



*Executive Council*

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
Friday, May 20, 2020 – 9 AM (Alaska Standard Time)  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 9:04 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
Ralph Wolfe, 5 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Catherine Edwards, 6 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Shawaan Jackson-Gamble, Emerging Leader	Present

Also present: Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, Chief of Project Development Will Ware, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Special Assistant Heather Gatti, Public Safety Manager Jason Wilson, VPSO Corey Padron, Tribal Operations & Self Governance Manager Helene Bennett, Executive Assistant to the General Counsel, Rebecca Lee and Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary Cara Gilbert.

**CARES ACT FUNDING**

Personal Protective Equipment

President Richard J. Peterson provided an oral report regarding Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding and the Tribe’s plans to utilize it. To lead that report, he introduced Tribal Emergency Operations Center (TEOC) Incident Commander Jason Wilson, who was supported by Saxman based Village Public Safety Officer Corey Padron.

President Peterson reported members of the TEOC also include: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata, Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Chief of Project Development Will Ware and Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton. President Peterson stated that while Alaska’s governor has announced the state is re-opening, Tlingit & Haida is not following the state’s lead.

Incident Commander reported that the TEOC remains in Phase 1 of operations, with Phase 2, a phased re-opening, in development. Phase 2 will require a certain amount of PPE and cleaning supplies on hand.

The TEOC is estimating it will need to purchase approximately \$4 million in Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies. These supplies will be for use at the Tribe and for distribution to community council locations. Supplies for community council locations will be placed in shipping containers and delivered to the appropriate locations. The Tribe has been in communication with other Southeast tribes to ensure the PPE purchases are reflective of and in coordination with their tribal government needs as well.

#### Potential Property Acquisitions

Chief of Project Development Will Ware provided an oral report regarding potential property acquisitions to support the Tribe's pandemic response.

A confidential property was toured and found to be in decent condition. The building would allow for improved office space social distancing, non-congregate housing, including food service, and storage for the PPE already purchased or planned for purchase for Tlingit & Haida and its community council locations. Discussion ensued.

M/S 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin moved to authorize the President to pursue all measures necessary to effectuate the purchase of the confidential property, as described in the meeting and pending any further due diligence. M/C

President Peterson opened discussion regarding three pandemic response projects that would be led by the Reentry & Recovery department.

Another confidential building, with a purchase price of \$750,000, would provide non-congregate housing for the male re-entry population, which is uniquely at risk to experience homelessness and thus uniquely at risk of contracting COVID-19. The building would need remodeling and CARES Act could cover the cost of both cost of purchase and renovation.

For the second project the Tribe would purchase Haven House, a home for women who have been incarcerated. The home operates with supportive programming. Similarly, Haven House would provide non-congregate housing for the female re-entry population. The Tribe would intend to operate the house with its own programming. Programming that would not be funded using CARES Act funds.

The third project would, again, provide non-congregate housing targeted at the re-entry population. Greens Creek previously donated trailers to the Reentry & Recovery Program. In a partnership with Tlingit & Haida Regional Housing Authority, the trailers can be placed and then renovated to provide the necessary pandemic safety conditions.

At this time, all three non-congregate housing projects will cost than \$5 million.

5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Ralph Wolfe asked for clarification on long term costs of the purchases. Discussion ensued.

M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to proceed with the non-congregate housing purchases. M/C

Other

The Tribe is also working on green houses for food security and food sovereignty.

**ADJOURN**

The Chair ordered to adjourn at 9:53 AM. No objection so ordered.