



## *Executive Council*

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

VTRC Auditorium – Juneau, Alaska

**ADOPTED** – March 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair Jay Cabuag called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

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

Also present were:

Ashli Colón, Recording Secretary  
Dolly Medina, Office of the President  
Corrine Garza, Chief Operating Officer  
Gordon Jackson, Roads & Transportation Manager  
Carlton Smith  
Laird Jones, VTRC Manager  
Francine Eddy Jones, Tribal Family & Youth Services Director  
Melanie Guthrie, Tribal Family & Youth Services  
Sierk Haitzma, Chief Financial Officer  
Le Florendo, Tribal Family & Youth Services  
Dolores Cadiente, Chief Justice  
Georgia Finau, Community Services & Self Governance Director  
Loretta Wallin, Community Services & Self Governance  
Debra O’Gara, Tribal Child Support Magistrate  
Andrei Chakine, Business & Economic Development Manager  
Libby Watanabe, SEARHC Health Systems Analyst  
Clint Watanabe

## **INVOCATION**

Invocation was provided by Richard George.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

M/S Will Micklin / Michele Metz to adopt the agenda as amended.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

M/S Michele Metz / Barbara Fields to adopt the February 15, 2010 Executive Council meeting minutes. C/U

M/S Richard George / Will Micklin to adopt the joint Executive Council/Audit Committee February 16, 2010 meeting minutes. C/U

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Central Council Culture Center will be brought up under New Business.
- Congratulations to those who were re/elected as delegate.
- Tribal assembly agenda
  - Speakers from NCAI will be on the agenda
  - Larry EchoHawk, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs was chosen as keynote. Senator Kim Elton was asked to provide the keynote if Mr. EchoHawk is unable. Another keynote will be identified if neither are able to attend.
  - Carved paddles representing each of the past/current President's clans will be ceremoniously presented during the Welcome Dinner.
- Gold medal week is starting today.

Richard George recommended that Douglas Burns, U.S Fish and Wildlife be added to the Tribal Assembly agenda.

## **REPORTS**

### **Title IV-E Child Welfare / Foster Care / Adoption Funding**

A presentation was provided by Chief Justice Dolores Cadiente, Tribal Family & Youth Services Director Francine Eddy Jones and Melanie Guthrie on the Direct Tribal Title IV-E. See Attachment A.

Will Micklin recommended that a region wide consortium be created—Southeast communities would participate and provide their funding to address needs.

## **SEARHC**

SEARHC Health Systems Analyst Libby Watanabe provided the SEARHC Report and Cara Gilbert provided a report on the SEARHC Dental Department. See Attachment B.

- Dental Health Aide and Dental Assistant trainings held—noted the hire of many students following the trainings.

Edward K. Thomas recommended that SEARHC provide health screenings during Tribal Assembly.

## **BREAK**

Break from 11:05 AM to 11:20 AM.

## **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

There were no comments for Public Testimony.

## **REPORTS**

### **Tribal Operations Department**

Chief Operating Officer Corrine Garza provided the Executive Council a report on the Trust Fund, ANB Camp 2 outstanding debt, and energy. See Attachment C.

The Chief Operating Officer will check with US Department of Energy on revising the use of EECBG (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant) funds to improve energy efficiency of tribal facilities. A resolution will be drafted for the Executive Council if required for revisions.

### **Executive Session**

Executive Session held from 11:45 AM to 12:30 PM.

## **LUNCH**

Lunch from 12:30 PM to 1:35 PM.

### **Chief Financial Officer**

Chief Financial Officer Sierk Haitzma provided a report to the Executive Council. See Attachment D.

### **Energy Workgroup**

The Energy Workgroup will have a teleconference call sometime prior to Tribal Assembly.

### **Alaska Tribal Leaders Summit**

Objective of the Summit was to bring together tribes in state to address common problems. Two top priority issues/statements came from the meeting: subsistence and land into trust.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Tribal College and Culture Center**

Plans and information on a proposed Tribal College and Culture Center was presented to the Executive Council. Requesting the Executive Council to consider transfer of \$800,000 from the Trust Fund for the purchase of the parcel of land located on Front Street. No funding is able to be obtained without the prior purchase of land. See Attachments E.

President Martin assumed the Chair.

### **BREAK**

Break from 3:30 PM to 3:37 PM

### **Tribal College and Culture Center, continued**

M/S Jay Cabuag / Richard George to proceed with purchase of the property with funds from the Investment Account.

Michele Metz spoke against the motion and would like to see a business plan and the property appraisal before approving a purchase.

Edward K. Thomas noted that the Executive Council could proceed with the groundwork, but the Tribal Assembly would have to approve the purchase as it is an expense from the Trust Fund.

Amendment: M/S Jay Cabuag prepare a non binding letter of intent to purchase the property and presentation to the Tribal Assembly. C/U

Jay Cabuag resumed the Chair.

### **BIA Alaska Regional Director**

The BIA is hosting Tribal Consultation Meetings to gather input on filling the Alaska Regional Director Position.

M/S Richard George / Barbara Fields to recommend Paul Young for the position of BIA Alaska Regional Director and Glenda Miller as an alternate. C/U

### **Resolutions**

M/S Michele Metz / Will Micklin to adopt EC 10-17, *Restatement of Defined Contribution Plan*. C/U

### **Donations**

M/S Richard George / to donate \$5,000 to the Healing Hand Foundation. Motion failed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was held from 4:40 PM to 4:47 PM.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Will Micklin - Glad Lorraine is feeling better.

Edward K. Thomas – Congrats on everyone getting re-elected.

Jay Cabuag – Congrats to everyone getting re-elected and Kevin on making Juneau Council.

President Martin – Congratulated Kevin on making the local council and reminded him not to give up.

Richard George – Thanks for everyone's expertise. Appreciate the work that has been done and the considerations that have been made.

Kevin Skeek – Echoes Will's comment and is glad Lorraine is feeling better. Looking forward to being on the Juneau Community Council. Really enjoyed his term at Youth Representative. He has experienced a lot with the Executive Council. This experience has really helped him sharpen his skills to fill these seats later on. Gunal'cheesh.

## **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.