



## *Executive Council*

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
July 25, 2018 – 10 AM (Alaska Standard Time)  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
**MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM.

### **ROLL CALL**

Richard Peterson, President	Present
Yodean Armour, 1st Vice President	Present
Jackie Pata, 2nd Vice President	Absent
Will Micklin, 3rd Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr. 4th Vice President	Present
Ralph Wolfe, 5th Vice President	Present at 10:29 AM
Catherine Edwards, 6th Vice President	Present
Stephanie Masterman, Emerging Leader	Present

Also present: CFO Theresa Belton, Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti, Secretary to the President/Recording Secretary Carley Jackson, Administrative Assistant Serena Hinchman and First Alaskans Institute intern Michaela Demmert.

### **INVOCATION**

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. provided the invocation.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Yodean Armour moved to approve the agenda. M/C

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Opportunity for public comment was given. No public comment was provided.

## **REPORTS**

### Presidents Report

The President provided an oral report on his recent activities. The President attended the United States Senate Small Business Committee Field Hearing and the Prince of Wales Island Cultural Tourism Conference. Conference attendees discussed whether to form a tribal tourism coalition between the tribal entities engaged in southeast tourism. Mayor Ken Koelsch attended the most recent Managers' meeting. At the Manager's meeting, the Tribe and Mayor Koelsch discussed potential partnership opportunities. Sacred Grounds and the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall are now managed by the Business Economic Development Department (BEDD). Employee morale and bottom lines are on the rise for Sacred Grounds under BEDD, the hope is that same progress will continue with the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall.

Announcements: Today is the one year anniversary for Sacred Grounds. KINY Radio will be a guest at the next manager meeting, and future guests may include Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority, SEARHC and other entities. The Tribe is going sign a memorandum of agreement with the University of Alaska Southeast on August 6, 2018. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) tribal consultations regarding land into trust in Alaska and organization as a tribe under the Alaska Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) are scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Juneau and Ketchikan. Additionally, Congressman Don Young will speak at an upcoming Native Issues Forum.

### Special Assistant's Report

Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti summarized her written report. She will be attending the Tribal Tourism Coalition planning meeting tomorrow, July 26, 2018, with Mario Fulmer. She attended Founders Day in Metlakatla and travelled to Hydaburg for the Jolene Edenshaw Headstone Moving event. Heather reported she is waiting to hear back from the Yukon and that travel to Haida Gwaii is tentatively planned for September.

### Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report

COO Ken Truitt is excused from the meeting, but provided a written report.

### Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Report

CFO Theresa Belton summarized her written report

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Land Into Trust Consolidated Tribal Plan

President Peterson reported COO Ken Truitt is working with the Native Lands and Resources department on a tribal land consolidation plan. President Peterson suggested the Tribe may benefit from securing available property in the Juneau Indian Village. The Executive Council agreed with President Peterson's suggestion. Additionally, the Tribe was approached about an opportunity to buy the Walmart property. The offer was originally \$12 million but has since been lowered to \$6 million. 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin noted that any properties in the immediate area or other appropriate properties for possible land acquisition is beneficial to the Tribe.

Discussion ensued regarding the possible purchase of the Walmart property and possible projects.

#### Tlingit & Haida Ketchikan Property

President Peterson suggested the Tribe should sell six acres of land located in Ketchikan. This land was acquired by a donation from a tribal citizen. Discussion ensued.

M/S 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to pursue selling the six acres of donated land.  
M/C

#### Cruise Ship Discharge

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. stated the cruise ship dumping permit with the Department of Environmental Conservation will be up for renewal soon. The dumping permit allows cruise ships to discharge in certain areas and specifies the kind of discharge that is allowable. He suggested the Tribe should educate people as to what cruise ship discharge is and its impact on our environment. President Peterson expressed concern about the impacts cruise ship discharge may have to our way of life.

President Peterson stated Tribal Assembly resolutions will be discussed and actions taken during the next Executive Council meeting in Sitka on September 27-28, 2018.

#### Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation (THTBC) Section 17 Amendment

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin provided a review of the amendments to Section 17 of the THTBC charter and bylaws.

M/S 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin moved for adoption of the amendments to Section 17 THBTC charter and bylaws. M/C

### **BREAK**

The Chair called for a five minute break at 11:19 AM. No objection, so moved.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED**

#### Department of Interior (DOI) Tribal Consultation

The Tribe is concerned with some of the proposed changes incorporated into the BIA's reorganization plan. Such concerns include: the Self-Governance compact may be proposed to be revised in such a way that it might be unfavorable to the Tribe, the DOI regional office may move from Alaska to Seattle, Washington or Portland, Oregon, and that the reorganization plan diverts scarce money from actual tribal programs or services available.

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to retain services offered by Sonosky and Chambers, as outside legal counsel, to pursue litigation regarding land into trust in Alaska at the retainer amount of \$40,000.00. Vote by Roll Call. M/C

## **Roll Call Vote**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Yodean Armour - Yea

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata - Absent

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin - Yea

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. - Yea

5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Ralph Wolfe - Yea

6<sup>th</sup> Vice President Catherine Edwards - Yea

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to approve President Peterson to contact additional tribes for cost sharing the retainer expense for Sonosky and Chambers for the purpose of land into trust. M/C

## Southeast Fishery

5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Ralph Wolfe discussed the management of the Yakutat fisheries and reported a lack of open communication with the management and biologists. He suggested Tlingit & Haida take the lead in creating a fisheries coalition to ensure tribal concerns are addressed. 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin responded stating the southeast tribes could exercise jurisdiction and authority over the fisheries issues and discussions.

## **BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS**

### Resolutions

M/S 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt resolution EC 18-30 *Designation of Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority to Implement the Bureau of Indian Affairs Home Improvement Program*. M/C

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to adopt confidential resolutions EC 18-31 and EC 18-32 M/C

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to adopt resolution EC 18-33 *Head Start Duration Grant FY 2018*. M/C

## **DONATION REQUEST**

### Medical Fundraiser Donation Request

Juneau Delegate Louise Kadinger requested a donation to assist with a medical fundraiser for Matthew Berry's three children.

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Yodean Armour moved to donate the expense of renting the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall to hold a medical fundraiser for Matthew Berry's children. M/C

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Chair called to enter into Executive Session at 12:09 PM. No objection, so moved.

## **ADJOURN**

The Chair called to adjourn at 12:20 PM. No objection, so moved.