



## *Executive Council*

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
June 29, 2020 – 10 AM (Alaska Standard Time)  
IN-PERSON / TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

### **ROLL CALL**

Richard J. Peterson, President	Present
Yodean Armour, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present
Jackie Pata, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Present
Will Micklin, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr. 4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present at 10:29 AM
Ralph Wolfe, 5 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present at 10:49 AM
Catherine Edwards, 6 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Shawaan Jackson-Gamble, Emerging Leader	Present

Also present: Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, Chief Development Officer Will Ware, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Tribal Operations & Compact Manager Helene Bennett, Special Assistant Heather Gatti, Secretary to the President Carley Jackson, Executive Assistant Cara Gilbert and Recording Secretary Rebecca Lee.

### **INVOCATION**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata provided the invocation.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata requested the addition of a resolution to the agenda, Applying for Youth Homeless Alaska State Grant.

M/S 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt the agenda as a guide as amended. M/C

## **REPORTS**

### President's Report

President Richard J. Peterson provided an oral report on his recent activities. The new Lunchtime Chats, a response to the Executive Council's request for increased communication during the pandemic, has received positive response and will continue after the pandemic is over. The opening of fireworks sales was a huge success. The Tribe is making adjustments to improve operations as sales continue.

The Tribe has been receiving many responses to the postponement of Tribal Assembly, including requests to hold an in person Tribal Assembly and requests not to convene in person. The President's Award banquet and ceremony will be held virtually in September. Part of that will include a fundraiser to support the Alumni Scholarship program. The Tribal Emergency Operations Center has ordered Personal Protective Equipment for distribution to Community Council locations, including Anchorage, Seattle, and San Francisco. Airlift Northwest has also made a request of the Tribe to donate \$1 million to it to help with funding to keep in operation a plane serving Southeast that has the ability to transport COVID-19 patients.

Finally, advertising for the Chief Operations Officer position has closed and interviews will take place this afternoon.

### General Counsel Report

General Counsel summarized her written report.

### Special Assistant's Report

Special Assistant Heather Gatti summarized her written report.

### Chief Development Officer (CDO)

Will Ware provided an oral report on recent activities within the CDO department. He provided additional details regarding the opening of the fireworks stand. There is a possibility the stand will sell out by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Regarding potential acquisitions by the Tribe, the Tribe will pursue purchasing a building to provide non-congregate sheltering to recently incarcerated men, who face unique COVID-19 risks. The Tribe will similarly seek to acquire Haven House, for the purpose of non-congregate sheltering for recently incarcerated women, who face the same COVID-19 risks as recently incarcerated men. The Tribe is has plans for low barrier non-congregate sheltering, in cooperation with Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority. And finally, the Tribe is considering purchase of a storage facility to meet the needs of the Tribal Emergency Operations Centers and plans for acquisition, storage and distribution of PPE and other emergency response materials. The site being considered is also amenable to housing Sacred Shine.

In partnership with neighboring landowners, the Tribe has been working to improve the safety of the Immersion Park property.

### Chief Finance Officer's Report

CFO Theresa Belton summarized her written report.

### Emerging Leader Report

Emerging Leader Shawaan Jackson-Gamble provided an update regarding the Youth Commission. Shawaan participated in a Chat where he shared the Youth Commission application and Bylaws with communities. The Youth Commission also hosted a hashtag challenge #oldwayssummerdayschallenge, which provides an avenue for children ages 12-23 to participate in cultural activities and win prizes such as a Macbook, iPad, GoPro and other prizes.

### Tribal Emergency Operations Center (TEOC)

The TEOC Incident Commander Jason Wilson provided an oral report. Former Village Public Safety Officer Corey Padron has been selected as a full-time TEOC Coordinator. The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) ordered for distribution will be arriving next week. Community Council locations, with the support of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata, were surveyed to identify their specific PPE needs. So the future PPE distributions will be tailored to meet their needs.

Tlingit & Haida will continue operating primarily out of the office until at least September 1, 2020. Operations will be reassessed closer to that date. Incident Commander Jason Wilson strongly recommended against hosting an in-person Tribal Assembly.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Tribal Assembly Options

General Counsel provided a memo with options for the 85<sup>th</sup> Tribal Assembly in accordance with the Constitution. Discussion ensued, including evaluating the risks and benefits to delegates, communities and employees, as well as what a virtual Tribal Assembly could look like, considering elections and the deliberative tools of parliamentary procedure.

M/S 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata moved to select October 1, 2020 as the date for a virtual, abbreviated Tribal Assembly. M/C

### Chief Justice Position

The resignation of this position by Michelle Demmert has created a vacancy. Discussion ensued regarding soliciting for applicants and the upcoming Tribal Assembly.

### COVID Spending

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson opened for discussion the status of the Tribe's Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act relief funds. CFO Theresa Belton confirmed the Tribe had received its share of funds.

## **BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS**

### Resolutions

EC 20-43 Authorization to Apply for a Five-Year Native Families, Relationships, and Marriage Initiative Grant

EC 20-44 Authorization to Apply for a Five-Year Native Fatherhood Initiative Grant  
EC 20-45 Approval of Eighth Modification of Wells Fargo Bank National Association Loan  
EC 20-46 Authorization to Increase Monthly Credit Card Limit  
EC 20-47 Supporting the Grant Submission for Youth Homelessness Prevention

M/S 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt resolutions EC 20-43, 20-44, 20-45, 20-46, and 20-47. M/C

#### Donations

Associate Justice Aurora Lehr

M/S 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr. moved to contribute \$1500 to Associate Justice Aurora Lehr, who has been battling cancer.

Sarah Booth's Family

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr. moved to contribute \$1000 to the family of Sarah Booth, who recently passed away. Booth was an Elder Advisor and fluent speaker supporting the Haayk Foundation.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Chair ordered to enter into Executive Session at 12:53 PM. No objection, so moved.  
Executive Session concluded at 12:56 PM

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

Comments were offered for the good of the order.

#### **ADJOURN**

The chair called for adjournment at 1:12 PM. No objection, so ordered.