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Commission Makes Historic Agreement with Coquille Tribe

Board approves property transfer to Clackamas County for use as behavioral health services center

PORTLAND, Ore. – Today at its regularly scheduled meeting, the board members of the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission ratified a historic agreement with the Coquille Tribe, formally agreed to a land transfer of ownership with Clackamas County and appointed three new agents to operate OLCC retail liquor stores. Commissioners also acted on rules and stipulated settlements.

The Commissioners heard a presentation from the Coquille Indian Tribe supporting an historic agreement the tribe says will strengthen its economic self-reliance. The agreement will allow the tribe to apply for a distillery license, a change that gives the tribe the same right to apply as any other Oregon resident. The Coquille Tribe plans to launch the first tribally owned distillery in the state of Oregon.

An additional agreement allows the tribe to continue the sale of alcoholic beverages on tribal land. As part of the agreements, OLCC will still maintain compliance oversight related to Oregon liquor laws, of tribal alcoholic beverage business activities.

The Board agreed to <u>transfer OLCC property</u> across from agency headquarters, on the west side of Johnson Creek, to Clackamas County for their use as a short-term crisis stabilization center. The decision on partitioning OLCC's land will also make the eventual sale of the agency's headquarters and warehouse property in Milwaukie less complicated.

In another action, Commissioners approved the appointment of new liquor store agents for the following stores: William Hammerich for the Bonanza store, Corey Hansen as the agent for the Brookings store and Becky Schaeffer for the store in Wallowa.

The Board also approved temporary rulemaking to <u>Oregon House Bill 4121</u>, which reinstated provisions for testing hemp crops to determine if the crop is presumptively marijuana. Commissioners also acted on final rulemaking was approved on technical fixes to the agency's contested case rules to align the lay representative authorization in rule with the authorization provided by the Department of Justice.

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The Commission also ratified two stipulated settlement agreements for alcohol licensees, and approved one stipulated settlement agreement for a liquor license applicant. Detailed information on the specific case below can be found on the OLCC website:

Alcohol Stipulated Settlement Agreement

BREW COFFEE & TAP HOUSE (F-COM) in Independence, will pay a \$500 fine, **OR** serve a two-day suspension for one violation if the licensee installs age verification equipment.

UCHU SUSHI AND FRIED CHICKEN (F-COM) in Portland, <u>will pay a \$2,145 fine</u>, OR <u>serve a thirteen-day suspension</u> for one violation.

Stipulated Settlement Agreement for Liquor License Applicant

IKON LOUNGE in Portland, is approved for a Full On-Premises Sales license, with restrictions.