



*Executive Council*

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

July 16, 2021 – 10 AM (Alaska Standard Time)

VIRTUAL MEETING

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Richard J. Peterson, President	Present
Catherine Edwards, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present
Will Micklin, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Present
Tasha Hotch, 4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Delbert Kadake, 5 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present at 10:30 AM
Ralph Wolfe, 6 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Simon Friday, Emerging Leader	Present

Also present: Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation’s Chief Executive Officer Richard Rhinehart, Chief Operating Officer Roald Helgesen, Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, Chief Development Officer Will Ware, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti, Secretary to the President Carley Jackson, Executive Assistant Cara Gilbert, Office of the President Communication Specialist Shannon Mason, General Counsel Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary Mabel Pittman, Phil Baker-Shenk of Holland & Knight.

**INVOCATION**

M/S 3rd Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr provided the invocation.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

M/S 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt the agenda. C/U.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was provided by Marcello Quinto.

## **REPORTS**

### President

President Peterson announced that 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Catherine Edwards shadowed him the week of July 5<sup>th</sup>, pursuant to the Tribe's succession plan. He met with officials from the U.S. Forest Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, including Secretary Tom Vilsack. There were some hard but important words said at the meeting. Of note, they discussed the upcoming reauthorization of the Farm bill and the opportunities that might present.

The previously announced community visits have been completed for the communities of Craig, Klawock, Hydaburg, Kasaan, Petersburg and Wrangell. Upcoming visits are being scheduled for the remaining communities. These meetings focus on the allowable uses of the American Recovery Plan Act funds, allocated to Community Councils for their direction on use. The Tribe is also presenting regarding the Tribe's plan for broadband development and introducing Dr. Tina Woods and the creation of the Community & Behavioral Services department. The upcoming community visit to Sitka has been postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak occurring there currently.

The Tribal Emergency Operations Center met with the U.S. Coast Guard, including 17<sup>th</sup> District Commander Rear Admiral Nathan Moore, regarding the mutual interest to coordinate efforts to respond to emergencies. The plan is to formalize our relationship in a written memorandum of agreement. Questions were offered.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Entered executive session at 10:40 AM. Exited Executive Session at 11:33 AM, followed by a 10-minute break.

### General Counsel

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff-Levy provided a verbal summary of her written report. Questions were offered.

### Special Assistant to the President

Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti provided a verbal summary of her written report. Questions were offered.

### Chief Development Officer

Chief Development Officer Will Ware provided a verbal summary of his written report. Questions were offered.

### Chief Operating Officer

Chief Operating Officer Roald Helgesen provided a verbal summary of his written report. Questions were offered.

### Chief Finance Officer

Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton provided a verbal summary of her written report. Questions were offered.

### Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation/KIRA

Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation/KIRA Chief Executive Officer Richard Rinehart provided a verbal summary of his written report. Questions were offered.

### Youth Commission

Emerging Leader Simon Friday provided a verbal update on the activities of the Youth Commission. The Youth Commission held officer elections with the following results: President – Joe Hillaire, Jr. of Hydaburg; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Tiadola Silva of Angoon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Drew Jackson of Kake, Secretary – Patrice DeAsis of Juneau, Member at Large – Christianna Edwards of Seattle, and Member at Large – Sabena Allen of Sitka.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Vice Presidents Roles

5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Delbert Kadake sought to discuss the different boards and roles that Executive Council members serve. Discussion followed. The current membership lists will be emailed to the Executive Council.

### CARES ACT UPDATE

5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Delbert Kadake opened this topic with questions on the status of this round of CARES ACT applications. Discussion followed.

### Boarding Schools Statement

President Peterson provided a draft statement on the Tribe's view of the discovery of the unmarked graves containing the remains of the 215 children, who attended the Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia which closed in 1978. Discussion followed; the statement will be revised before being released.

### Mandatory Vaccinations

President Peterson sought the advice and counsel of Executive Council regarding the potential establishment of a COVID-19 mandate for the Tribe's employees. Discussion followed.

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Catherine Edwards moved to make the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory for Tlingit & Haida employees and allow for medical exemptions. C/U.

M/S/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin moved to amend the motion to provide that those who are not able to receive a vaccination will take measures to protect fellow employees and members of the community. C/U.

### Roll Call Vote:

Catherine Edwards, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Yea

Will Micklin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Yea

Rob Sanderson, Jr., 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Yea

Tasha Hotch, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Yea

Delbert Kadake, 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Yea

Ralph Wolf, 6<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Excused

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Edwards moved to explore providing incentives for vaccination, with the coordination of the Tribal Emergency Operation Center and review by the Executive Team. C/U

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Catherine Edwards moved to require Delegates attending Tribal Assembly to provide proof of vaccination. C/U

## **BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS**

### Resolutions

EC 21-39 Authorization to Apply for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration 907 Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Catherine Edwards moved to approve EC 21-39. M/C

### Ratification Resolutions

EC 21-37 Authorization to Apply for the Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 21 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program Funding

EC 21-38 Authorization to Apply for Tribal Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Expansion Program

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Catherine Edwards moved to ratify resolutions EC 21-37 and EC 21-38. M/C

### Donation Requests

Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall (EPH) for the 2021 Grand Camp Convention

M/S 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin moved to approve a donation of the EPH in full. C/U

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Comments were offered for the good of the order.

## **ADJOURN**

The chair called for adjournment at 2:58 PM. No objection, so ordered.