



Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairwoman Sami Jo Difuntorum (Siletz) at 8:34 AM.

Welcome and Invocation

A welcome was provided by the Cow Creek Bank of Umpqua Indians Tribal Veterans Color Guard, and an Invocation was provided by Cow Creek Cultural Resources Program Manager Jennifer Bryant.

Roll Call

NWIHA Treasurer Joani Dugger called the roll of members in good standing (2023 dues paid). Fifteen members were needed to establish a quorum. At that time insufficient members were present to call a quorum. Following the introductions, there were still insufficient members present to establish a quorum, so Sami Jo proceeded with the Liaison Reports.

NAIHC Update: Douglas Marconi, Sr., Alternate Liaison

- Details of the upcoming Annual Conference (including the Golf Tournament scheduled for May 8) were provided, as well as upcoming training courses. NWIHA members were encouraged to attend these events.
- NAIHC is in the process of hiring a new Executive Director. Details can be found on the NAIHC website.
- The complete NAIHC Update report can be found on the NWIHA website.

ATNI Update: Shonn Leno (Grand Ronde)

Shonn gave a brief overview of the meeting held in Portland in January. No resolutions were adopted. The full report can be found on the NWIHA website.

AMERIND Update: Ron Ryan, AMERIND Liaison

Derek Valdo has returned from sabbatical and is once again serving as AMERIND CEO. Ron provided the narrative for the AMERIND PowerPoint presentation since Derek at that time was unavailable. Complete AMERIND reports can be found on the NWIHA website.

Member Discussions

- Two Resolutions were presented by Sami Jo Difuntorum and Anne Cook (Coquille) with the hope that they be adopted and taken before NAIHC at the meeting in May. See Resolutions section below for more information. Since a quorum was not present, no action on the resolutions could be taken at that time.
- Douglas Marconi, Sr. led a discussion on the conversion of Tax Credit units to homeownership and described the experiences Colville had encountered. Laurie Ann Cloud (Nez Perce) also described her experiences and made several recommendations.

Meeting Recessed at 11:58 AM and reconvened at 1:35 PM.

Roll Call

- Paid Members Present (23): Burns Paiute (Proxy), Colville, Confederated Tribes of CLUSI, Coquille, Cow Creek, Grand Ronde, Jamestown S’Klallam, Klamath, Lower Elwha, Lummi, Metlakatla, Muckleshoot, Nez Perce, Port Gamble S’Klallam, Quileute, Siletz, Skokomish, Spokane, Squaxin Island (Proxy), Umatilla (Proxy), Upper Skagit, Warm Springs, and Yakama Nation.
- Paid Members Absent (17): Chehalis, Coeur d’Alene, Cowlitz, Fort Hall, Hoh, Kalispel, Makah, Nisqually, Nooksack, Puyallup, Quinault, Samish, Shoalwater Bay, Stillaguamish, Suquamish, Swinomish, and Tulalip.
- With 23 of 40 paid members present, Joani announced that a quorum was established.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

- The Consent Agenda included the following items:
 - Minutes of Business Meeting January 10-11, 2023.
 - Financial Statements for the First Quarter of 2023.
- After the opportunity given to membership to remove and review any items from the Consent Agenda, **MOTION** was made by Joani Dugger (Grand Ronde) to approve the Consent Agenda items; Second by Ann Jagger (Jamestown S’Klallam); Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Resolutions

- **Resolution 2023-01:** “The membership of the NWIHA requests the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Office of Native American Programs allocate Technical Assistance funds to collect and compile a report on the number of IHBG-funded units currently under management by TDHE’s and THD’s”.
- **Resolution 2023-02:** “The membership of the NWIHA supports and encourages the

United States Congress to increase the IHBG to \$1,642,000,000 under title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.) and increase the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant to \$20,000,000.”

- **MOTION** by Douglas Marconi, Sr. to approve Resolution 2023-01; second by Roseann Fonzi (Quileute); adopted by unanimous consent.
- **MOTION** by Roseann Fonzi to approve Resolution 2023-02; second by Ann Jagger (Jamestown S’Klallam); adopted by unanimous consent.
- The complete Resolutions can be found at <https://www.nwiha.org/meetings/>.

Presentations*

- NwONAP staff presented the most common obstacles grantees are experiencing in implementing HUD programs, and how these obstacles can be overcome. Participants will be given time to ask questions regarding the specific issues they are experiencing.
- AMERIND Training Director Delane Big Crow led a discussion regarding the steps to take to avoid fire dangers for both your tribally-owned housing and your community.
- Rick Novak presented information regarding Associate Member Worldwide Structures and the transitional/emergency housing option Worldwide Structures provides.

Meeting recessed at 5:03 PM.

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Vice Chairwoman Difuntorum called the meeting back to order at 8:38 AM. Cow Creek Tribal Cultural Resources Director provided a history of the Cow Creek people and their path to tribal recognition.

Presentations

- Scott Rich, Specialist with the Special Needs Assessment Programs (HUD) provided an introduction to the Continuum of Care Program, including links to the laws, regulations, and notices upon which the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is based, overviews of CoC Program requirements, and crosswalks of the regulatory and operational changes between the legacy homeless programs and the CoC Program.
- Colt Sray and Judi Hui-Pasquini of Oregon Housing and Community Services provided an overview of the steps they have been taking to improve affordable housing options for Oregon’s nine federally recognized Tribal Nations, by fostering relationships and breaking down barriers to access financing.

MOTION by Anne Cook to adjourn; seconded by Shonn Leno; approved without objection.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 AM.

NOTE: all documents related to this meeting can be found via the NWIHA website at <https://www.nwiha.org/meetings/>.