



## *Executive Council*

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
IN PERSON MEETING- December 17-18, 2015  
ADOPTED Minutes

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM.

### **ROLL CALL**

Richard Peterson, President	Present
Will Micklin, 1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Present
Rob Sanderson, JR, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Present
Lowell Halverson, 3 <sup>rd</sup> VP	Present at 9:40 AM
Jolene Edenshaw, 4 <sup>th</sup> VP	Present
Marvin Adams, 5 <sup>th</sup> VP	Present
Jackie Pata, 6 <sup>th</sup> VP	Present via Teleconference
Marina Anderson, Emerging Leader	Present

Also present:

Corrine Garza, COO; Helene Bennett, Executive Assistant; Theresa Belton, CFO; Grace Singh, Special Assistant to the President; Megan Gregory, Secretary to the President, Carley Jackson, Recording Secretary; and Richard Rinehart, CEO of THTBC. Other guests: Kendri Caesar of Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP; Bill Martin, and Kevin Ritchie of Juneau Suicide Prevention Council.

### **INVOCATION**

Rob Sanderson, JR gave invocation.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

M/S Will Micklin moved to approve the agenda with no changes. C/U

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Martin and Kevin Ritchie of the Juneau Suicide Prevention Council offered public comment on the needs and goals for collective impact.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The chair called for executive session at 9:45 AM. The chair called to end Executive Session at 10:59 AM and to relax the agenda to allow Sealaska to present. No objection so ordered.

## **RESUME REGULAR SESSION**

Regular session resumed at 11:09 AM. Desiree Duncan, Manager of Native Lands and Resources joined the meeting for the Sealaska presentation on various projects: Land Legislation, a possible MOU, economic development parcels regarding culturally sensitive areas.

The chair called for lunch recess at 12:00 PM- no objection, so ordered.

Regular session resumed at 12:41 PM.

## **REPORTS**

### President's Report:

The President gave report on the new raffle sales recently implemented for donation of the EP hall and other CCTHITA events as well as other happenings of the tribe:

- The UAS language program
- Several initiatives for the language immersion school
- The startup of a Tlingit immersion day care center
- BEDD projects:
  - Thane,
  - Tourism,
  - Prospects of opening coffee/ gift shops in the VTRC, AHB, Thane, and the George properties
  - Huna Totem tourism and training opportunity
- Strategic Plan Update
- Meetings with the regional presidents: Sealaska, SEARHC and THRHA for opening a substance abuse treatment center, coupled with other abuses and suicide issues.
- Request for consultation from Northern Tribes to help develop one application for all the services available from the various southeast tribal entities.
- Selections of new managers for recent job openings: TCSU: Jessie Archibald, and 477 Director: William Martin.
- President Peterson also went on to discuss chats with Governor Walker on appointments of Rob Sanderson and Jason Wilson to the State suicide board and the parole board (Jason Wilson is only the second Alaska Native in history for the State of Alaska).

Recommendation of sending a card of condolences to Victoria Canal-Dunne, for the loss of her brother by prison violence.

### COO Report:

COO, Corrine Garza gave report on the recent activity with the Trust Fund, the AHB Residing project to now include the backside of the building, debt collateral summary for loans on the various properties, Land into Trust application, Tribal Court for Compact communities, Community Visits, a finance workshop with Organized Village of Saxman, Chilkoot Indian Assoc., Employee Retirement plans and security updates. Head Start receipts were made available in the drop box for approval- See attached Report.

CFO Report:

CFO, Theresa Belton gave a report of the financials of the tribe covering the months of October and November- See attached report.

THTBC Report:

THTBC CEO, Richard Rinehart gave a presentation for an opportunity- See attached presentation.

M/S Will Micklin to authorize THTBC to enter into an LOI with the Seller of KIRA consistent with the framework presented to the EC. C/U

**BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS**

**A.** Historic Site Consultation- Sealaska/ Michele Metz- See notes under “Resume Regular Session”

**B.** HHS Secretary’s Advisory Committee Update- W. Micklin

Will Micklin gave report on a discussion with HHS Secretary to convey greater flexibility of funds between programs: ACF, TANF, Head start and other various programs. There has been emphasis on suicide prevention and ICWA. In Head Starts case, some issues identified include more requirements and less funding equating in centers closing. See attachment.

**C.** 2016 Committee Seats- R. Sanderson

To be updated and redistributed after elections

**D.** Transboundary Update- R. Sanderson

Will Micklin gave an update on the support work done by both he and Rob Sanderson: regarding the state entering into a MOA with BC on various activities of transboundary mining.

**E.** 2016 Executive Council/ Sealaska/ THRHA Meeting Dates

EC: In Person- Jan. 28-29, Teleconference- Feb. 17, In Person- Mar. 17-18, In Person- 18-19, TA 20-22. The months of May-December are to be determined after Tribal Assembly Elections.

Sealaska: In Person- Apr. 1, Tele- May 2, In Person- June 24, In Person- July 22, Tele- Aug. 29, Tele- Sept. 19, In Person- Oct. 28, Tele- Nov 21, In Person- Dec. 5-6

THRHA: TBD

**F.** Emerging Leader Update- Marina Anderson- see attached report

**G.** 2015 Audit Services- Theresa Belton

Secured quotes from 2 firms: Elgee, Rehfeld, Mertz, LLC (ERM) and BDO for a one year extension.

Marvin Adams made a recommendation to put the decision to the Audit Committee.

Jackie Pata made a recommendation to poll the Audit committee on the decision but also recommends that the EC goes with ERM.

M/S Jackie Pata send a memo to the Audit Committee stating that we go with ERM due to the price difference in conjunction with an apology due to the scheduling difficulties. C/U

EC Resolution 15-46: Alaska Learning Network Funding Endorsement

M/S Marvin Adams to approve. C/U

EC Resolution 15-47: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy FY 2016 Continuation

M/S Rob Sanderson to approve. C/U

EC Resolution 15-48: Merger of Plans and Restatement of 401(k) Plan- M/S Jolene Edenshaw moved to approve resolution 15-48. C/U

### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ITEMS**

Breaking News: the Fairbanks 4 have reached a deal and will be released, effective today, December 17, 2015.

Head Start Program Receipts provided for review via Dropbox

### **RECESS**

The chair called for Recess at 4:47 PM, no objection so ordered. Business to resume tomorrow, Friday, December 18, 2015 at 8:00 AM at the Andrew Hope Building- Third floor Conference Room

## **DAY 2:**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **BUSINESS (ITEMS) CONTINUED**

#### **H. Tribal Court Discussion**

Tribal Judge Debra O’Gara gave report of a meeting with Supreme Court Judge Eric Smith regarding Tribal Citizens going through the court system and the options available to the Tribe as alternatives that are congruent with tribal family values to the regular justice system. These are options that can be made available to all of Southeast.

Judge O’Gara also went on to update on the juvenile justice program.

M/S Marvin Adams to authorize Debra O’Gara, Tribal Court Judge, to move forward with negotiations with the Alaska State Court System. C/U

M/S Marvin Adams to broaden the scope of the tribal court by developing statutes. C/U

Judge O’Gara went on to identify statutes for inclusion: Estates, Probate and Conservatorship

#### **I. Program Compliance Report- Valerie Hillman, Manager**

Valerie Hillman gave a report on the updates of the Elections for 2016:

- Changes to the Rules of Election
- Delegate allocation date of December 22, 2015
- She also gave updates on the communities’ choice between electronic and absentee voting. See table

2016 Voting Style Choices:		
Anchorage: Absentee	Juneau: Absentee	Metlakatla:
Angoon:	Kake:	Petersburg:
Craig:	Kasaan: Electronic	San Francisco:
Haines:	Ketchikan:	Seattle: Absentee
Hoonah:	Klawock:	Sitka:
Hydaburg:	Klukwan:	Wrangell:
		Yakutat:

Voting date is set for February 1, 2016.

Accounting firm for the final vote count is to be determined. It was decided that the declaration of intent to serve is sufficient for nomination.

In addition, the application for services was unified into one application and significantly reduced from 40 to three pages.

Grace Hawkins presented the electronic voting software

#### **J. PFD Registration and Voter Enrollment**

Grace Singh requested an endorsement for a PFD voting initiative, with a focus on getting out the Native Vote.

Several EC Members expressed concerns and supportive comments.

M/S Will Micklin moved to authorize support for the automatic voter registration when applying for the Permanent Fund Dividend initiative, and any initiatives to boost Alaska Native voting numbers. C/U

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The chair called for executive session at 11:06 AM, no objection, so ordered.

#### **RESUME REGULAR SESSION**

Regular session resumed at 11:45 AM, no objection so ordered.

M/S Will Micklin to review the code of conduct and the rules for eligibility for Delegates under rules of election. C/U

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Morris offered public comment regarding an appointment to Alaska Legal Services and his efforts to highlight Tribal Court; he hopes to see accountability to Federal and State funds that are earmarked for the State of Alaska indigenous peoples made a priority. He also expressed concern regarding public law 280.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Rob Sanderson, Lowell Halverson, Marvin Adams, Will Micklin and President Peterson offered good of the order.

#### **ADJOURN**

The Chair called for adjournment at 11:53 AM. No objection, so ordered.