



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Andrew Hope Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room ~ Juneau, AK
February 23, 2008 ~ 8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair William E. Martin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

William E. Martin	President	Present
Dana Leask-Ruaro	1st Vice President	Present
Richard Peterson	2nd Vice President	Present
Richard George	3rd Vice President	Present
Robert Sanderson, Jr.	4th Vice President	Present
Jay Cabuag	5th Vice President	Present
Fred Lauth	6th Vice President	Present
Aurora Lehr	Youth Representative	Excused

Also present were:

Melissa Kookesh, Recording Secretary
Raeanne Holmes, Administrative Assistant
Corrine Garza, Chief of Business Operations
Sierk Haitsma, Chief Financial Officer
Andrei Chakine, Business & Economic Development Manager
Carrie Sykes, Subsistence & Sustainable Development Specialist
Gordon Jackson, Roads & Transportation Department Director
Dan Moreno, Roads & Transportation Department
Doloresa Cadiente, Tribal Court Chief Justice
Debra O'Gara, Tribal Court Magistrate
Archie Cavanaugh, VTRC Director
Harold Houston

INVOCATION

The invocation was provided by Richard George

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

M/S Richard Peterson / Robert Sanderson Jr. to adopt the February 23, 2008 meeting Agenda. C/U

ADOPTON OF THE MINUTES

M/S Richard George / Richard Peterson to adopt the January 19, 2008 minutes as amended. C/U

M/S Jacob Cabuag / Fred Lauth to adopt the February 4, 2008 minutes. C/U

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Martin reported on the status of the elections, and advised the Executive Council to direct their requests to the President's office.

REPORTS

Chief of Business Operations Corrine Garza provided an update to the Executive Council on trust fund growth, 2007 Financial Statement, THTI, VTRC, 2007 refinancing, National Business Center, and lot purchases. She also provided the minutes from the February 22, 2008 Finance Committee meeting.

Chief Financial Officer Sierk Haitisma provided an update on Central Council finances and budget reports.

RECESS

Break from 10:20 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

REPORTS

M/S Richard Peterson / Jacob Cabuag to approve relocating programs creating a shortfall due to the impact upon the trust fund. C/U

M/S Dana Leask-Ruaro / Robert Sanderson Jr. that shortfall needed to be budgeted for and approved by General Assembly so that draw downs are budgeted. C/U

M/S Fred Lauth / Robert Sanderson Jr. that the Tribe draws down the anticipated deficit to restore the balance to the General Fund. C/U

M/S Richard Peterson / Jacob Cabuag that Financial Reports are routinely sent to Finance Committee. C/U

M/S Jacob Cabuag / Richard Peterson to relocate the TANF office to minimize the shortfall to the Trust Fund. C/U

M/S Richard Peterson / Robert Sanderson Jr. that the Executive Council receive a \$250 stipend for Executive Council meetings and \$150 for all other meetings. Motion defeated

REPORTS

Tribal Court Chief Justice Doloresa Cadiente and Tribal Court Magistrate Debra O'Gara addressed the Executive Council providing an update on recent Tribal Court activity, as well as the Elder's Discussion of "Our Children, Our Culture, Our Future", and the Working Session held at the Centennial Hall, Child Support Court, White Paper on Tribal Child Support, Youth Drug Court Planning Project, and the progress on Child Welfare and Youth Wellness Court.

RECESS

Meeting recessed for lunch from 12:30 p.m. – 1:47 p.m.

REPORTS

VTRC Director Archie Cavanaugh gave a report to the Executive Council on the center's current programs, working agreement between the E&T and VTRC, and the 2007 and 2008 budgets.

Roads & Transportation Director Gordon Jackson and Dan Moreno gave updates on the agreement with the Law Offices of Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP; Draft Plan of the Development of Southeast Alaska Ferry Authority; and a Draft Resolution Authorizing Attorneys to provide legal services to CCTHITA as a member of the Alaska Tribal Transportation Coalition.

M/S Richard George / Richard Peterson to adopt Resolution EC 08-15, **Authorizing Attorneys to provide legal services to CCTHITA as a member of the Alaska Tribal Transportation Coalition.**

M/S Jacob Cabuag / Robert Sanderson Jr. to table Resolution EC 08-15 until proper paperwork and drafts are received. C/U

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M/S Robert Sanderson Jr. / Richard Peterson to adopt Resolution EC 08-04, **Seattle Membership NAHASDA Services.**

M/S Robert Sanderson Jr. / Richard Peterson to table Resolution EC 08-04, to the next meeting until members can hear from THRHA President Blake Kazama. C/U

RECESS

Meeting recessed from 4:40 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M/S Richard George / Richard Peterson to develop a policy and a format for donation requests to go through the donations committee that is already established. C/U

M/S Jacob Cabuag / Dana Leask-Ruaro that we limit all donations to \$500 regardless of the request. C/U

M/S Robert Sanderson Jr. / Richard Peterson to table the Mt. Fairweather Dance Group donation request indefinitely due the inability to consider and fund all requests made by dance groups. C/U

M/S Jacob Cabuag / Robert Sanderson Jr. to relocate bingo to the Juneau T&H Community Council for the purpose of General Assembly. withdrawn

NEW BUSINESS

M/S Richard Peterson / Robert Sanderson Jr. to adopt Resolution EC 08-12, **Environment Regulatory Enhancement Program**. C/U

M/S Richard George / Richard Peterson to adopt Resolution EC 08-13, **Authorizing the Submission of an Environmental Mitigation Program Proposal**. C/U

M/S Dana Leask Ruaro / Robert Sanderson Jr. to adopt Resolution EC 08-14, **Authority to Apply for NAGPRA Funds**. C/U

M/S Richard Peterson / Jacob Cabuag to select "Our Youth Today, Our Leaders Tomorrow" as the 73rd Annual General Assembly Theme. C/U

The Executive Council voted and chose Mary Elizabeth Jones of Ketchikan, Alaska as the Tribal Hostess and Ellen Hope Hays of Bainbridge, Washington as the alternate.

The Executive Council voted and chose Harvey Marvin of Juneau, Alaska as the Tribal Host and Nelson Frank of Sitka, Alaska as the alternate Tribal Host.

REPORTS

Carrie Sykes gave an updated report on the U.S. Forest Service Memorandum of Understanding and provide documents to show where they were at in the process.

M/S Richard Peterson / Dana Leask-Ruaro to look into hosting an ATNI Conference. C/U

M/S Richard Peterson / Richard George to have staff look into webcasting the 2008 General Assembly Convention. C/U

M/S Robert Sanderson Jr. / Richard Peterson to table the West Beam Canal Ooligan until General Assembly. C/U

Based on information provided by 5th Vice President Jacob Cabuag, the Chair ruled that a discretionary fund be provided to non service area communities in the amounts of \$5,000, \$3,000, and \$1,500 based on per capita.

Youth Representative Aurora Lehr submitted to the Executive Council a list of suggested changes she had for the role of the Youth Representative.

M/S Dana Leask-Ruaro / Jacob Cabuag to accept the Youth Representative recommendations of her report, Items I, II, and III. C/U

M/S Richard Peterson / Fred Lauth to amend to the motion to exclude Item I. C/U

NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

M/S Richard Peterson / Jacob Cabuag to have the next Executive Council meeting Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at the Thomas Building or the VTRC. C/U

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Robert Sanderson Jr. – thank everyone for rolling up their sleeves and good luck in the campaign, its been an honor serving as an Executive Council member

Richard Peterson – asked President to have staff to leave out names in reports.

Richard George – bummed finances were negative, need to tell the delegates the accomplishments of the current Executive Council.

William E. Martin – will discuss /let the General Assembly know our accomplishments

Jay Cabuag – provide staff with info or a flyer prepping with them for the move.

ADJOURN

M/S Dana Leask-Ruaro / Jacob Cabuag to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.