



## Tuesday, September 22, 2020

### **Call to Order and Opening Remarks**

- Charles Anderson started by welcoming all those in attendance (27 total at the time, others joined throughout the meeting), and introducing Brian Mann, who explained the logistics of the meeting. Brian introduced Laurie Ann Cloud, NWIHA Chairwoman, who provided opening remarks.
- Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Laurie Ann Cloud (Nez Perce) AT 9:15 AM.

### **Invocation**

- Provided by Metlakatla Housing Director Ron Ryan.

### **Roll Call**

- Conducted by Secretary Diana Phair (Lummi). During the Roll Call, because a quorum was not present, Laurie Ann elected to proceed with the Liaison

### **AMERIND Liaison Update/Report**

- Kenneth Black, Amerind COO presented the AMERIND Report (Ron Ryan was having audio issues so Ken provided Ron's report as well as his own.). The full report was included in the documents provided to all attendees and is available on the NWIHA website, as are the Amerind presentation slides.
- Because of approximately \$600,000 in additional fire losses at Colville, NWIHA will probably not receive a fire loss incentive award this year (2020), which is an update to the potential award of \$20,000 identified in the written report.
- There were no other corrections or changes to the written material provided by Amerind and the Amerind Liaison.
- There were no questions from the attendees.

### **NAIHC Liaison Update and Report**

- NAIHC Executive Director Tony Walters presented the report which was provided to all attendees and is available on the NWIHA website, as are the NAIHC presentation slides.
- Tony made one update to the report, in that the FY2020 IHBG Competitive Grant NOFA has been published and is now available.

- Amerind/NAIHC Annual Conference will be held in Hawaii next May, and in Seattle in 2022. A survey will be sent out soon to get members opinions with respect to how best to conduct Members Meeting, which is normally held in conjunction with the Annual Conference.
- Douglas Marconi, Sr. recommended that new housing Directors take advantage of the training opportunities offered by NAIHC.
- Laurie Ann stated that the NWIHA Executive Committee has made it a priority to work more closely with ATNI to develop resolutions representing the views of the membership to be forwarded to the national organizations.
- There were no other corrections or changes to the written material provided by NAIHC and the NAIHC Liaison.
- There were no questions from the attendees.

### **Roll Call (continued)**

- Once it appeared a quorum was present, the Roll Call was concluded. The following are the final results of the Roll Call:
- *Present (17)*: Colville, CLUSI, Cowlitz, Fort Hall, Grand Ronde, Jamestown S’Klallam, Klamath, Lower Elwha, Lummi, Metlakatla, Nez Perce, Puyallup, Skokomish, Spokane, Suquamish, Upper Skagit, and Yakama.
- *Proxies (4)*: Coeur d’Alene, Coquille, Muckleshoot, Siletz.
- *Absent (16)*: Chehalis, Hoh, Kalispel, Makah, Nisqually, Port Gamble, Quileute, Quinault, Samish, Sauk-Suiattle, Shoalwater Bay, Squaxin Island, Stillaguamish, Swinomish, Tulalip, Warm Springs.
- *Delinquent (2)*: Burns Paiute, Nooksack.
- Diana Phair announced a total of 21 voting members present including proxies (at the time of roll call) establishing a quorum.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

- MOTION: Diana Phair (Lummi) to approve the Agenda; second by Joan Dugger (Grand Ronde); Correction made by Charles Anderson to the last name of Tony Walters; MOTION approved by unanimous consent.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

- Minutes of the previous meeting were provided to the membership prior to the meeting, and are available on the NWIHA website. MOTION made by Larry Winders (Skokomish) to approve the minutes of the January 28-29, 2020, Business Meeting; seconded by Anne Cook (Coquille); MOTION approved by unanimous consent.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- NWIHA Treasurer Joan Dugger presented the Treasurer's Report, which was provided to all participants prior to the meeting, and is available on the NWIHA website.
- Larry Winders asked that since NWIHA is reporting a relatively large surplus that we ensure we are not risking loss of our IRS non-profit status. Laurie Ann stated that we are planning to pursue spending funds in the future for regional training workshops, and has also requested that Charles Anderson contact our CPA and determine if there is any risk to our non-profit status as a result of these surpluses.
- MOTION made by Larry Winders (Skokomish) to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Diana Phair (Lummi); MOTION approved by unanimous consent.

## **ATNI Liaison Report**

- ATNI Liaison Shonn Leno (Grand Ronde) presented the report, which is available on the NWIHA website.
- The next ATNI meeting will be October 5-8, 2020, and Shonn will be attending this meeting and reporting on this at the January NWIHA meeting.
- Laurie Ann asked the membership to give the Executive Committee authorization to develop resolution(s) to be presented to ATNI at the upcoming meeting. Loren Blair (Spokane) and Sami Jo Difuntorum (Siletz) spoke in favor of this idea.
- Elena Bassett (Yakama) asked about the position of the NWIHA on the Section 8 issue, which was presented on a national level through a previous resolution. Laurie Ann stated that whatever resolutions that are presented to ATNI will be sent out to the membership.
- Loren Blair (Spokane) stated that using IHBG funds for downpayment assistance is not allowed if IHS funds will be used in the project. Therefore families have to choose between obtaining septic and wells assistance, or downpayment assistance, but not both. She asked if anyone has tried to get these rules changed. Larry Winders (Skokomish) stated that this rule has been in effect since 2008, and IHS will not provide any funding for a project that includes IHBG funds. A change to this rule is proposed in one of the reauthorization bills (see NAIHC report). Laurie Ann suggested that this topic be raised during Wednesday's IHS presentation.
- MOTION made by Larry Winders (Skokomish) to authorize the Executive Committee to draft resolutions to present to ATNI on behalf of the membership; seconded by Douglas Marconi, Sr; Question by Charles Anderson regarding sending out resolutions prior to the ATNI meeting; Laurie Ann said no, that they will be reported to the membership afterwards; MOTION approved by unanimous consent.
- Chairwoman Cloud asked for a volunteer to fill the position of Alternate ATNI Liaison. There were no volunteers.

## General Discussion

- Loren Blair (Spokane) put a question out regarding expenditure of CARES-IHBG funding. Larry Winders (Skokomish) stated they are having difficulty expending the funds due to a tightening of the rules, and will likely be returning at least a portion of the funds. Loren reminded everyone that at this time there is no deadline to expend the funds, and hopefully this will continue into the next year. Nez Perce is using funds for COVID leave, and planned to use funds on “tiny homes” for temporary housing, but is having trouble finding contractors who can provide housing at a reasonable price. Taryn (Fort Hall) stated that they are purchasing mobile homes for this purpose. Loren stated that Spokane has decided to reprogram their CARES funds to use for appliances.
- Larry Winders announced that he will be retiring next year (probably August). A number of messages from participants followed this announcement.
- Adam Rose (Travois) announced that they will be applying for New Market Tax Credits, which will be limited to tribal health care purposes. He asked for any tribes that are looking to develop a project related to this in the future to please contact Travois.
- Associate Members were given an opportunity to speak at this point. James Gutierrez (HDS), Ed Goodman (Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker), and Darkfeather Ancheta (1<sup>st</sup> Tribal Lending) provided updates.

Meeting recessed at 11:34 AM.

## Wednesday, September 23, 2020

- Chairwoman Cloud called meeting back to order at \_\_\_\_\_
- Kevin Klingbell, Bigwater Consulting and Erika Price, AKANA, provided an update and status report of the ongoing 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 is available on the NWIHA website.
- Alex Dailey, Director, Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction, gave an introduction, provided updates on their current activities, and gave those present an opportunity to address areas of concern or suggestions for improvement. Alex’s presentation is available on the NWIHA website.
- NwONAP Administrator Tom Carney and staff will provided an update on NAHASDA and other HUD Programs. Tom’s presentation is available on the NWIHA website.
- Sharon Jackson, Tribal Government Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs Pacific Northwest Region, provided a presentation on the BIA Home Improvement Program (HIP). Sharon’s presentation is available on the NWIHA website

MOTION made by Larry Winders (Skokomish) to adjourn; seconded by Elena Bassett (Yakama); MOTION approved by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_.