



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Wednesday, April 29, 2020 – 10 AM (Alaska Standard Time)
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

ROLL CALL

Richard J. Peterson, President	Present
Yodean Armour, 1 st Vice President	Present
Jackie Pata, 2 nd Vice President	Present
Will Micklin, 3 rd Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr. 4 th Vice President	Present
Ralph Wolfe, 5 th Vice President	Present
Catherine Edwards, 6 th Vice President	Present
Shawaan Jackson-Gamble, Emerging Leader	Present

Also present: Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Chief of Project Development William Ware, Tribal Operations & Self Governance Manager Helene Bennett, Public Safety Manager Jason Wilson, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary Cara Gilbert, Special Assistant Heather Gatti, and Secretary to the President Carley Jackson.

INVOCATION

4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. provided the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt the agenda. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for public comment was given. None was provided.

REPORTS

President's Report

President Richard J. Peterson provided an oral report on his recent activities. President Peterson provided continued updates regarding the Tribe's response to the pandemic. President Peterson acknowledged the Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton for her work in getting a Payroll Protection Program loan submitted and approved. The Tribal Emergency Operations Center (TEOC) established at the Tribe features Public Safety Manager Jason Wilson as Incident Commander, supported by Saxman based Village Public Safety Officer Corey Patron who has a degree in Emergency Management. The Tribe has purchased Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) with a plan to provide supplies for the Tlingit & Haida community councils.

Sealaska has committed to providing \$1 million to COVID-19 relief. Tlingit & Haida will receive \$170,000 of that amount. President Peterson also attended the Alaska Federation of Natives meeting featuring State of Alaska Chief Medical Officer Dr. Anne Zink. Within Juneau, Chief of Project Development Will Ware and President Peterson have been invited to be a part of the Juneau Economic Response and Recovery Team. Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton has joined Mayor Beth Weldon's Juneau Economic Stabilization Task Force. Discussion ensued.

General Counsel Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy summarized her written report.

Special Assistant Report

Special Assistant Heather Gatti summarized her written report.

Chief of Project Development Report

Chief of Project Development Will Ware provided an oral report. Sacred Shine and Sacred Grounds re-opened the week of April 29th, with practices approved by the TEOC. Smokehouse Catering has also re-opened and will be providing elder meals. He reported that the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall has seen a decline due to pandemic cancelations. Southeast General Contractors (SGC) continues remodeling the SGC building. Regarding the Cultural Immersion Park, the Tribe has been collaborating with neighboring landowners to address security and safety issues that pre-date Tlingit & Haida's investment in the area. Tlingit & Haida is providing multiple daily patrols to the area. Finally, LEARN, the Little Eagles and Ravens and Nest childcare center, has scheduled a tentative opening for mid-May for essential workers, again with safety procedures approved by the TEOC. Discussion ensued.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Report

CFO Theresa Belton summarized her written report.

THTBC

THTBC CEO Richard Rinehart presented his written report. Discussion ensued.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Moss Adams

Anita Shah presented a PowerPoint regarding the audit. The audit included no findings for 2019.

M/S 6th Vice President Catherine Edwards moved to accept the 2019 audit. M/C

Youth Commission Update

Emerging Leader Shawaan Jackson Gamble provided an oral report regarding the Youth Commission and their plans for a summit in June. Discussion ensued.

Tribal Emergency Operations Center (TEOC)

Incident Commander Jason Wilson provided an oral report regarding the TEOC, formed April 1, 2020. TEOC personnel have mostly completed Federal Emergency Management Agency training. The TEOC was meeting more frequently but have moved to a once a week schedule. Discussion ensued.

Update on Tribal Communities COVID-19 Impacts/Needs

2nd Vice President Jackie Pata provide a verbal report. She shared that all communities are dealing with intermittent internet issues, need masks, cleaning supplies, access to groceries and rent relief. Discussion ensued.

The last two agenda items were addressed in previous agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The chair opened public comment regarding the proposed amendments to Title 24 at 12:00 pm.

Washington Community Council President Joey Ketah stated that Community's support.

Saxman delegate Candy Williams had a question. The chair clarified this time was dedicated to public comment and questions could be directed to the Office of the President.

The chair closed public comment at 1:00 pm.

BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS

Title 24

EC 20-27 Amendment of Gaming Ordinance

M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt the amendment to Title 24. M/C

Resolutions

EC 20-15 Authorization to Join the Southeast Alaska Tribal Consortium

M/S 2nd Vice President Pata moved to adopt EC 20-15 by unanimous consent. M/C

EC 20-17 Authorization to Apply for a Paycheck Protection Program Loan
M/S 2nd Vice President Pata moved to adopt EC 20-17 by unanimous consent. M/C

EC 20-18 Authorization to Establish a New Bank Account
M/S 6th Vice President Catherine Edwards moved to adopt EC 20-18 by unanimous consent.
M/C

EC 20-19 Authorization to Apply for Additional Head Start Funds
M/S 6th Vice President Edwards moved to pass EC 20-19 by unanimous consent. M/C

EC 20-20 Authorization to Apply for the U.S. Department of Justice FY2020 Tribal Victim
Services Set-Aside Formula Program Funds
M/S 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to pass EC 20-20 by unanimous consent. M/C

EC 20-21 Authorization to Apply for the U.S. Corporation of National and Community Service
Tribal AmeriCorps Planning Grant
M/S 4th Vice President Sanderson moved to pass EC 20-21 by unanimous consent. M/C

EC 20-22 Authorization to Apply for the U.S. Department of Justice Comprehensive Opioid
Stimulant and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program Grant
M/S 4th Vice President Sanderson moved to pass EC 20-22 by unanimous consent. M/C

EC 20-23 Authorization to Apply for the Tribal Title IV-E Agencies Family First Prevention
Services Grant
M/S 5th Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to pass EC 20-23 by unanimous consent. M/C

EC 20-24 Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity to Accept Tribal Title IV-E Agencies Family
First Prevention Services Grant
M/S 5th Vice President Wolfe moved to pass EC 20-24 by unanimous consent. M/C

EC 20-25 Food Sovereignty and Security During COVID-19 Pandemic
M/S 4th Vice President Sanderson moved to pass EC 20-25 by unanimous consent. M/C

EC 20-26 Reaffirmation of Opposition to Sexual and Physical Violence Perpetrated Against
Indigenous Bodies
M/S 2nd Vice President Pata moved to pass EC 20-15 by unanimous consent. M/C

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Executive Council offered comments for good of the order.

ADJOURN

The Chair ordered to adjourn at 2:22 PM. No objection, so ordered.