CALL TO ORDER

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

ROLL CALL

Richard J. Peterson, President Present
Yodean Armour, 1st Vice President Present
Jackie Pata, 2nd Vice President Present
Will Micklin, 3rd Vice President Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr. 4th Vice President Present at 10:29 AM
Ralph Wolfe, 5th Vice President Present at 10:49 AM
Catherine Edwards, 6th Vice President Present
Shawaan Jackson-Gamble, Emerging Leader Present

Also present: Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, Chief Development Officer Will Ware, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Tribal Operations & Compact Manager Helene Bennett, Special Assistant Heather Gatti, Secretary to the President Carley Jackson, Executive Assistant Cara Gilbert and Recording Secretary Rebecca Lee.

INVOCATION

2nd Vice President Jackie Pata provided the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2nd Vice President Jackie Pata requested the addition of a resolution to the agenda, Applying for Youth Homeless Alaska State Grant.

M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt the agenda as a guide as amended. M/C
REPORTS

President’s Report
President Richard J. Peterson provided an oral report on his recent activities. The new Lunchtime Chats, a response to the Executive Council’s request for increased communication during the pandemic, has received positive response and will continue after the pandemic is over. The opening of fireworks sales was a huge success. The Tribe is making adjustments to improve operations as sales continue.

The Tribe has been receiving many responses to the postponement of Tribal Assembly, including requests to hold an in person Tribal Assembly and requests not to convene in person. The President’s Award banquet and ceremony will be held virtually in September. Part of that will include a fundraiser to support the Alumni Scholarship program. The Tribal Emergency Operations Center has ordered Personal Protective Equipment for distribution to Community Council locations, including Anchorage, Seattle, and San Francisco. Airlift Northwest has also made a request of the Tribe to donate $1 million to help with funding to keep in operation a plane serving Southeast that has the ability to transport COVID-19 patients.

Finally, advertising for the Chief Operations Officer position has closed and interviews will take place this afternoon.

General Counsel Report
General Counsel summarized her written report.

Special Assistant’s Report
Special Assistant Heather Gatti summarized her written report.

Chief Development Officer (CDO)
Will Ware provided an oral report on recent activities within the CDO department. He provided additional details regarding the opening of the fireworks stand. There is a possibility the stand will sell out by July 4th.

Regarding potential acquisitions by the Tribe, the Tribe will pursue purchasing a building to provide non-congregate sheltering to recently incarcerated men, who face unique COVID-19 risks. The Tribe will similarly seek to acquire Haven House, for the purpose of non-congregate sheltering for recently incarcerated women, who face the same COVID-19 risks as recently incarcerated men. The Tribe is has plans for low barrier non-congregate sheltering, in cooperation with Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority. And finally, the Tribe is considering purchase of a storage facility to meet the needs of the Tribal Emergency Operations Centers and plans for acquisition, storage and distribution of PPE and other emergency response materials. The site being considered is also amenable to housing Sacred Shine.

In partnership with neighboring landowners, the Tribe has been working to improve the safety of the Immersion Park property.
Chief Finance Officer’s Report
CFO Theresa Belton summarized her written report.

Emerging Leader Report
Emerging Leader Shawaan Jackson-Gamble provided an update regarding the Youth Commission. Shawaan participated in a Chat where he shared the Youth Commission application and Bylaws with communities. The Youth Commission also hosted a hashtag challenge #oldwayssummerdayschallenge, which provides an avenue for children ages 12-23 to participate in cultural activities and win prizes such as a Macbook, iPad, GoPro and other prizes.

Tribal Emergency Operations Center (TEOC)
The TEOC Incident Commander Jason Wilson provided an oral report. Former Village Public Safety Officer Corey Padron has been selected as a full-time TEOC Coordinator. The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) ordered for distribution will be arriving next week. Community Council locations, with the support of 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata, were surveyed to identify their specific PPE needs. So the future PPE distributions will be tailored to meet their needs.

Tlingit & Haida will continue operating primarily out of the office until at least September 1, 2020. Operations will be reassessed closer to that date. Incident Commander Jason Wilson strongly recommended against hosting an in-person Tribal Assembly.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tribal Assembly Options
General Counsel provided a memo with options for the 85th Tribal Assembly in accordance with the Constitution. Discussion ensued, including evaluating the risks and benefits to delegates, communities and employees, as well as what a virtual Tribal Assembly could look like, considering elections and the deliberative tools of parliamentary procedure.

M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to select October 1, 2020 as the date for a virtual, abbreviated Tribal Assembly. M/C

Chief Justice Position
The resignation of this position by Michelle Demmert has created a vacancy. Discussion ensued regarding soliciting for applicants and the upcoming Tribal Assembly.

COVID Spending
4th Vice President Rob Sanderson opened for discussion the status of the Tribe’s Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act relief funds. CFO Theresa Belton confirmed the Tribe had received its share of funds.

BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS

Resolutions
EC 20-43 Authorization to Apply for a Five-Year Native Families, Relationships, and Marriage Initiative Grant
EC 20-44 Authorization to Apply for a Five-Year Native Fatherhood Initiative Grant
EC 20-45 Approval of Eighth Modification of Wells Fargo Bank National Association Loan
EC 20-46 Authorization to Increase Monthly Credit Card Limit
EC 20-47 Supporting the Grant Submission for Youth Homelessness Prevention

M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt resolutions EC 20-43, 20-44, 20-45, 20-46, and 20-47. M/C

Donations
Associate Justice Aurora Lehr
M/S 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr. moved to contribute $1500 to Associate Justice Aurora Lehr, who has been battling cancer.

Sarah Booth’s Family
4th Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr. moved to contribute $1000 to the family of Sarah Booth, who recently passed away. Booth was an Elder Advisor and fluent speaker supporting the Haayk Foundation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair ordered to enter into Executive Session at 12:53 PM. No objection, so moved.
Executive Session concluded at 12:56 PM

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Comments were offered for the good of the order.

ADJOURN

The chair called for adjournment at 1:12 PM. No objection, so ordered.