



Executive Council
Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

VTRC Auditorium – Juneau, Alaska
ADOPTED – December 5, 2009 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair William E. Martin called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

William E. Martin	President	Present
Edward K. Thomas	President Emeritus	Excused
Richard Peterson	1 st Vice President	Present
Michele Metz	2 nd Vice President	Present
Jay Cabuag	3 rd Vice President	Present
Richard George	4 th Vice President	Present
Will Micklin	5 th Vice President	Present
Barbara Fields	6 th Vice President	Present
Kevin Skeek	Youth Representative	Present

Also present were:

Ashli Colón, Recording Secretary
Raeanne Holmes, Administrative Assistant
Dolly Medina, OTP Assistant
Corrine Garza, Chief Operating Officer
Sierk Haitsma, Chief Finance Officer
Andrei Chakine, BEDD Manager
Carrie Sykes, BEDD Subsistence Coordinator
Simon Roberts, BEDD Intern
Georgia Finau, Community & Self Governance Division Director
Ken Truitt, General Counsel for SEARHC
Libby Watanabe, SEARHC
Bob Loescher, Juneau Delegate
Cal Caspit, US Forest Service
Anthony Lindoff, Sealaska
Brad Fleutsch, Juneau Delegate
Doug Chilton, Juneau Delegate
Doloresa Cadiente, Tribal Court Chief Justice
Debra O’Gara, Tribal Court Magistrate
Francine Eddy Jones, Tribal Family & Youth Services Department Director

INVOCATION

Invocation was provided by 3rd Vice President Jacob Cabuag.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Michele Metz / Jay Cabuag to adopt the agenda as amended to include item G, THTBC Meeting, under New Business. C/U

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M/S Michele Metz / Richard Peterson to adopt the October 13, 2009 Executive Council meeting minutes. C/U

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Martin updated the Executive Council on:

- ANB – back to square one. ANB received financing to make their bank loan current so they are currently not in danger of foreclosure. Still have an outstanding balance due to the Tribe. ANB added an additional night of bingo in the hopes it would provide additional income to pay off their debt.
- Tribal Nations Conference – President Martin attended the conference in which President Obama signed a memorandum that directed every Cabinet agency to provide a detailed plan on how they are going to improve tribal consultation.
- Anchorage – many activities and meetings took place during the AFN Convention week, AITC, TJAG, AFN HR, discussion during session touched on land into trust.
- All Nations Tribal Transportation Consortium – met with the group during AFN and came to an agreement on a settlement.
- CITGO – meeting in New York in January planned. Tribal leaders are invited to attend.
- VPSP – video was shown to the Executive Council.
- Section 17 – approval imminent. Central Council Attorney Phil Baker-Shenk will review and provide a report early next week.

REPORTS

Tribal Operations Department

Chief Operating Officer Corrine Garza provided the Executive Council a report on the Trust Fund, VTRC Director Position, Energy Grants, Tribal Tax Exempt Bonds, and changes to Central Council policies.

The Chair ruled that Michele Metz, Jay Cabuag, Will Micklin will gather to form an Energy Workgroup.

M/S Richard Peterson / Jay Cabuag to direct the Business & Economic Development Department to coordinate with willing entities (such as Sealaska, AP&T) to put together a plan. C/U

M/S Richard George / Jay Cabuag to charge the Energy Workgroup to evaluate the need for an additional position in the BEDD Department to handle the energy related activities, and make a recommendation. C/U

US Forest Service

US Forest Service staff Cal Caspit provided a review of federal subsistence fund, Federal Subsistence Board Chair position, special forest products rule and provided a copy of the Tribal Relations Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2010-2013.

A letter was written by Central Council to Pat Pourchot on subsistence issues. Comments on the subsistence review can be made to subsistence@ios.dio.gov or faxed to (907) 271-4102. A website has put together for the review and contains the progress of the report, visit <http://www.doi.gov/subsistencereview/>.

LUNCH

Lunch break from 12:20 PM to 1:20 PM.

Sealaska/CCTHITA Mariculture MOU

Sealaska Business Development Analyst Anthony Lindoff and Central Council Business & Economic Development Manager presented information on the recent joint Mariculture MOU to the Executive Council. Sealaska and Central Council along with the Organized Village of Kake, OceansAlaska, Yak-Tat Kwaan, and Shaan-Seet are currently members of the coalition. Other organizations who are interested can contact Anthony Lindoff at Sealaska. See Attachment.

(Note: Richard Peterson, Jay Cabuag, Richard George, Barbara Fields returned from lunch at 1:55 PM)

SEARHC

SEARHC General Council Ken Truitt and Libby Watanabe gave an operational update to the Executive Council covering health reform, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, organization structure changes from October, Hoonah services, and systems transformation.

Richard George asked about his request for a report on the SEARHC alignment with President Obama's Health Care Reform Act. Mr. Truitt provided some details to the Executive Council.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Brad Fleutsch

- Will escort Dr. Soboleff to a meeting with the rural sub-cabinet. If anyone has any items to deliver to the subcabinet, let him know.
- Will be working with the rest of the ANB/ANS grand camp officers on resolutions and issues. Look to work with Central Council and create synergies.
- True North Video Productions – LiveStream website shown to Executive Council members. He has created a real time broadcast TV station using this website. He can broadcast anything, anywhere with few tools. He is looking for content for the JuneauLive page. How can we all come together to create one single TV station that all

Native entities would use—a MOU should be created. Suggests a motion to create a media company. Once we do master the service, we can sell that service to others. He believes Central Council should be there as a primary sponsor of that.

Bob Loescher

- Complimented and expressed appreciation on the work that Central Council and Carrie Sykes has been doing. There are approximately 120 people in the working groups and Carrie has been able to keep up with everyone. She has done very well in her presentations.
- Subsistence Defense Fund and Subsistence Corporation were newly organized. The Corporation will provide for advocacy, public relations, research and to provide funds for everything except for legislative work, which would be provided by the Defense Fund. The organizations will be requesting funds and Mr. Loescher will provide information on the make-up of the board and a break-down on how the money will be spent.
- Mr. Loescher made a request to the Executive Council that \$5,000 be provided to the Subsistence Defense Fund.
- IRA congressional amendments – asking that Central Council work with IRAs in our region on letters to congress stating that we want to be part of the amendment of the IRA.

BREAK

Break was taken from 3:30 PM to 3:40 PM.

Tribal Radio Station

Tribal Radio Station Intern Simon Roberts gave the Executive Council a report on the creation and progress of a Native radio station in Southeast. Programming would be pre-recorded but would still have the ability to do live broadcasts.

For the Tribal Radio Station to come to fruition, they are requesting the following:

- \$2,656.00 for Equipment
- \$4,905.00 for annual web hosting
- \$5,500.00 for Native Voice 1 content fee
- \$2,000.00 for FCC application engineer fee
- Employment & Training extension @ 16hr
- Station Assistant under Employment & Training Program
- One room for broadcasting

M/S Richard Peterson/ Richard George to support the Tribal Radio Station request, less the \$6,000 that will be provided by the Business & Economic Development Department. C/U

Chief Finance Officer

Chief Finance Officer Sierk Haitisma provided his report to the Executive Council which covered the revenue and expenses ending October 31, 2009, indirect cost recovery, the Auditor's letter to the Council, and a recap of the 2008 Federal and State Single Audit Reports and Basic Financial Statements.

Roads & Transportation Department

No Roads & Transportation Department report is available at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Child Welfare Presenting Officer

Chief Justice Doloresa Cadiente along with TFYS Director Francine Eddy Jones and Tribal Court Magistrate Debra O’Gara proposed the creation of a Tribal Law Department and Child Welfare Presenting Officer position. They are not requesting funds at this time, but have provided a budget, job description, and work plan for Executive Council review. The group plans to come to the Executive Council later on with some resolutions to approve grant applications which require a match. See Attachment.

M/S Will Micklin / Jay Cabuag to write a letter of support.

Dolores noted that she was traveling on a National judicial college scholarship when she received notification that Central Council would no longer qualify for scholarships due to the Steven’s Rider.

M/S Jay Cabuag / Will Micklin to table the motion. C/U

The Chair appointed Barbara Fields, Will Micklin and Jay Cabuag to participate in the Judiciary Committee meetings. No objection, so ordered.

Sitka RAC Position/Support

Central Council Subsistence Coordinator Carrie Sykes provided an update on the subsistence review and activities (not on Sitka RAC Position/Support).

- During BIA Providers Conference, attended the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council (AITC) annual meeting and was appointed to the AITC Executive Council for one of the Southeast seats.
- Participated in the DOI Tribal consultation meeting with Tracie Stevens.
- Participated at the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Subsistence Committee.
- Subsistence meetings to be held in Anchorage in the next week—including the GOAC3, sea otter meeting with the Fish & Wildlife Service, Indigenous Peoples Council on Marine Mammals, RurAL CAP’s subsistence halibut meeting, and the North Pacific Fisheries Council.
- Upcoming meeting with the United Nations about the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.
- Cited concerns about follow-up to the USFS Acknowledgement Ceremony, especially given the announcement that Denny Bshor will be retiring.

Resolutions

M/S Jay Cabuag / Michele Metz to adopt the Sealaska / Central Council joint resolution, *In Support of the Kake-Petersburg Intertie Project*. C/U

M/S Jay Cabuag / Michele Metz to adopt Resolution EC 09-92, *Small-Scale Energy Efficiency Demo Project*. C/U

BREAK

Break from 5:45 PM to 5:55 PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Revisions to Executive Council Guidelines

The Chair ruled that the revision of the guidelines be tabled to the next Executive Council meeting. No objection, so ordered.

President/Executive Council Evaluations

The Chair ruled that the President/Executive Council Evaluations be tabled to the next Executive Council meeting. No objection, so ordered.

All Nations Tribal Transportation Consortium, LLC

This item was taken care of during the President's Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

M/S Richard Peterson / Will Micklin to adopt Resolution EC 09-93, *Department of Justice Funding for Tribal Courts*. C/U

Canadian Tlingit/Haida Tribal Host & Hostess

President Martin brought the idea of having a Canadian Tlingit/Haida Tribal Host and Hostess present during the 2010 Tribal Assembly.

M/S Richard Peterson / Jay Cabuag that we invite a Tribal Host and Hostess of Tlingit/Haida descent to the 2010 Tribal Assembly. C/U

Subsistence Defense Fund / Subsistence Corporation

This item took place during the Public Testimony by Bob Loescher.

IRA Congressional Amendments

This item took place during the Public Testimony by Bob Loescher.

THTBC Meeting

Jay Cabuag provided an update to the Executive Council on the meeting of the THTBC held during the Alaska Federation of Natives conference in Anchorage in October. Copies of the group's meeting minutes were distributed. See Attachment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was held from 6:20 PM to 6:30 PM.

M/S Jay Cabuag / Richard Peterson to use necessary funds to send Subsistence Coordinator Carrie Sykes as well as Executive Council 4th Vice President Richard George to the AITC and IPCoMM meetings in Anchorage the week of January 8, 2010. C/U

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Richard Peterson – good to see everyone.

Kevin Skeek – one step forward on communicating with our tribal members with the radio station project. Learned a lot on shellfish mariculture.

Barbara Fields – for those that missed BIA, they missed Kevin singing. Tie for first place in karaoke. Kevin took second but should have taken first.

Will Micklin – proud that President Martin stood up and spoke with President Obama. Good to finally get that attention.

Richard George – thank you for allowing me to attend the Tongass Futures Roundtable meeting in Sitka, Alaska. He commented that he didn't know a lot about timber and wondered if he is the right representative.

Jay Cabuag – exciting that we are looking at different things involving Tlingit and Haida. We just need to add a little edge to it by providing accountability to it. For the economy that we're in, that's the action we need to have. Looking forward to seeing what happens after January. Appreciates how Richard George is concerned about his level of knowledge in certain areas. We are leaders on a certain level. A good leader doesn't know all the answers, but knows how to access resources.

Richard Peterson –those folks that are in the timber industry. You [Richard George] are the Native voice.

Michele Metz – we all have our own strengths that we bring to the table. Providing input is from your perspective, Richard George is and TFR representing the people.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held January 19-20, 2010.

ADJOURN

M/S Jay Cabuag / Richard Peterson to adjourned the meeting. C/U

The Executive Council meeting ended at 6:45 PM.