



Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
**ADOPTED** June 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair Richard Peterson called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Richard Peterson	President	Present
Will Micklin	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson Jr.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Present
Lowell Halverson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Present
Jolene Edenshaw	4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Marvin Adams	5 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Jacqueline Pata	6 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Brandon Mayer	Youth Representative	Present

Also present were:

Melissa Kookesh, Recording Secretary  
Raeanne Holmes , Executive Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer  
Theresa Belton, Chief Financial Officer  
Tana Bell, Secretary to the President  
Edith McHenry, Administrative Assistant  
Amber Frizzell, Alaska Permanent Capital Management  
Laura Bruce, Alaska Permanent Capital Management  
Brandi Nicolai, Alaska Permanent Capital Management  
Liz Medicine Crow, First Alaskans Institute  
Linda Micklin  
Kyle Wark, First Alaskans Institute  
Gerry Jamestown, Anchorage Delegate  
Gil Stokes, Anchorage Delegate  
Crystal Leonetti, USFWS

**INVOCATION**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Robert Sanderson provided the invocation.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

M/S Robert Sanderson / Marvin Adams to adopt the agenda as amended to add a 1<sup>st</sup> VP Report and the THRHA meeting with the Executive Council. C/U

## **REPORTS**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Peterson provided his report to the Executive Council. He let the Executive Council know that as a tribe didn't have a transition plan in place and the Office of the President has been very helpful during this time.

Tribal Assembly Resolutions has been tasked with forming a language department and incorporating the tribal values and indigenize the tribe. The Chair has tasked the Tlingit and Haida Central Council Managers take the lead on this and the definition of such.

President Peterson vied that he is concerned with the perception of the tribe and he has developed a communications department to let our tribal citizens know what we are doing. Raeanne Holmes has been reassigned to work in the communication department. The development of the language department has been developed and we have a core group working on trying to find funding. He then provided the statistics on the Tlingit and Haida fluent speakers. He will be enrolling in the Tlingit Language classes at the university. He spoke to the passage of SB216. Tlingit Haida Central Council will be putting pressure on the Governor's Office to get the bill signed sooner rather than later.

President Peterson is working diligently on the client complaints, appeals process, and to make sure the policies are consistent.

Transboundary Mines is a big issue and one that he has been working on. Tlingit and Haida Central Council had a meeting with the Tribal Leaders from Canada. President Peterson has made this one of our top priorities for the tribe as it is a very serious issue. There has been a Tribal Transboundary Mining Group formed throughout Southeast Alaska. Tlingit Haida Central Council has been providing administrative support to the group.

Tlingit and Haida Central Council has put in a Fee to Trust Application on the parking lot to put it into trust. The Tribe has asked the Assistant Secretary to process our application. President Peterson thanked the works for President Emeritus Thomas for his hard work on this issue that has been going on for quite some time.

President Peterson brought to the table the MOA with the State of Alaska and looks forward to the signing of the agreement. We are the first tribe that will be signing and the State of Alaska plans to have others signs. Because of the MOA the state has asked us to visit with Microsoft to see how we can

M/S Marvin Adams / Jolene Edenshaw to authorize the President to sign the State of Alaska MOA. C/U

### **RECESS**

The Chair ruled a short recess to allow everyone to introduce themselves.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT Continued**

Another issue that was tasked to the administration was the list of bad addresses. We have not had a chance to address this issue, but it will be addressed.

The President went over the trips that we have been on and the first was Self Governance in Washington, DC. During this time we had visits on the hill which were very successful in meeting with the US Congressional Leaders.

Another issue was the indirect rate of 47% and we need to increase our base in order to get our rate lower. However, we have been successfully managing our programs very well. The reason for this was the reduction in appropriations (childcare / TANF), decreased the amount in our base as well as the sequester. The need of our tribal citizens should be the reason for the programs we manage. The need for a strategic plan will help us to know where we need to go and to be able to move forward (“is it good for our tribe”).

## **RECESS**

The Chair ruled a lunch recess from 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm.

### **Chief Operating Officer’s Report**

The Executive Assistant to the Chief Tribal Operating Officer provided a report to the Executive Council and shared with the new Executive Council members the process of the reporting. She then went over the trust fund which had a decrease by \$364,571, but the trust fund is at \$11,363,858; Land into Trust applications have been submitted to the Department of Interior; Self Governance Conference and the tribe has issued letters to Congress on support for Title IV Amendments, CSC, HR 4694, and letter to reconvene work group to development legislation; POW Mining Symposium; Social Media Training, Grant Funding Opportunities; and Falmouth Institute Training.

M/S Marvin Adams / Lowell Halverson to accept the President’s Report. C/U

### **Chief Financial Officer**

The Chief Financial Officer provided her report to the Executive Council. The CFO gave an extensive report on the months end close which is April 2014, is prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting and reporting principles as applied to governmental units. The CFO covered the narrative report, summary report, general fund summary, compact programs summary, state programs summary, federal programs summary, foundation programs summary, roads programs summary, VTRC Enterprise Report, EPH Report, THTBC Report, Tribal Direct, Tribal Direct Breakdown, Shortfall Summary, Balance Sheet Report, January – April 2013 – 2014 Variance Report and the Executive Council Donation Report.

### **Alaska Permanent Capital Management**

Laura Bruce provided an introduction and brief history for the Alaska Permanent Capital Management. Brandi Nicolai provided the portfolio report. Germaine

### **Strategic Planning**

Elizabeth Medicine Crow and Kyle Wark with the First Alaskans Institute provided an oral report to the Executive Council regarding the possibility of having a Strategic Plan for Tlingit and Haida Central Council Management and Executive Council.

M/S Jacqueline Pata / Jolene Edenshaw the tribe create a team that includes management and representatives from the Executive Council to come up with a process for guiding and moving forward with the Strategic Plan. C/U

### **United States Fish & Wildlife Service**

5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Marvin Adams introduced the officials from the United States Fish & Wildlife Service, Alaska Native Affairs Office Crystal Leonetti and Jennifer Cohout to provide a report for the Executive Council. Crystal Leonetti covered a few brief points that she felt was important for the Executive Council. They are currently working on revising the Native American Policy. Jennifer Cohout spoke to the Sea Otter and the Endangered Species Act which only applies to Sea Otters in the southwest region. Jennifer also spoke about the Sea Otter history in Alaska and the "Guidance". Reference to footnote number 1 and 2 in Appendix () was given to clarify statutory language.

### **Tlingit Haida Support of Byron Mallott Campaign**

Discussion was held on what the Tribe can do to assist the campaign.

### **SEARHC Bylaws**

Discussion was held on the SEARHC Bylaws which were revised on May 30, 2014.

### **Suicide Prevention**

Discussion was held on the Suicide Prevention One is Two Many Group.

### **Tlingit Haida Tribal Children's Legal Defense Fund**

M/S Jacqueline Pata/ Robert Sanderson extend the Children's Legal Defense Funding grant period be extended to one year closing in the end of 2014. C/U

### **Executive Council Guidelines**

The Chair ruled Raeanne Holmes would email the PowerPoint Presentation to the Executive Council.

### **Donations Policy**

The Chair ruled the staff will relook at the policy and reflect what the Executive Council requested.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report**

1<sup>st</sup> VP Micklin will provide a written report to the Executive Council for review at our next meeting.

### **Executive Council Travel / Meeting Schedule**

Melissa Kookesh went over the upcoming schedule for the remainder of the 2014 year.

### **THRHA**

Melissa Kookesh will contact the Housing Authority to secure a meeting.

## **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

M/S Robert Sanderson / Marvin Adams to adopt the minutes of April 12, April 9, and February 10 of 2014. C/U

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

M/S Jolene Edenshaw / Marvin Adams moved the Executive Council into Executive Session for 6:05 pm to 6:43 pm. C/U

M/S Marvin Adams / Robert Sanderson the Tribe develop a Government Specialist. C/U

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The Executive Council spoke freely about issues they had.

Marvin Adams thank you for the good job you are doing.

Jolene Edenshaw still thinks you should be doing both Tlingit and Haida language classes. Thank you to the girls in the Front Office and she is happy that Kiki is here. She also asked that the President contact the family of Lyda Jackson.

Robert Sanderson thanks the Executive Council and yourself Mr. President. He cannot even imagine what we are going through with the transition.

Brandon Mayer said it was an honor to be here and he is glad that he is doing this.

Edith McHenry just asks that the Executive Council turn in their receipts.

Will Micklin thanks his wife for supporting him. He would also like to thank Mouse Woman for sharing Kiki's room in Angoon. He asked that Mr. President contact the family of Cyril George.

President Richard Peterson cannot thank all of the Executive Council for the honor of serving as your President. The trust that the Executive Council has shown him completely humbles him. He thanked the Executive Council and the Youth Representative for stepping up to the plate in the capacity's they serve. The women in the Front Office who make the day far easier than we will ever know as we all bring something different to the table. The State of Alaska MOA will make a huge difference for our people.

## **ADJOURN**

The Chair ruled the meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM. No objection, so ordered.