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# Celilo Village

## Redevelopment Newsletter

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*A newsletter keeping you informed about upcoming meetings and providing updates as the Corps continues Celilo Village redevelopment.*

### Wy-Am Board

The March 23 Wy-Am Board is reorganizing to meet their responsibilities under their charter. They are now reviewing redevelopment issues and will be advising the Tribal governments and the Bureau of Indian Affairs about them. The Corps of Engineers, residents, BIA, Tribes and others will be bringing issues to them.

As the first part of reorganizing, the Board set ground rules for the Board Agenda process. The purpose of the meetings is to exercise the responsibilities and conduct the Celilo Village business affairs as authorized by the Yakama, Umatilla and Warm Springs Tribal Governments, the BIA and Village Residents. The Board makes recommendations to the three Tribes to approve, subject to BIA approval.



*Wy-Am Board Chair Antone Minthorn (second from left) leads the March 23 meeting. At the head table next to him are Board members Delilah Heemsah and Bobby Begay. At far left is Louie Pitt, Jr. who provides administrative staff support to the Board.*

### Foundations Offer Community Building Services

Jim Beard, CTUIR Planner, has been meeting with the Potlatch Foundation, the Ford Family Foundations, and the U.S. Economic Development Administration. These organizations have expressed an interest in working cooperatively with



*Jim Beard*

Village residents and the Tribes to facilitate self-governance and community projects. Projects could include such as improvements to the Dance Shed, building a community playground and local job creation.

Their work with community volunteers can range from capacity building to design charettes to participation in building community facilities.

“These services and facilities,” Beard said, “are not included in the Corps’ current building plans and budgets. So it is essential we determine where these uses can be located during the Master Plan phase so they are not precluded from development in the future.”

### Cultural Resource Plan

A Cultural Resources Protection Memorandum of Agreement between the Corps and the Tribal Historic Preservation Offices has been delivered to the THPOs, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Celilo Village representatives for review and approval.

This critical piece must be in place before construction begins.

## Design

The Corps has revised the Celilo Village design based on comments they received at public presentations. The revised designs are displayed on the Longhouse meeting room windows.

## Sewer & Water Systems

Herb Fricke and his firm, Cascade Design, have been awarded the contract for the sewer and water systems. Fricke has worked on twelve in-lieu fishing access sites.

The firm has designed the village's new water tank. It will be a stand-alone tank, 30 feet in diameter and 50 feet tall.

The existing sewer lagoons will be covered over. New lagoons will be constructed east of the current site. The recently updated existing lift station will remain.



*Fricke and Edison Yazzie, from CTWS & BIA, at the sewer lift station*



*Yazzie and Fricke check out site where the new the lagoons will be constructed. The location lies immediately east of the existing lagoons.*

## Next Wyam Board meeting:

**Thursday, Apr. 27, 2006, 10 a.m.**  
**Celilo Village Longhouse, Elders Dining Hall**

- Real estate appraisals
- Occupancy permits
- Briefing on range of housing styles & floor plans

The Wy-Am Board invites Celilo Village residents to attend meetings, participate in the process and provide comments.

## Wyam Board Members

*Celilo Village:* Delilah Heemsah & Bobby Begay  
*CTUIR:* Antone Minthorn & Leo Stuart  
*CTWS:* Ron Suppah & Reuben Henry  
*YIN:* Leo Aleck

## Housing

Susan Hill from the Corps Real Estate office, Seattle District, has joined the team. This spring (probably mid-May) she will begin meeting with each village family individually finding out what they need to help them move.

“For example,” she says, “We want to find out things like: Do they need storage? Do they want us to move them or do they want move themselves? Any special needs?”

Ted Foster, a contract appraiser for the Corps, will be assisting with the relocation process by helping establish fair market value of the village structures.

## Celilo Village Management Code

After a number of drafts, discussions, and public hearings, the Wy-Am Board accepted the draft Code. They recommended the Tribal Councils and Board of Trustees: 1) review the document, 2) send comments to the BIA, and 3) implement the Code through the provisions of a BIA 638 Contract.

Copies of the Code manuals have been distributed to the Board, Tribes, and BIA. Members of the public may also request a copy.

The Corps' work on this document is done. But it is meant to be a working document. As such the Board, Tribes and Village residents may revise it as they need to.

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