



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
May 25, 2018 11 AM (Alaska Standard Time)
Continental Breakfast & Lunch Provided
In Person Meeting at Klawock VOTEC Building
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:11 AM. No objection, so moved.

ROLL CALL

Richard Peterson, President	Present
Yodean Armour, 1 st Vice President	Present
Jackie Pata, 2 nd Vice President	Present via teleconference
Will Micklin, 3 rd Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr. 4 th Vice President	Present
Ralph Wolfe, 5 th Vice President	Present
Catherine Edwards, 6 th Vice President	Present
Stephanie Masterman, Emerging Leader	Present via teleconference

Staff present: COO Ken Truitt, CFO Theresa Belton, Executive Assistant Helene Bennett, Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti and Secretary to the President/Recording Secretary Carley Jackson.

Guests present: Organized Village of Kasaan Vice President of Administration and former Executive Council Emerging Leader Marina Anderson, Organized Village of Kasaan Tribal Administrator Paula Peterson, President Emeritus Edward K. Thomas and Klawock Cooperative Association President Dennis Demmert.

INVOCATION

4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. provided the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt the agenda as amended. M/C

ADOPTED September 28, 2018

Additions:

Executive Council Resolution, EC 18-19 *Authorization to Apply for an Economic Development Administration Partnership Planning Continuation Grant*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Organized Village of Kasaan Vice President of Administration and former Executive Council Emerging Leader Marina Anderson conveyed words of gratitude for allowing her to attend the meeting.

Karen Cleary, facility staff, provided a safety protocol overview.

Acting Regional Forest Supervisor David Schmidt and Forest Supervisor Earl Stewart introduced themselves to the Executive Council.

Organized Village of Kasaan Tribal Administrator Paula Peterson welcomed the Executive Council.

President Emeritus Edward K. Thomas thanked the Executive Council for holding the meeting in Klawock.

REPORTS

President's Report

President Peterson provided an oral report. He first noted his attendance at the Governor's Tribal Advisory Committee (GTAC) meeting. This was his last GTAC meeting as Chairperson. The new GTAC Chairperson will be Melissa Borton and the new Vice Chairperson will be Jodi Potts. At the GTAC meeting Governor Walker verbally confirmed the Public Safety compact and the next compacting goals are the department of Corrections and Education. Another topic discussed at the GTAC meeting was support for a centralized Alaska 911 communication system. Next, President Peterson stated he attended the Prince of Wales Mining Symposium in Kasaan. He also attended a community visit in Petersburg where he heard southeast communities voicing concerns about Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA). The communities are confused with Tlingit & Haida's role with THRHA and would like to see representation for each of their communities on the THRHA Board. There was a suggestion to, in consultation with tribes, create a new business model/redesign of THRHA, and bring that proposal to the Tribal Assembly. The President also stated a current administration goal to start a halfway house with State of Alaska Department of Corrections.

Announcements: The Tribe will ask for a tribal seat at the Magnuson Stevens Act discussions and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Board. The Business and Economic Development (BED) department has hired Jodie Gatti as the BED Coordinator. The United States Forest Service's Alaska Tribal Leaders Council will be meeting on Prince of Wales. At the meeting they will appoint new council members. President Peterson will nominate 4th Vice President Ralph Wolfe, Marina Anderson, and Delegate Eva Rowan.

General Counsel Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy summarized her written report. Of note, the changes Tribal Assembly approved to the governing documents have been finalized and will be posted to the Tlingit & Haida website. She also provided the Executive Council with an update on to pending cases, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe v. Lundgren and Texas v. Zinke. And she advised the Executive Council that she would be on maternity leave, May 28th through August 17th. Finally, the strategic planning required by the Separation of Powers report had be rescheduled but every effort would still be made to ensure the group was timely convened.

2nd Vice President Jacqueline Pata offered comment on the ICWA case update.

Special Assistant's Report

Special Assistant Heather Gatti summarized her written report. She reported that a letter had been sent to the congressional delegation in support of Tara Sweeney's nomination to serve as assistant secretary for Indian Affairs. Follow on the Tribal Assembly resolutions are underway. In addition, the Office of the President is hosting First Alaskans Institute intern, Michaela Demmert.

RECESS

The Chair called for a 15 minute lunch recess at 12:41 PM. No objection, so moved.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Klawock Cooperative Association President Dennis Demmert welcomed the Executive Council and shared history on the formation of Tlingit & Haida and the Alaska Federation of Natives.

REPORTS CONTUNUED

Greenhouse/Wood Boiler Presentation

A power point presentation was provided by Karen Peterson and Lauren Burch. The presentation explained the differences between wood fired heating and other heating options available in Southeast.

Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report:

COO Ken Truitt provided a written report. The implementation of Tribal D was reported to be on track. THRHA and Tlingit & Haida are working to correct zoning issues for the halfway house project. Tribal Operations and BEDD attended a Docks and Harbors board meeting that resulted in positive progress on the Immersion Park project. Regarding Land into Trust, the current plat proposal will need to be re-drafted, but is underway. In addition, Truitt attended at the Native American Finance Officers Association meeting and an employee benefits training.

Chief Finance Officer (CFO) Report

CFO Theresa Belton summarized her written report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Remaining 2018 Executive Council Meeting Schedule

Executive Council teleconferences are to be decided. The 3rd quarterly in person meeting will be the week of the 24th of September in Sitka, Alaska. Special Assistant Heather Gatti will reach out to the Sitka delegates to confirm meeting dates. The final quarterly meeting will be in December, the same week as Staff Holiday party. Special Assistant Heather Gatti will coordinate with THRHA for a joint meeting in early-mid December.

Subsistence Herring Fishing

4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. reported that he has received continual communication from a tribal citizen regarding an alleged fishing violation and requested guidance on how to proceed. It was advised that a formal written request needs to be made to the Office of the President.

Political Endorsements

President Peterson has been approached for political endorsements and requested the Executive Council's guidance. Discussion ensued.

RECESS

The Chair called for a 5 minute recess at 3:50 PM. No objection, so moved.

President Meeting with Senator Murkowski

The Executive Council discussed items that the President should raise with the Senator during their meeting. 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. and 2nd Vice President Jacqueline Pata added King Salmon bycatch to the existing list of topics.

BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS

Executive Council Resolutions

M/S 5th Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to adopt EC 18-15 *Authorization to Apply for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Cost-of-Living-Adjustment (COLA) Funds*, EC 18-16 *Authorization to Apply for Supplemental Head Start Funds FY 2018*, EC 18-17 *Authorization to Apply for State Head Start Grant for FY 2019*, EC 18-18 *Authorization to Apply for State Head Start Grant for FY 2020* and EC 18-19 *Authorization to Apply for an Economic Development Administration Partnership Planning Continuation Grant*. M/C

Tribal Assembly Resolutions

M/S 2nd Vice President Jacqueline Pata moved to table TA 18-07 *Restriction of Partisan Campaign Endorsements to Tribal Assembly*, TA 18-08 *Directive Encourage Tlingit & Haida Campus and to Foster a Healthy Workplace Environment*, TA 18-09 *Promoting Local Hire*, TA 18-29 *Commitment to Increasing Access to Tribal Camps and Programs for Youth Outside of Service Areas*, TA 18-30 *Establishment of a New Tribal Policy Governing Repatriation*, TA 18-31 *Graphic Totemic Art Representing Moieties for Grave Markers*, TA 18-35 *Endorsement of U.S. House of Representatives Candidate Alyse Galvin*, TA 18-38 *Support of the City of Kake's Petition to the Local Boundary Commission to Form a Kake Borough*, TA 18-44 *Clean Tourism and Protecting our Culture from Cruise Ship Dumping*, TA 18-46 *Urge Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to Improve Tribal Consultation* and TA 18-47 *Directive to Explore Gardening Initiatives in Urban and Rural Communities* until the next Executive Council meeting. M/C

DONATION REQUESTS

One People Canoe Society

M/S 5th Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to approve \$1000.00 for One People Canoe Society. M/C

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M/S 3rd Vice President Will Micklin moved to approve a *S'áxt Devil's Club* level sponsorship of \$1000.00. 5th Vice President Ralph Wolfe amended to \$500.00. M/C

MINUTES

M/S 3rd Vice President Will Micklin moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 22-23, March 14, April 16, and April 21. 3rd Vice President Micklin moved to amend the February 22-23 minutes on page 4, under Reports, subsection *Separation of Powers Committee Report*, amend language to say, "Gap Analysis". M/C

EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/S 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. to enter into executive session at 4:19 PM. No objection, so moved.

Other staff present: Madeline Soboleff Levy, Theresa Belton, Ken Truitt, Heather Gatti, and Carley Jackson

Executive Session concluded at 4:40 PM

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Good of the order remarks were offered.

ADJOURN

The Chair called to adjourn at 4:51 PM. No objection, so ordered.