



*Tuesday-Wednesday, January 28-29, 2020
Minutes of the General Business Meeting
Skagit Resort, Bow, WA*

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Laurie Ann Cloud (Nez Perce) at 8:40AM.

Welcome and Invocation

Provided by Upper Skagit Tribal Council Member Edmond Mathias, Jr.

Roll Call

Conducted by Secretary Diana Phair (Lummi):

- *Present (15)*: Colville, Coquille, Cowlitz, Klamath, Lummi, Muckleshoot, Nez Perce, Puyallup, Quileute, Sauk-Suiattle, Skokomish, Spokane, Upper Skagit, Warm Springs (arrived 9:30), Yakama (paid dues following Roll Call).
- *Proxies (6)*: Grand Ronde, Makah, Metlakatla, Siletz, Squaxin Island, Swinomish
- *Absent (6)*: Coeur d'Alene, CLUSI, Kalispel, Nisqually, Samish, Shoalwater Bay.
- *Delinquent (12)*: Burns Paiute, Chehalis, Fort Hall, Hoh, Jamestown S'Klallam, Lower Elwha, Nooksack, Port Gamble, Quinault, Stillaguamish, Tulalip, Umatilla..

Diana Phair announced a total of 19 present including proxies (at the time of roll call) establishing a quorum. Warm Springs and Yakama became present after Roll Call for a total of 21 Voting Members.

Also present, Charles Anderson, NWIHA Executive Director; Gary Cooper (Cherokee Nation), NAIHC Chairman; and Derek Valdo, Executive Director AMERIND.

Introductions

All those in attendance were given an opportunity to introduce themselves and bring up local projects and any discussion items for the afternoon Roundtable Discussion (closed session). Suggested topics included regulatory barriers, winter meeting location, and insurance.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Roseann Fonzi (Quileute) to approve the Agenda; second by Diana Phair (Lummi); Richard Arthur (Nez Perce) asked why there was no training on the agenda; MOTION carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

MOTION made by Anne Cook (Coquille) to approve the minutes of the September 10-11 Business Meeting; seconded by Roseann Fonzi; no discussion; MOTION carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- NWIHA Executive Director presented documents included in the Quarterly Business Meeting Booklet beginning on page 9—*Statement of Activities* and *Statement of Financial Position*.
- MOTION made by Roseann (Quileute) to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Larry Winders (Skokomish); Richard Arthur asked a question regarding Banquet Revenues and costs; no further discussion; MOTION carried unanimously.

Executive Committee and Liaisons

- Chairwoman Cloud announced the appointment of Douglas Marconi, Jr. to fill the Executive Committee position recently vacated by Tim Horan.
- Chairwoman Cloud asked for a volunteer to fill the position of Alternate ATNI Liaison. There were no volunteers.

AMERIND Risk Liaison Update/Report

- Derek Valdo provided the AMERIND Report. The report was included in the Program Booklet on page 13. NWIHA can be expected to receive a \$20,000 fire loss incentive award again this year (2020).
- Chairwoman Cloud asked why there was a rate discrepancy between IHBG units and LIHTC units. Derek explained that the increase in premiums is due to the increased cost of replacing the units, the difference in the economies of scale between the programs, and the tax credit partnership is also being insured.
- Ann Cook asked about the increased paperwork needed each year to renew the policies. Derek stated that there has been a recent attempt to improve the collection of data which is now requiring more paperwork.
- Derek also provided the Safety Services report, included in the Program Booklet on pages 15-16. Region 6 has a very low fire loss record and are therefore is in line with receiving the maximum incentive payment.
- Derek stated that Amerind will pay for one Annual Convention registration fee for each Amerind member. Amerind members should contact Amerind regarding this.
- Liability cases now causing issues (Lewis v. Clarke Supreme Court case) which concluded that tribal sovereign immunity is not implicated in a suit against a tribal employee in his individual capacity, and an indemnification provision cannot extend tribal sovereign immunity to conduct that it would not otherwise cover. Tribes need to be reviewing insurance to ensure that employees are covered.

Chairwoman Cloud called for recess at 10:21 am. Reconvened at 10:55 am.

NAIHC Liaison Update and Report

- NAIHC Chairman Gary Cooper (Cherokee) provided the report included on pages 17-19 of the Program Book.
- Introduction to Indian Housing Management and Pathways Home will soon be provided by NAIHC online.
- Diana Phair (Lummi) asked Gary to elaborate on the NAIHC/Wells Fargo Rehab grant, which Gary provided, including program background and grant requirements and opportunities. Gary was unsure if families have to be low-income, but that was the intention of the program.
- Richard Arthur (Nez Perce) had questions regarding annual meetings. Gary said that there are plans to have future conferences in the eastern U.S.; NAIHC has come to agreement with AMERIND to hold joint conferences for at least the next two years.
- Chairwoman Cloud asked about the funding of services under the VASH program. Gary explained that under the Tribal HUD-VASH program, the VA will provide all “wrap-around” services. Laurie Ann also asked if NAIHC was targeting any specific Regulatory Barriers. Gary mentioned certain FEMA and flood mapping, tribal court jurisdiction during the 184 loan program, and access to IHS facilities construction dollars, all of which are which NAIHC has asked to be addressed as part of the NAHASDA Reauthorization process.
- Diana Phair asked when the next round of the Competitive Grant Program would be opened. Gary stated it would likely be announced in April-May time period.

ATNI Liaison Update and Report

- No report provided.

Chairwoman Cloud declared a lunch recess at 11:38 AM.

Afternoon Session

- Chairwoman Cloud called meeting back to order at 1:08 PM.
- Kevin Klingbell, Bigwater Consulting and Erika Price, AKANA, provided a brief overview of an upcoming study of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian housing needs in Washington State, funded by the Washington State Department of Commerce. Kevin’s presentation was included on page 21 of the Program Book.

Chairwoman Cloud called for Closed Session at 1:45 PM.

- Roundtable Discussions included the following topics: 1) regulatory barriers; 2) income caps on ICDBG program; 3) FCAS and NAHASDA units; 4) environmental reviews; 5) subcontractor reluctance to work on reservation; 6) 504 requirements; and 7) locations for NWIHA 2021 meetings.

Chairwoman Cloud called for a recess at 2:40 PM. Reconvened at 3:05 PM.

Motion made by Diana Phair to recess for the day; second by Larry Winders; recessed for the day at 4:37 PM.

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Laurie Ann Cloud (Nez Perce) at 8:17 AM.

Invocation

Provided by David Northover (Yakama).

Presentations

- Eli Lieberman, Senior Sustainable Energy Coordinator at the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, and Caryn Appler, Eastern Oregon Outreach Manager for the Oregon Energy Trust, provided information related to the Sustainable Energy Trust that can help finance projects on Tribal lands across Oregon and Washington State.
- Colleen Echohawk provided information about the Chief Seattle Club located in Seattle, as well as other Native homeless projects with which she is associated.

Chairwoman Cloud declared a recess at 10:30 AM; reconvened at 11:00 AM.

- Kirsten Franklin-Temple introduced the NwONAP staff who provided an update on the HUD/NAHASDA programs. A presentation was also made by representatives from AmeriCorps.
- All presentation handouts and PowerPoints will be sent out to the NWIHA Membership.

MOTION to adjourn by Larry Winders; seconded by Adrienne Smallwood; meeting adjourned at 12:31 PM.