



Regular Washoe Tribal Council Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2017
Dresslerville Community

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 pm

Presiding Officer: Neil Mortimer, Chairman

B. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Gary Nevers, Carson Colony

Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville Community

Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community

Mahlon Machado, Off Reservation

Stan Smokey, Stewart Community

Chad Malone, Carson Colony

William Smokey, Dresslerville Community

Deirdre Jones-Flood, Woodfords Community

Jeremy Steele, Off Reservation

Council Members Absent

Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks

Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community

Jeremy Steele, Secretary-Treasurer, confirms quorum.

C. READING OF THE AGENDA: No amendments to agenda.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 2017. There is a question about reading minutes aloud. Secretary-Treasurer Steele answers that the minutes for both April and May were recorded, and if anyone would like to hear the minutes being read, they can listen to them with the recording and headphones provided. Motion to approve April 2017 minutes by Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville; seconded by Deirdre Jones-Flood, Woodfords. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions.** Motion carries. May 2017 minutes. Motion to approve by Rueben, Dresslerville; seconded by Stan Smokey, Stewart. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions.** Motion carries.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1) Appointment of Washoe Tribal Vice-Chairman

- a) Stan, Stewart, nominates Mahlon Machado as Vice-Chairman. Deirdre, Woodfords, seconds the nomination. Discussion on duties of Mr. Machado's role with the Gaming Commission. Because Mr. Machado is the Chairman of the Gaming Commission, an exit plan will be made to ensure a smooth transition as there is already one vacancy on the commission. **The vote was (5) for, (0) against, (5) abstentions.** Motion carries.

F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 1) **Susan Jamerson, TANF Executive Director & Gordon Forrester, Bay Area TANF Deputy Director** – Update on current caseload, review of four purposes of TANF, use of TANF funds, and accomplishments.
- 2) **Debra Wakeman, Human Resources Director & Sheila Crawford, Assistant Human Resources Director** – Update on Human Resources department. Review of all positions and duties in the department. The “HR Life Cycle” is presented. This goes over recruitment, training, retention, and termination/resignation.
- 3) **David Blackeye, Chief of Police** – In person report due to being late with written report. Goes over written report. Happy to report that we have two Tribal member cadets that passed the Academy and are now officially rookies on the police force. They are sworn in publicly in front of the audience and Tribal Council.

G. COMMUNITY AND CHAIRMAN REPORT(S)

- 1) **Carson Colony** – No action items. Announcement of ITCN Child Care Awareness Day at Carson Colony Gym.
- 2) **Dresslerville Community** – No action items. Summer foods beginning. Chairman Vasquez recognizes hard work of Education Department and the impact it has on their community youth.
- 3) **Off Reservation** – No action items. Announcement regarding Off Reservation Meeting on July 22nd at 10:00 am at the TANF HQ and Oakland TANF Office.
- 4) **Reno/Sparks** – Absent.
- 5) **Stewart Community** – One action item. Stan Smokey, Vice-Chairman, reads tribal resolution appointing Darrel Kizer as the Stewart alternate on the Washoe Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Motion to approve by Mahlon Machado, Off Reservation; seconded by Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville. **The vote was (7) for, (0) against, (3) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-06-WTC-062.** Motion passes. Stan would also like to see a Maintenance department report in the monthly reports that Tribal Council receives. It is decided by consensus Maintenance will do a report.
- 6) **Woodfords Community** – No action items. Chairman Irvin Jim gives a brief update on the Washoe CHIPs crew. They should be able to get 60-100 cords of wood from various landslides that happened.
- 7) **Chairman’s Report** – Sent letters to other Tribes to address dual enrollment and potentially ensuring the Tribal Roll is as accurate as possible. The Wa She Shu It Deh is currently being planned. The new Cultural Resource Director will take on the bulk of the responsibility for the planning. In the past of there was a discussion for the Public Utility Manager position. With the potential new indirect cost rate we may be able to make this new position. Tribal Justice Center expansion is basically starting over. We are working to amend the grant to make sure we do this within the time frame.

H. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Calvin McDonald**
 - a) Back pay issue. When raises were given previously when Mr. McDonald was employed with the Tribe, he was never given his raise in salary.
- 2) **Burial Committee**
 - a) Genoa Cemetery Committee would like to work with the Washoe Tribe to ensure that Washoe Members have spots reserved in the Genoa Cemetery. By consensus, Tribal

Council agrees to work with Genoa Cemetery. There is a discussion for a need to have an official policy for burial of members and non-members. Council agrees by consensus that we should have a policy. Councilman Steele suggests that the Burial Committee should be made into an official committee with by-laws and policy and procedures rather than a volunteer committee that cannot officially make decisions. Currently they can only make suggestions.

Dinner break: 8:00 pm

Motion to go into closed session by Rueben, Dresslerville; seconded by Stan, Stewart. The vote was (8) for, (1) against, (1) abstention.

Back from dinner break: 9:15 pm

Motion to come out of closed session by Deirdre, Woodfords; seconded by William, Dresslerville. The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (0) abstentions.

Chairman Neil Mortimer had to leave the meeting due to a family emergency. Vice-Chairman Mahlon Machado was not sworn in before Chairman left. Secretary-Treasurer Jeremy Steele chaired the remainder of the meeting.

3) Jane Long, Legal General Counsel

- a) Johnson O' Malley Committee Selection Plan. The history of the Education Committee is discussed. The plan for the new JOM Committee and Higher Education Scholarships. By consensus, Tribal Council approves the selection plan and steps moving forward. Constance Barnes, Education Director, reads a resolution authorizing JOM funds to be used for graduation regalia and incentives. Motion to approve by Stan, Stewart; seconded by Deirdre, Woodfords. **The vote was (7) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-06-WTC-063.** Motion passes.

4) Debra Wakeman, Human Resources Director

- a) PL 101-630. General substance of the law is read aloud. A question if the Human Resources Board has approved PL 101-630. HRB did not approve it, but concerns were forwarded to Council. There is also a question if the law has been put out to the communities. Every council member was able to attend a training, but it did not go out to each community. There is a question of why the sense of urgency. It is a federal law, and because we accept federal funds, we want to show that we are adhering to the law. If we do not follow the law, there is a chance that the federal funds may need to be paid back to the federal government. Debra reads the resolution. Motion to approve by Deirdre, Woodfords; seconded by Stan, Stewart. **The vote was (7) for, (0) against, (3) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-06-WTC-064.** Motion passes.

5) Pauline Howe, Chief Financial Officer

- a) Insurance Broker Appointment. Resolution appointing Dennis McCann of McCann Risk Solutions as property insurance broker. Motion to approve by Stan, Stewart; seconded by Rueben, Dresslerville. **The vote was (5) for, (0) against, (4) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-06-WTC-065.** Motion passes.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Gary Nevers, Carson Colony; seconded by Irvin, Woodfords. **The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (0) abstentions. Motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at **10:08 pm**.