



Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

- Chairwoman Laurie Ann Cloud (Nez Perce) started by welcoming all those in attendance. Executive Director then provided a brief overview of the meeting logistics.
- Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Laurie Ann Cloud (Nez Perce) AT 9:10 AM.

Invocation

- Provided by Colville Housing Director Douglas Marconi, Sr.

Roll Call

- NWIHA Secretary Diana Phair called the Roll. Only members in good standing (2021 dues paid) were called. Twenty members are needed to establish a quorum.
- Present (19): Colville, Confederated Tribes of CLUSI, Coquille, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua, Fort Hall, Grand Ronde, Jamestown S’Klallam, Klamath, Lower Elwha, Lummi, Metlakatla, Muckleshoot, Nez Perce, Puyallup, Skokomish, Squaxin Island, Suquamish, Upper Skagit, and Yakama.
- Absent (20): Burns Paiute, Chehalis, Coeur d’Alene, Cowlitz, Hoh, Kalispel, Nisqually, Nooksack, Port Gamble S’Klallam, Quileute, Quinault, Samish, Sauk-Suiattle, Shoalwater Bay, Siletz, Spokane, Stillaguamish, Swinomish, Tulalip, and Warm Springs.
- With 19 of 39 members present, Diana announced that a quorum was not established.

Approval of the Agenda

- Due to a lack of a quorum, no action on this item was taken.

Approval of the Minutes

- Minutes of the January 26-27, 2021, meeting was provided to the membership prior to the meeting, and are available on the NWIHA website. Due to a lack of a quorum, no action on this item was taken. January meeting Minute’s approval will be added to the September meeting agenda, as well as the Minutes for this meeting.

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.
- There were no questions or comments regarding the report.
- Due to a lack of a quorum, no action was taken accepting this report.

AMERIND Liaison Update/Report

- AMERIND CEO presented the operational highlights of the AMERIND Report. 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.
- Derek explained that due to fire losses NWIHA will not be receiving an incentive payment this year.
- It was explained that the share of operational costs paid by IHBG is steadily decreasing, which reflects the increase in diversity of income that has occurred.
- Laurie Ann asked about the effect increasing construction costs is having on AMERIND operations. Derek said they are already seeing impact yet and are expecting to see increased construction costs in the future.
- Ann Cook suggested that AMERIND present an overview of available products. Derek agreed to provide a full presentation at the September meeting. Charles will put it on the agenda.
- Derek provided an overview of the Cyber Liability program coverage provided by AMERIND. To avoid Cyber Liability premiums, AMERIND is requiring that tribes have at least one staff person complete Cyber Security Training, and this requirement will likely be expanded in the future. To see the full presentation, see the AMERIND report on the NWIHA website.
- Derek explained that IHBG cost increases are increasing however the Base Rate has not been increased for several years, resulting in increased deficits. This situation cannot continue, and the AMERIND can expect a substantial increase in IHBG program premiums in 2022.
- There were no other questions from the attendees.

NAIHC Liaison Update and Report

- NAIHC Alternate Liaison Douglas Marconi, Sr. presented the report which was provided to all attendees and is available on the NWIHA website, as are the NAIHC presentation slides.
- Annual meeting still scheduled for Seattle in 2022. Possibility that 2023 meeting will be held in Hawaii.

- Laurie Ann announced that next week NWIHA is scheduling an open forum regarding the Treasury Department programs. Charles will be sending out an email to the membership regarding this meeting.
- There were no questions or comments from the attendees.

ATNI Liaison Report

- ATNI Liaison Shonn Leno (Grand Ronde) presented the report, which is available on the NWIHA website.
- Shonn will be attending next week's ATNI meeting and will provide a report at the next meeting in September.
- Laurie Ann asked if ATNI is communicating regarding meeting scheduling. Shonn said yes and was recently contacted by the Chair to discuss next week's meeting, which is very unusual. Shonn also confirmed that NWIHA resolutions have been presented and adopted by ATNI.
- Laurie Ann asked for volunteers to work on the NWIHA Legislative Committee. Although we have several members at this time, NWIHA has not yet held a meeting.
- There were no questions regarding this report.

Other Business

- Charles announced the names and tribes of the 12 individuals who were awarded 2021 scholarships including: the following twelve applicants were found to be complete and were accepted: Emily Abrahamson (Spokane), Vanessa Ankney (Colville), Arianna Bennett (Grand Ronde), Jada Cargo (Lower Elwha), Raven Clark (Colville), Rylee Desautel (Colville), Justin Fasana (Grand Ronde), Darien Leno (Grand Ronde), Krista Marchand (Colville), Maiya Martinez (Spokane), Jordan Reyes (Grand Ronde), and Gabrielle Severson (Siletz).
- Charles announced and displayed the winners of the AMERIND Safety Poster Contest, as determined by membership votes. They are K-3 grades 1st place winner Corbett Ford (Spokane); 2nd place winner Tyson Davis, Jr. (Nez Perce); 4-6 grades 1st place winner Koen Smiscon (Nez Perce); 2nd place winner Leilani Moses (Spokane); 7-8 grades 1st place winner Abby Mack (Spokane); 2nd place winner Ella Palmanteer (Colville). Winners will be sent to AMERIND to compete in the national competition.
- David Berenbaum, OHC Deputy Assistant Secretary, provided an introduction to the programs of the Office of Housing Counseling and specifically the Rulemaking process for the Housing Counseling regulations. David's presentation can be found on the NWIHA website. Charles has invited the OHC to provide a full presentation at the September meeting.
- Laurie Ann Cloud reminded everyone that our elections will be held at our September meeting, and asked that anyone interested to contact NWIHA.

- Larry Winders stated that he hopes there will be someone on the Executive Committee who serves as a check to ensure that the Bylaws are closely followed. Larry has taken on this role during his tenure, but he will not be continuing the Executive Committee. Several members expressed their gratitude to Larry for his many years of service. Larry introduced Sydney Curnow who will be the new Housing Director at Skokomish.
- Associate members were given the opportunity to give a brief presentation regarding their firm/organization:
 - Theresa Deibele: Meyer Memorial Trust
 - Rick Novak: Worldwide Structures
 - Ed Goodman, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP
 - James Gutierrez: Housing Data Systems
 - Erika Holzhauer: RCAC

Meeting recessed at 11:38 AM.

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

- Chairwoman Cloud called meeting back to order at 9:04 AM.
- Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) and Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) Programs: Ed Goodman, Partner with NWIHA member Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP, has been instrumental in developing a policy for use with these programs. Ed provided an overview of suggested policies that members should consider in administering the ERA and HAF. Nicolette Descoteaux joined Ed in providing information about the Spokane IHA programs.
- Northwest ONAP: Administrator Tom Carney and NwONAP staff provided an update on NAHASDA and other HUD Programs, with an emphasis on responding to member questions related to recent IHBG, ICDBG, ARP, and CARES Act programs.
- RAC Tribal Housing Excellence Academy: Erica Holzhauer of Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) provided information about The Tribal Housing Excellence Academy, a multi-year initiative to work with innovative rural TDHEs and Tribal departments to develop their capacity to leverage funds and manage the housing development process.
- Indian Health Service: Dr. Thomas Weiser, Area Medical Epidemiologist, and CDR Chris Fish, Area Division of Environmental Health Services Director, provided an overview of COVID-19 considerations including an Overview of the pandemic in the Pacific Northwest; a discussion of indoor air quality and infection prevention considerations for households, and employee safety and health considerations.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 AM.