



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Monday, August 31st, 2020 – 10 AM (Alaska Standard Time)
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

ROLL CALL

Richard J. Peterson, President	Present
Yodean Armour, 1 st Vice President	Present
Jackie Pata, 2 nd Vice President	Present at 10:07am
Will Micklin, 3 rd Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr. 4 th Vice President	Present
Ralph Wolfe, 5 th Vice President	Present at 10:05am
Catherine Edwards, 6 th Vice President	Present
Shawaan Jackson-Gamble, Emerging Leader	Present

Also present: Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, Chief Operating Officer Roald Helgesen, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Chief of Project Development William Ware, Tribal Operations and Self Governance Manager Helene Bennett, Executive Assistant Cara Gilbert, Special Assistant Heather Gatti, Secretary to the President Carley Jackson, and Recording Secretary Rebecca Lee.

INVOCATION

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt the agenda with amendment to move Will Ware's report to accommodate travel. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tommy Gamble thanked the Executive Council for all their work and holding various virtual meetings to assist citizens in ways they can be supported and opportunity to share information transparently. He shared his concern that the website has not updated minutes since January and delegate contact information is not available and has not been updated. Tommy Gamble is

looking for assistance in establishing several resolutions with support from community councils for Tribal Assembly. The list of delegates should be updated on the website and will be checked.

REPORTS

Chief of Project Development Report

Will Ware provided a verbal report and update on several ongoing projects. Alaska Commercial Contractors were selected as the contractor and will begin renovating the R&M building to change from an office space to an apartment complex for transitional housing. The Haven House purchase is anticipated to close on September 1st. The Bonnell Building purchase is in the final stages of negotiation and anticipated to close in the upcoming weeks. Sacred Shine has already moved into one bay and currently open and doing business. Southeast General Contractors has hired a General Manager, Ernie Bernhardt (tribal citizens) who is in the process of moving to Juneau. CARES Act Small Business Grant project has had 105 applications to date. Processes are being refined as staff learn what can and cannot be funded. Smokehouse Catering is considering low cost catering and will be updated on the website and Facebook. EP Hall has been used as a storage and a sewing location and recently been contacted by the State of Alaska for use as additional space for court setting.

President's Report

President Peterson provided a verbal report and updates on several ongoing projects. The recent positive cases at the EKT building and Andrew Hope building has prioritized creating measures for building closures and establishing criteria for staff working in the office or traveling to the office. New Chief Operating Officer Roald Helgesen was onboarded early August and has already taken on responsibilities with ease. Gratitude was expressed to Desiree Duncan for her work on the Veterans Allotment. Senator Sullivan worked for the Bill to be passed, and unfortunately does not allow allotment selection in the Tongass, which excludes most Southeast Veterans to be able to select within their own region.

There was discussion on the ability to directly fund a Veterans' Advocate position. Funding opportunities with VA, IHS, BIA and other organizations may be available.

M/S by 6th Vice President Catherine Edwards to fund a Veterans' Advocate position in the Natural Resources department. No objection, M/C.

There was a meeting with Alaska Tribes and Anchorage Municipal Assembly on the use of Alcohol Tax Funds and advocating for needs in the communities. Estimated \$11 million per year to go towards programs. Tribal Assembly updates will be going out today and President Peterson expressed his gratitude towards staff in the challenges faced in planning a first-ever, virtual Tribal Assembly.

General Counsel Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy summarized her written report covering activities for the month of August.

Special Assistant Report

Special Assistant Heather Gatti summarized her written report covering activities for the month of August.

Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report

COO Roald Helgesen summarized his written report covering activities for the month of August.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Report

CFO Theresa Belton summarized her written report covering finances for the month of June.

Emerging Leader Report

Shawaan Jackson Gamble provided a verbal report covering recent activities. Youth Commission is still looking for applications to fill the officer seats on the Board. There was previous hesitation from youth due to the requirement stating the need to be a T&H citizen, need to emphasize dual enrollment is acceptable. They are currently looking at contracting Miciansa Alise for communications to attract more applicants as well as provide scholarships or stipends. There was a question on the plan if there is not enough interest to fill all the positions and recommended that they move forward with the positions filled while still recruiting for vacancies. If there are not enough applications by September 18th, the deadline will be extended another month. #Oldwayssummerways has been circling around largely through different age groups and would like to forward for decision on a winner.

TEOC Report

Jason Wilson provided a verbal report covering recent activities. There were two VPSOs recently hired in Kake. Photos of the new vehicles they were able to purchase from a grant were displayed. Having trucks is important for the rural communities with less maintained roads. With the recent positive COVID cases with staff, TEOC was able to create an exposure plan for future outbreaks that include expectations of staff and T&H if a staff member tests positive for COVID. One of the biggest issues with travel to the office is mail and TEOC is working on a mail system. TEOC reached out to Kake and Angoon in light of recent breakout of COVID to see how they could assist. There is a plan to have PPE shipped in conexas to communities within the next two weeks.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Cares Act Proposal for strengthening families & education during pandemic

COO Roald Helgesen presented two CARES Act funding considerations for review and approval by Executive Council that would allow funding to the citizens without direct distribution.

- 1) \$3.5 million allocated by one-time \$500 education assistance program for families that have been impacted by COVID relating to grades K-12, vocational school and/or higher education. There would be a need for 1-2 staff to facilitate this program.
- 2) \$4.5 million allocated by one-time \$500 rent, mortgage and utilities assistance program for families impacted by COVID.

If approved, applications for assistance may be ready through the website and/or staff this week. Staff need to educate citizens that this assistance will count as income and if receiving income-based assistance to be aware of the requirements.

There was a meeting with Sealaska earlier in the week and they would like to be a resource for funding if these programs are a success and brainstorm how to get funding to ANCs.

M/S by 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt the CARES Act funding considerations for Educational and Rent, Mortgage, Utilities Assistance. Discussion ensued, no objections, M/C.

State of Alaska General Election Ballot Measures

Citizens have requested the Tribe have a formal stance on the current ballot measures. President Peterson opened the floor for discussion.

- 19AKBE- An Act Replacing the Political Party Primary with an Open Primary System and Ranked Choice General Election
- 19OGTX- An Act Changing the Oil and Gas Production Tax for Certain Fields, Units, and Non-unitized Reservoirs

There was mention that it is difficult to find information online and to accurately educate citizens the Tribe should have nonpartisan resources available.

M/S by 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to have a formal stance in support of both measures. No objection, M/C.

Tribal Assembly

Helene provided a Tribal Assembly update with three documents for review and feedback.

- 1) Tribal Assembly Detailed Agenda
Discussion ensued on an objection to public broadcasting via Facebook or another platform. No objection to Facebook broadcast.
Add Oath of Office at 2pm.
- 2) Agenda at-a-Glance
Scheduling of resolutions and standing committees discussion. Resolutions Committee and Committee on Committees timeline to be on same page.
Training of Robert's Rules prior to Tribal Assembly to get delegates familiar with Zoom.
September 4th, ipads and packages will be sent to delegates.
- 3) Resolutions timeline document was presented with deadlines.

BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS

Resolutions

M/S by 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt resolutions EC 20-51 thru EC 20-56 as a block. No objection, M/C.

EC 20-51 Authorized Signers for Charles Schwab & Co.

EC 20-52 Authorized Signers for Bank of America Account

EC 20-53 Authorized Signers for Wells Fargo Account

EC 20-54 Authorized Trustees for Wells Fargo Retirement Account

EC 20-55 Authorized Signers for Northrim Bank Account

EC 20-56 Authorized Signers for Official Tribal Documents

There was discussion on EC 20-57 due to question on property address. Was confirmed that the Malissa Drive address is the Haven House non-congregate shelter for women.

M/S by 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt resolution EC 20-57. No objection, M/C.

M/S by 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt resolution EC 20-58. objections, M/C.

Donations

Jeffrey Roberts

Relocated to Sitka, worked for Sacred Grounds and Smokehouse Catering has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease and is now on disability. Donation requested to Jeffrey for \$1,000. M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to contribute the donation of \$1,000. No objection, M/C.

Ketchikan's National Ocean Science Bowl Academic Team

There was no amount requested, President Peterson made the recommendation to donate \$1,000. M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata made the moved to donate \$1,000. 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. abstained from voting due to his son being the coach. Discussion ensued, M/C.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair ordered to enter executive session at 2:06 PM. No objection, so moved.

Executive session concluded at 2:24 pm.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Executive Council offered comments for good of the order.

ADJOURN

The Chair ordered to adjourn at 2:51 PM. No objection, so ordered.