE TRAINING (EVERY 6 MONTHS), IMMERSIVE CULTURAL TRAINING, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, FRATERNIZATION WITH COMMUNITY BE INCLUDED IN UTPD POLICIES, AND AN EXTERNAL AUDIT OF UTPD AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE BE CONDUCTED INCLUSIVE OF A COMMUNITY REVIEW AND INPUT FROM CTUIR TRIBAL COURT JUDGES. SECOND MARY HALFMOON. MOTION CARRIES 4-0-0".

Recommendation was forwarded on to the BOT and by Motion was supported unanimously. The external review is in progress.

Wildhorse Resort & Casino Eviction Policy- Resolution 21-041

LOC in collaboration with Tribal Court Judge David Gallaher raised several concerns regarding the WRC Evictions Policy. The determination from LOC was an extreme lack of due process, and several inconsistency. LOC made a formal recommendation to the BOT and the BOT took action.

The Board of Trustees conducted work sessions on October 28, 2020 and April 8, and May 6, 2021 to review this Resolution and the Wildhorse Eviction Policy

Tribal Law and Order Committee on April 6, 2021 and the Tribal Gaming Commission on March 24,2021

Out of 88 Tribal Member Evictions all but 14 were overturned.

CTUIR Community Wellness Improvement Collaboration

Resolution 20-74- RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby establishes the CTUIR Community Wellness Improvement Collaborative and rescinds Resolution 07-26 that created the Alcohol and Drug Task Force, whose members shall include the Chief Executive Officer of Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center, the Directors of the Department of Children and Family Services, Education Department, Housing Department, of Public Safety, a Tribal Court representative, a Tribal Planning Office representative, a Board of Trustees member, and an Attorney of the Office of Legal Counsel when needed;

Fish and Wildlife Commission

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS SECTION 1.01. TREATY RIGHTS STATED

A. Pursuant to the Treaty of 1855, Tribal Members may hunt and trap without restriction imposed by state law within reservation boundaries and on unclaimed lands outside of the reservation.

B. Pursuant to the Treaty of 1855, Tribal members may fish without restriction imposed by state law within reservation boundaries and at all usual and accustomed stations outside of the reservation.

C. Treaty-reserved rights are collectively owned by the Confederated Tribes. Individual Tribal Members' exercise of the Confederated Tribes' treaty-reserved hunting and fishing rights shall be subject to all restrictions imposed by this Code, all regulations issued by the Commission, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Confederated Tribes, and all other applicable tribal codes and regulations.

ANNUAL REGULATIONS

On-Reservation Hunting

Off-Reservation Hunting

Ceded Territory (OR & WA) & Usual and Accustomed "Traditional Use" (OR, WA, ID, MT)

Tributary Fishing

Umatilla, Walla Walla, John Day, Grand Ronde, Tucannon, Imnaha and Yakima River Basins

Columbia River Fishing

Zone 6 – Annual and seasonal regulations. Coordination among CRITFC Tribes and States through USvOR and Compact.

Willamette River; Lamprey harvest only currently

Priest Rapids/Wanapum Pools

Below Bonneville Bank Fishery, Cowlitz River, Sandy River

COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISHERIES COMMISSION / ENFORCEMENT (CRITFC / CRITFE OR CRITPD)

CTUIR, F&W Code, Section 1.04: This Code, and any rules or regulations adopted under it, shall take precedence over the Columbia River Intertribal Fisheries Enforcement (CRITFE or CRITPD) Code. However, any violation of the CRITFE Code shall be a violation of this Code unless inconsistent with this Code.

Meetings - 4th Thursday & Friday of each month at Portland office starting at 8:30 AM

All FWC Members are also CRITFC Commissioners

CRITFC Sub-committees (Alternates = available FWC members): I am delegated to the Law Enforcement Committee CRITFC Sub Committee

Strategic Planning & Operations Development (SPOD):

LEC ACTION ITEM

Action Items – CRITFE Title. Presented by Mitch Hicks. Motion by Corinne Sams to approve Option A as written: Retain the official title of Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Enforcement Department for the purpose of contracting and formal CRITFC documents. Authorize use of the title of Columbia River Inter-Tribal Police Department subject to the oversight of the Executive Director for the purposes of interagency relations, communications, training records, investigative reports, email address alias, business cards, recruitment advertising, and other profession references. Approval and use of the optional title does not authorize the Department to release sovereign tribal arrest records or information to any person or entity who does not have a right to the records or information. Second by Erik Holt. Roll call vote. Motion passed. Discussion: Would there be changing decals, emblems, uniforms to match up? No there is no financial impact. The vehicles already have police printed on them. Also asked was if there would be a new logo eventually, and Mitch stated there isn't a new logo in mind.

Board of Trustees

2020- 310 Work Sessions completed, 124 Resolutions

2021- 150 Work Sessions completed, 54 Resolutions as to date

Below are a few Resolutions that I supported over the past 18 months that stand out to me and directly reflect many of the issues I supported during my campaign platform.

NWFCS Loan of Purchase Wheelhouse Property
 Sober Transitional Housing Project
 Lucky 7 Housing Up Grade
 Covid Relief Distributions
 Pandemic Preparedness Buildings
 Tribal Broad Band Project
 Nixyaawii Community Financial Services
 Columbia Basin Fish Accord Extension
 Well #6
 UTPD Body Cams
 Wildhorse Resort and Casino Evictions Policy
 Housing Drug Elimination Policy Amendments
 Tribal Horse Arena

Other Appointments, and Activities Outside the Board of Trustees

Nixyaawii School Board- Vice Chair (end of my 2nd 4 year term)

Nixyaawii Chamber of Commerce – Vice President

Northwest Health Foundation- Board Member

CTUIR Youth Council- Advisor

Pendleton Parks and Recreation- Tee Ball Coach

THANK YOU
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ANY QUESTIONS OR
COMMENTS?