



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
September 25th, 2020 – 10 AM (Alaska Standard Time)
IN-PERSON / TELECONFERENCE MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

ROLL CALL

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

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

4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. led in invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

M/S 6th Vice President Catherine Edwards moved to adopt the agenda with addition of asking for support for Washington supreme court justice candidate Raquel Montoya-Lewis. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment given.

REPORTS

President's Report

President Richard J. Peterson provided an oral report of activities for the month of September. He thanked 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata for her willingness to fill in for the lunchtime chat and noted that they are still well received by the communities. The United States Forest Service has moved forward with a full exemption of the Roadless Rule. The Tribe has also just signed an agreement with USFS that will fund positions to monitor and co-manage resources. The Tribe recently closed on the Bonnell Building property and the EOC has been staged there. A special thank you to Cara Gilbert for her assistance in navigating AmeriCorps volunteer work to prepare the PPP conexas to be shipped to the rural communities in the next few weeks. Many departments have been busy getting ready for the first ever, virtual Tribal Assembly next week.

2nd Vice President Jackie Pata asked the Executive Council to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of AFN leader Jake Adams this morning.

General Counsel Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy summarized her written report. Discussion ensued.

Chief of Project Development Report

Will Ware provided an oral report on his recent activities. The Haven House purchase has closed as well as the Bonnell Building purchase. TEOC has since moved in and the Tribe is still maintaining a lease agreement with the previous owner to occupy one bay until January 2021. Sacred Shine has also moved into the Bonnell Building which has given the ability to increase business to two vehicles at a time whereas prior to being stationed at the Bonnell Building were only able to do two vehicles per day. Smokehouse Catering is working on creative advertising to increase sales of gourmet family meals and hopes to add additional options for smaller sized meals. There have been several inquiries from entities and individuals requesting catering services. Alison Schoonover was recently hired as the Café Manager for Sacred Grounds and as soon as Juneau is out of the red zone for COVID-19 they will be looking into bringing barista and café training to Juneau. The team is working on revising business plans for all the enterprises and will provide updates regularly. Emil Bernhardt was recently hired at Southeast General Contractors and has already started working on the Allen Court project and is expected to complete by December 15th before the December 30th deadline. The PPE conexas are being prepared to send out to the rural villages in the next two weeks.

4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. provided comments on Will's report.

Chief Operating Officer Report

COO Roald Helgesen gave a verbal summary of his written report. Discussion ensued. Questions arose on the CARES ACT applications and the ability to spread to rural communities with lack of internet services. COO Roald Helgesen spoke to the challenges with plans to overcome those challenges.

Chief Finance Officer's Report

CFO Theresa Belton provided an oral report of her recent activities. There was a rough evaluation done on the PPP loan looking at data from May 18th through September 4th. The LEARN center and enterprises have a combined amount of \$557,000 funds eligible for

forgiveness from payroll expenses. There was a decline for the trust fund for the month of September. Research and planning are taking place for a virtual benefits fair. In 2019, there was under recovery built into the rate and has increased the recovery which is showing how much growth the Tribe is seeing in a few years. The growth has provided for potential budget items for positions in communications, IT, and staffing a Grants Management Department, as well as full-time security. The first CARES Act reporting has been completed and the tribe is closely tracking and monitoring spending for future reporting. Discussion ensued and questions were answered.

Tribal Emergency Operations Center Report

Jason Wilson provided an oral report on his recent activities. A VPSO was recently hired in Kake and they are looking at adding a 2nd VPSO in Angoon, Hydaburg and Thorne Bay. There are eight conexas waiting for products to ship to rural communities and is also dependent on the ferry system. Discussion ensued and questions were answered.

Tribal Assembly Update

Helene Bennett provided an update on Tribal Assembly so far. The swearing in ceremonies have all almost been completed with a few left. The resolutions committees have all met and made their recommendations. The consent calendar items will be sent out to delegates today. Monday there will be a meeting to test the breakout rooms as well as a virtual meet the candidates meeting. Mock voting will take place Monday evening. The Robert's Rules training is taking place on Tuesday and on Thursday will be Tribal Assembly. Necessary staff will be present at the EP Hall for support. Questions arose regarding candidate platforms and if there were timeframes allotted to the candidates. There will be prepped questions as similar to the lunchtime chats. There will also be a tutorial available for delegates that may assist in troubleshooting issues.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

AFN Endorsements

Concerns about recent AFN endorsement. Discussion ensued. Majority appreciate AFN removing their endorsement. Would like to see AFN address more urgent issues that directly impact Alaskan Natives such as the COVID-19 funding disbursement. There are concerns with potential increase in COVID-19 cases with the upcoming flu season. It was made aware that ANCs are not eligible to receive CARES Act funds due to how they are federally recognized in comparison to Tribes.

Senator Murkowski's Letter to NCAI

Private letter released that contains controversy that exposes a rift Expectations that the President have a meeting with Senator Murkowski and discuss opportunities during the high tension situation. Prioritize conversation topics that allow Central Council of Tlingit & Haida to be a conduit for lower 48 native Tribes. Tribal population and enrollment issue that is reflected in the CARES Act ReliefFunds formula for distribution. Tribes with smaller populations got distributions of larger quantities than that of Tlingit & Haida. They are falling back on HUD formulas which has no connection with number of citizens that are represented by the Tribe. Potentially set up a meeting the week after Tribal Assembly.

CARES Act Relief Funding

Discussion continued in frustration with the CARES Act funding distribution as the citizens of Tlingit & Haida did not get counted appropriately.

Tribal Consultation on COVID-19 Vaccination Planning for Indian Country

Letter regarding vaccination planning was sent. There have been elevated conversations with SEARHC for COVID-19 testing as well as vaccination planning. There are concerns with lack of status to report by the Indian Health Service. The requirements for vaccination distribution and logistics for eligibility are well beyond the capability within the recommended timeframe and will require additional funding. Testing and tracing is of high importance to identify spread and further prevention. Vaccinations are only effective prior to spread. COO Roald Helgesen provided some insight on the healthcare side of COVID-19 testing and vaccinations.

BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS

Tribal Assembly

President Peterson presented Anchorage and San Francisco as the only Large and Small Community Council of the Year submissions. 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt Anchorage as the Large Community Council of the Year and San Francisco as the Small Community Council of the Year. Motion seconded, discussion ensued and brought forth to the attention of lack of submissions due to inactivity in light of COVID-19. Questions called, no objection, M/C.

Resolutions

EC 20-65 Authorization to Apply for New “nsn.gov” Domain Name

M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt resolution EC 20-65, no objection. M/C

Meeting Minutes

February 25-26

March 31

April 29

May 15

May 20

May 26

June 29

M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata motioned to adopted meeting minutes as listed by unanimous consent. No objection, M/U.

Donation Requests

Cowlitz Reservations Wildfire Damages

M/S 6th Vice President Catherine Edwards moved to contribute to \$1,000 to the Colville Indian Reservation for damages caused by recent wildfires. M/C

Donation to Raquel Montoya-Lewis Campaign

M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to contribute \$1,000 to Raquel Montoya-Lewis' campaign based on Washington State campaign rules. Discussion ensued, no objection. M/C

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair ordered to enter Executive Session at 12:52 PM. No objection, so ordered.
Executive Session concluded at 1:01 PM.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Executive Council offered comments for the good of the order.

ADJOURN

The chair called for adjournment at 1:30 PM. No objection, so ordered.