



Regular Washoe Tribal Council Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2017
Woodfords Community

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00pm

Presiding Officer: Neil Mortimer, Chairman

B. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Gary Never, Carson Colony

Chad Malone, Carson Colony

Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville Community

William Smokey, Dresslerville Community

Mahlon Machado, Off Reservation

Jeremy Steele, Off Reservation

Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks

Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community

Stan Smokey, Stewart Community

Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community

Deirdre Jones-Flood, Woodfords Community

Council Members Absent

None

Jeremy Steele, Secretary-Treasurer, confirms quorum.

C. READING OF THE AGENDA: No amendments to agenda. After the reading of the agenda, there was a moment of silence for a tribal member who passed.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No minutes to approve.

E. OLD BUSINESS - None

F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 1) **Angie Wilson, Washoe Tribal Health Clinic Director** – Update on each department in the clinic based upon Angie's 60 day assessment.
- 2) **Darrel Cruz, Tribal Historic Preservation Office Director** – Update on achievements of THPO regarding program and historical land.

G. COMMUNITY AND CHAIRMAN REPORT(S)

- 1) **Carson Colony** – No action items. Announcement about for Easter community event.
- 2) **Dresslerville Community** – No action items. Community Council has started planning the Washoe Picnic. Planned for August 12, 2017, but no location has been selected.

- 3) **Off Reservation** – No action items. Announcement for Off Reservation meeting on April 22 at 10:00 that will be video conferenced between TANF HQ in Gardnerville and TANF Oakland Office.
- 4) **Reno/Sparks** – No action items.
- 5) **Stewart Community** – No action items. Announcement for Easter egg hunt on Sunday April 16, 2017.
- 6) **Woodfords Community** – No action items. Chairman Jim working on a getting a wood cutting project going that can benefit our elders. There would be enough wood for all elders to never have to ask for wood again.
- 7) **Chairman's Report** – We are working very hard. Administrative assistant has been out of the office, and there has been a learning curve because the assistant has been with the tribe for a long time with much institutional knowledge. Has been working with the Secretary-Treasurer to keep operations running smoothly at an administrative level. There are upcoming changes to the Indirect Cost Rate thanks to Angie Wilson. With the change in indirect rate, it will increase IHS money coming into the Clinic. Education Committee, aka Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Committee has been a point of contention lately, but the Tribe was not in compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs) for the JOM Grant. It was decided by the Tribal Council to change the committee to be in line with the CFRs. Planning trip to Alabama to meet with Poarch Band of Creek Indians (PCI) Tribal Council to show gesture of gratitude. The Wa She Shu Casino and Travel Plaza is doing better and beginning to turn the corner; it is getting an established clientele. The Tribe is working to amend its gaming compact to include more gaming. A new billboard will be placed on the southwestern part of the Silverado Parcel that will be owned by the Washoe Tribe. We are still negotiating the Douglas County trespass at Jack's Valley Road, but a limited entry permit to repair damage done to the road over the winter. The relationship with Douglas County is not the best, but we are attempting to keep as good relationship as we can, and the limited entry permit will help.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1) **Angie Wilson, Washoe Tribal Health Clinic Director**

- a) Approval to be on the Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) Phoenix Area Representative. Motion to approve by Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville; seconded by Chad Malone, Carson Colony. **The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (3) abstention. Resolution Number: 2017-04-WTC-044.**

Dinner Break: 7:34

Motion to go into closed session by Rueben, Dresslerville. Seconded by Chad, Carson Colony.

The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (3) abstentions.

Back from dinner break: 8:48.

Motion to come out of closed session by Rueben, Dresslerville. Seconded by Lorraine Keller, Reno-Sparks. **The vote was (11) for, (0) against, (1) abstention.**

2) **Stacy Stahl, Social Services Director**

- a) Approval of Child Abuse and Neglect, Investigation, and Emergency Removal of Children forms. Motion to approve by Jacqueline Steele, Stewart. Seconded by Rueben, Dresslerville. **The vote was (11) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Resolution Number: 2017-04-WTC-045.**

- b) Approval of Washoe Tribe Foster Home Policy. Motion to approve by Chad, Carson Colony. Seconded by Deirdre Jones-Flood, Woodfords. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-04-WTC-046.**
- 3) **Jeanne Mortimer, Assistant Legal Counsel, & Steven Campbell, Washoe Tribe Prosecutor**
- a) Title 5: Elder Abuse Code Revisions. There was a question if the revisions were presented to the Senior Site Council. It was presented to the Senior Center Director and the Senior Site Council by Legal and Tribal Prosecutor. A letter from several elders was read in opposition to the Title 5 revisions. Although there have been several drafts of an elder abuse code in the past, each one was very similar to the other and never adopted. They were mostly protocols, but not law. Approval of this code will make elder abuse against the law. It is suggested that the elder input group be restarted. By general consensus by Tribal Council, it is agreed that Jeanne and Steven will meet with the elders at the Senior Centers one more time before the next Tribal Council meeting to give as many elders as possible to give their input. The revisions are tabled until next Tribal Council meeting.
- b) Title 26: Land Assignment revisions. The revisions are meant to fix the 2006 resolution that essentially made all land assignments null and void, which was not legal; as well as to bring clarity to the procedures regarding Land Assignment applications and approval. It is a misconception that these revisions will take away people's land, but it is meant to protect Tribal member's rights regarding their land. There is a question about the process. It is explained that the application should be given to the applicant by the respective Community Council as well as a letter of recommendation from the Community Council before it is submitted the office of Secretary-Treasurer. Once it is given to the Secretary-Treasurer, the application and letter of recommendation will be presented to Tribal Council for final approval/denial. Approval of revisions are tabled until the next Tribal Council meeting.
- c) Title 4: Criminal Procedure Code revisions. General fund money was being used to pay for attorneys for defendants in the Tribal court. This revision would not require the Tribe to pay the attorneys; the defendants will have to pay for their own attorney or get a legal advocate to assist them with their trial. Motion to approval by Chad, Carson; seconded by William Smokey, Dresslerville. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-04-WTC-047.**
- 4) **Cole Larson, IT Director**
- a) Discussion on lifting the Washoe Tribal Wage Freeze. With Reno's technology sector growing rapidly, the Tribe must adapt to compete with the wages offered. As employee performance reviews begin to happen on a regular basis again, it is important to have an incentive to getting good reviews. The general consensus by Tribal Council is that we should have our Chief Financial Officer look at the financial numbers, and potentially lift the wage freeze with each department director look at their finances to sustain giving merit based raises. WTHC Director mirrors the sentiment that the wage freeze could be lifted at the Clinic. Our wages are not competitive compared to outside medical facilities.
- 5) **Norman Harry, Environmental Director**
- a) Cardno PowerPoint Presentation by Ed James.
- b) Approval of EPA Clean Water Act 319 (h) Base Grant Funding. Motion to approve by Rueben, Dresslerville; seconded by Deirdre, Woodfords. **The vote was (11) for, (0) against, (1) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-04-WTC-048.**

- c) Approval of Clean Air Act 103 Resolution. Motion to approve by Jacqueline, Stewart; seconded by Irvin Jim, Woodfords. **The vote was (11) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Resolution Number: 2017-04-WTC-049.**
- d) Approval of Clean Water 106 Resolution. Motion to approve by Stan Smokey, Stewart; seconded by Irvin, Woodfords. **The vote was (11) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Resolution Number: 2017-04-WTC-050.**
- 6) **Debra Wakeman, Human Resources Director**
 - a) **Approval of Job Descriptions**
 - I) TANF – Job Developer (3 Descriptions) – Change to current job description. Split job developer description into three separate descriptions with only changes being specific locations and wage based on location. All three descriptions voted by consensus. **The vote was (11) for, (0) against, (1) abstention for all three descriptions.**
 - II) HR – Receptionist – Reclassification of System Administrator position; bring job description more into line of the job duties. Motion to approve by Rueben, Dresslerville, seconded by Jacqueline, Stewart. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions.**
 - III) Clinic – Business Office Manager – New job description. Motion to approve by Chad, Carson; seconded by Rueben, Dresslerville. **The vote was (11) for, (0) against, (1) abstention.**
 - IV) Clinic – Diabetes Educator – Change of paygrade and status. Went from exempt to non-exempt. Motion to approve by Chad, Carson; seconded by William, Dresslerville. **The vote was (11) for, (0) against, (1) abstention.**
- 7) **Jane Long, General Counsel**
 - a) Approval of Education Committee Resolution. Will dissolve the current Education Committee as it stands now because the committee was not in compliance with CFRs of JOM Grant. Motion to approve by Rueben, Gardnerville; seconded by Chad, Carson Colony. **The vote was (11) for, (0) against, (1) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-04-WTC-051.**

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Rueben, Dresslerville; seconded by Irvin, Woodfords. **The vote was (11) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 11:34 pm.**