



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
August 30, 2018 - 10:00 AM (Alaska Standard Time)
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

ROLL CALL

Richard Peterson, President	Present
Yodean Armour, 1 st Vice President	Present
Jackie Pata, 2 nd Vice President	Present
Will Micklin, 3 rd Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr. 4 th Vice President	Present
Ralph Wolfe, 5 th Vice President	Present 10:15am
Catherine Edwards, 6 th Vice President	Present
Stephanie Masterman, Emerging Leader	Absent

Also present: CFO Theresa Belton, COO Ken Truitt, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti, Executive Assistant to the COO Helene Bennett, Secretary to the President Carley Jackson, Administrative Assistant to the President Serena Hinchman and Administrative Assistant to the General Counsel/Recording Secretary Laura May Whistler.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

REPORTS

President's Report

President Peterson provided an oral report of his recent activities and announcements. He attended the 477 Summit in Juneau and was hosted by the 477 division. The Tribe has entered a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS). The MOA will allow the Tribe and UAS to collaborate and expand educational options for UAS students and tribal citizens.

Saxman opened its first tribally owned coffee shop, Kootéyaa Koffee House. We, Tlingit & Haida, provided barista training and initial set up. Our helping hand in their endeavor has not gone unnoticed. In fact, we have attracted others who are requesting our guidance in their entrepreneurship.

Tlingit & Haida has opened Smokehouse Catering and will soon be opening a car detailing shop.

President Peterson chaired the AFN Election & Media Committee. Committee members provided updates on the Alaska elections and brainstormed ideas for Get Out the Native Vote (GOTNV) efforts.

President Peterson also reported on the Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation (THTBC) meeting. He stated THTBC is doing well, and continues to expand.

Finally, he announced the Land into Trust consultation will be on October 21st, the NCAI convention is October 21-26, and he will be travelling to the communities for the annual Community Visits.

President Peterson requested, in the future, to include communities outside of our compact to strengthen relationships with more communities.

General Counsel Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy summarized her written report. She also reported that she completed a review of the Executive Council Guidelines and will provide a revised document at the in-person Executive Council meeting in Juneau in December for discussion and further revision.

Special Assistant Report

Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti summarized her written report. She reported that Rick Caulfield, the UAS Chancellor, has requested to have quarterly meetings regarding the implementation of the MOA. She also reported on her attendance at the 477 Summit and the AFN Elections & Media Committee meeting. She announced the Southeast reception during AFN will be held at the Egan Center rather than the Hilton, where it had been held in previous years.

President Peterson requested the Executive Council members each make a video to promote GOTNV.

Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report

COO Ken Truitt summarized his written report. He reported that Tribal D is fully implemented, with the exception of phase 3. Phase 3 of Tribal D is a citizen portal, which is still in the development stage. The citizen portal will feature a voting module. The voting module is anticipated to have good impacts during Tribal Assembly and has the potential to expedite voting procedures. He recommended the Tribe issue laptops for the next Tribal Assembly for the purposes of voting, electronic delegate binders and other materials/processes that can be made electronic.

He plans to invite Bill Far, with Tribal D, to provide a demonstration at a future in person meeting and expects to have a full comprehensive report provided from the Tribal D system by March 2019.

He relayed that the Native Lands & Resources (NLR) Manager Desiree Duncan requests to present to the Executive Council regarding NLR's on-going projects and current issues.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Report

CFO Teresa Belton reviewed the written financial report and announced the creation of the Events Coordinator position under the Business Economic Development department.

President Peterson requested a special meeting to discuss the THTBC cash infusion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Upcoming Events

- Southeast Environmental Conference, Juneau, AK, *August 27-31, 2018*
- Haida Gwaii Visit, ~~*September 17-25, 2018*~~ ***postponed to spring 2019***
- September Executive Council In-Person Meeting, Sitka, AK, *September 26-28, 2018*
- Elders & Youth Conference, Anchorage, AK, *October 15-17, 2018*
 - President Peterson and 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. will be attending.
- AFN 2018 Convention, Anchorage, AK, *October 18-20, 2018*
 - Southeast Reception, *Wednesday, October 17, 2018*
- ANB/ANS Grand Camp, Ketchikan, AK, *October 17-20, 2018*
- NCAI 75th Annual Convention, Denver, CO, *October 21-26, 2018*

Stand for Salmon

Discussion ensued regarding Alaska ballot measure 1, *Salmon Habitat Protections and Permits Initiative (2018)*. The General Counsel will research and analyze the ballot measure and report back at the next Executive Council meeting.

Special Assistant Heather Gatti reported her attendance at a meeting regarding the Stand for Salmon initiative.

NCAI Update

2nd Vice President Jackie Pata provided an update regarding NCAI's recent activity.

Opioid Litigation Update

2nd Vice President Jackie Pata provided an update on tribal litigation regarding opioids. She reported that approximately 50 tribes will be moving forward with opioid litigation. 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata also reported she will be attending a webinar regarding tribal opioid litigation.

Native Vote

2nd Vice President Jackie will be attending a meeting with Tara Sweeney to discuss concerns regarding Native Vote and the Department of Interior.

Farm Bill

2nd Vice President Jackie Pata provided an update on the Farm Bill. Both the House of Representatives and Senate have passed the Farm Bill, but the two chambers need to resolve the differences between their versions before the bill can be signed into law.

Judicial Nominations

The Executive Council discussed Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

M/S 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to send a letter to Senator Murkowski opposing the nominee Brett Kavanaugh. Will Micklin moved to amend the motion to include language requesting that the Senate delay its confirmation vote until after the midterm elections. M/C

BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS

Resolutions

M/S 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt EC 18-34 *Authorization to Apply for a Native Elder and Victim Services Project Grant*. M/C

M/S 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt EC 18-35 *Authorizing Representatives to Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians* by unanimous consent. No objection, so moved.

M/S 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt EC 18-36 *Authorization to Apply for the Healthy Homes Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program*. M/C

Donation Requests

M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to donate \$500.00 for a full page advertisement with ANB & ANS Grand Camp Advertising Agreement 2018. M/C

M/S 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to donate \$750.00 to ANB & ANS Camp 14in response to their letter requesting funding. M/C

M/S 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to donate \$1000.00 for a Youth Sponsorship in response to the First Alaskans Institute Elders & Youth Conference Sponsorship Request. M/C

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Comments were made for the good of the order.

ADJOURN

The Chair ordered to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 PM. No objection, so ordered.