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OCRS and Band Hosted the NM Land Grant Consejo Meeting in Elephant Butte, NM

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Elephant Butte, NM- The OCRS and Band hosted the New Mexico Land Grant Consejo Meeting on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at 10:00 am, at the Elephant Butte Community Center in Elephant Butte, NM.



The OCRS Chairman, Paul "Pablo" Martinez welcomed the Consejo and made special re-

marks about the presence of former NM Lt. Governor, Roberto Mondragon being present.

The Consejo discussed a bill that will be presented to the US Congress on the formation of a Land Grant-



Merced Commission that would protect indigenous land grant claims prior to the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe

Hidalgo and the adjudication period. This will even include the Gadsden Purchase of 1853. According to the Consejo this Bill will be introduced by Congressman Steve Pearce (R) of the 2nd NM Congressional District. They anticipate support from all of the NM Congressional Delegation. The Consejo is a political and a sub-division of the state government. They are requesting bipartisan support. Rep Steve Pearce holds important leadership positions in the US House of Representatives. The Republicans control both houses and this Bill would be helpful in these endeavors. There will be asking

support of other organizations.

The Consejo discussed negotiations with the US Forrest Service and Bureau of Land Management on



projects of trimming and land or sacred sites issues that they would like to work with the Band in advocating

our interest as well. They would also like Dr. Robert Marquez to be a keynote speaker in February 2018 Treaty Day function with the NM Legislature.

The OCRS did host a luncheon and would like to thank the Jurados, Lopez', Guerras and Provencios for providing, facilitating and arranging the meals for this meeting.

Membership and Enrollment Report

Las Cruces, NM- The Committee created a new form referred to as the Introduction Letter and Checklist. This Checklist serves a great purpose of assuring that the required documents are with the entire appli-

cation package. Also, one cannot belong to another tribe or tribal organization that has competing interests with our Band. In addition, this provides the Band information on any applicant's past with re-

spect to any criminal records that would prevent eligibility for holding office or serving on any board. The website has been updated with specific instructions and recommendation pointers to find information. (Page 2)

2018 Activities and Annual Gathering

Calendar of Events:

January 5, 2018: OCRS Meeting

6:00 pm– Jurado Residence

Agenda

Planning for 2018 Gathering, proposed retreats, fundraising, grant application updates, NM Surplus Application status and updating 2018-2019 Calendar of Events.

January 6, 2018: Tribal/Band Meeting

10:00 am –2:00 pm– FIC DAC Center, Las Cruces, NM

Agenda

Discussion on Band and Tribal Operation status reports, membership and enrollment applications, reports from officers and committees, executive session to discuss legal

and potential disenrollment's and/or revocations, budget, Consejo updates and status of planning and development.

February 2, 2018: Treaty Days

9:00 am-3:00 pm– State Capitol-Santa Fe, NM Participation in Treaty Days with information booth and promoting OCRS and Band.

March 31, 2018-OCRS-Tribal Meetings

10:00 am –12:00 pm OCRS Meeting
1:00 pm-3:00 pm-Tribal Meeting– location to be announced

Agenda

Discussion on Band and Tribal Operations, Membership/Enrollment applications, reports of officers and committees, proposed amendments and elections process reports.

April 2018– Visit to Manzano with Medicine

men– TBA

May 25-27, 2018– OCRS-Tribal

Retreat- Cochise Stronghold-Cochise, AZ (Leadership Training)12:00 pm (May 25th) thru 12:00 pm (May 27th)

June 22-24, 2018: 10th Annual

Gathering- Manzano Land Grant Property– Manzano Mountain State Park, NM –12:00pm (June 22) thru 12:00 pm (June 24)

August 10-12, 2018– OCRS Re-

treat-Chiricahua National Monument Park, AZ (Leadership Training) 12:00 pm (August 10) thru 12:00 pm (August 12)

“No appointments have been made out of New Mexico.”

Membership Issues (continued from Page 1)

There have been several complaints out of southern California of an individual allegedly claiming to represent us as the California representative and for applicants to go through him. The enrollment committee is listed on the website. There is no deviation from our enumerated and spe-

cific process. No appointments have been made out of New Mexico. It was reported that this person is attending powwows in southern California disseminating information? He does not represent our Band in any capacity. The matter will be discussed in January 2018, but the accusers must provide documenta-

tion to support allegations. The Chihene Apache Native Village Care is not part of our organization and were asked to remove our tribal symbol from their website. They do not have expressed or implied permission to use any of our intellectual property.

Status on BIA Process

Las Cruces, NM– During last annual gathering, the Governance Council discussed conflicting opinions with respect to whether or not an incorporated entity would be eligible to apply for BIA status and if in fact the Band's corporate status would hinder and require that it dissolve prior to applying. According to Chairman Manuel Sanchez, the General Counsel Francis LameBull differs with the opinion suggested by former Vice Presi-

dent, Mr. Richard Frias, who is also a respected attorney that specializes in Indian Law. Chairman, Sanchez was directed by the Council to obtain another opinion and present this to the Tribal Council Meeting in January 2018. Tribal Treasurer, Nancy Lopez has been working diligently to obtain family histories from 1930– present. This is information that will be included in the application process. At the January meeting the Tribal

Council needs to make determination on deadlines of application and the pros and cons with respect to whether or not there will be support under the current administration. Also, there needs to be more debate and clarity if dissolution of corporate status is in fact necessary to proceed.

We will report the status or any changes on the next News letter in February 2018.

Tribal Highlights

New Mexico— our Executive Director, Knifewing Segura has been engaged in various activities promoting the Band and OCRS. He held a successful Gallup Film Festival and is proposing that the OCRS become the fiscal agent and joint venture organizer for more exposure. He is photographed with US Congresswoman, Michelle

Lujan Grisham (D) of the 1st District of NM. She is the Chairwomen of the Hispanic Congressional Caucus and like Congressman Steve Pearce a candidate for Governor of NM.

Several of our members residing in California have been participating in the powwows. The OCRS has given our member Joseph Manzo permis-

sion to form a drumming group of our enrolled members in California. He will be the lead organizer in this project. Some of the leadership of OCRS will make a journey out to California to provide cultural outreach and awareness training to these members.



Knifewing Segura with Congresswoman Michelle Lujan-Grisham

OCRS NEWS

Las Cruces, NM— As reported on the last newsletter, the OCRS has submitted a couple of grants to PNM and Continuous pathways for cultural awareness and language preservation programs.

We still have not yet heard from PNM concerning the status on this Grant. Con-

tinuous Pathways did decline funding at this time, but encouraged submission for Winter 2018. We will follow up. We recently applied for two (2) grants through 7 Generation Fund for cultural preservation and awareness and the Chase Foundation for leadership development and

training. These are in conjunction with our retreats and annual gathering. We will continue to provide the membership with status reports on these projects. OCRS Flags are on sale for \$50.00, plus \$7.00 shipping and handling. Send money orders to the address listed on this newsletter.

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Photos from 2017 Manzano Retreat



Camp Site above at Manzano (courtesy John Harding) and Nancy Lopez)

Clean up efforts

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Nde Anshdi' Bai'klensi
I am proud to be Apache.

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The Ojo Caliente Restoration Society (OCRS) is a New Mexico domestic non-profit and tax exempt organization pursuant to sections 501(C)(3) of the US Revenue Code. We are the fiscal agent for the Chihene Nde Nation of New Mexico. We are descendants of Nde (Apache) people throughout Southern and Central New Mexico. Our ancestors acquired Spanish and Mexican Land Grants known as Apache-ras or Rancherías during those occupations. The Chihene Nde Nation was acknowledged and recognized by entering into the Treaty of 1855 by and between the Chihene Nde Nation and the United States which was not ratified by the Congress of the United States. Our families either fled to northern Mexico or were compelled to assimilate into the Hispano or Mexican American communities of the southwest. Many of us possess Spanish surnames and were able blend into those communities. Our ancestors did this to avoid annihilation and forced removal from our indigenous homelands.

Our goal is to gain re-recognition as a federally recognized American Indian Tribe. We are acquiring our land base and economic development plans that will benefit the public.

Many of our families also possessed homesteads and land patents during the beginning of the 20th century. We are also requesting the US Justice Department Community Relations Services to intervene on our behalf in this quest.



Letter from the Chairmen



Dear Tribal Members:

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years. We hope that you all will enjoy your time with your family and cherish these important times and memories with loved. For these are the times that exemplify our commitments to the love of God and family. We hope that the new year of 2018 will be a prosperous to all and particularly our efforts as a people and that better opportunities come in our direction,

We have become engaged in many activities and have grown our membership. We are trying to provide improved communications and more activities to engage both Board of Directors and the membership in leadership development and identify future lead-

ers of our Band that will maintain our traditions and culture, but at the same time provide a better future for all.

The OCRS and Tribe will continue to work together by informing our membership on upcoming activities and to encourage more membership outreach and participation. OCRS will publish quarterly newsletters that will provide information on all of our actions and activities.

We all can use the help of setting up and cleaning up after the event. We need volunteers with saws, trailers and even heavy machinery to clear debris and help prepare for our annual gatherings.

We hope to recruit new members to assist in our efforts. We need to clear wood from our Manzano Property . Please

review the tribal website regularly for updates.
www.chihenenationofnewmexico.org.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or wish to volunteer for any activities.

Best regards,

Manuel P. Sanchez

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