



Regular Washoe Tribal Council Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 2016  
Woodfords Community

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Officer: Neil Mortimer, Chairman

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Council Members Present**

Neil Mortimer, Chairman

Gary Nevers, Carson Colony

Chad Malone, Carson Colony

William Smokey, Dresslerville Community

Elvia McDonald, Dresslerville (6:16pm Arrival)

Deirdre Flood, Woodfords

Jeremy Steele, Interim Secretary/Treasurer, confirms quorum.

Stan Smokey, Stewart Community

Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community

**C. READING OF THE AGENDA: Chairman Mortimer**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 13, 2016** – Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community motioned to approve, seconded by William Smokey, Dresslerville Community. **The vote was (6) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions. Motion carries.**

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**1) Chris Strobbe, Wa She Shu Casino General Manager**

a) Casino Update – Going very well. Will be in the Carson Valley Days parade. Indian Tacos will be put on the menu. Working on a discount for the Elders.

**2) Deirdre Jones Flood, Vice Chairwoman**

a) Constitution Committee Letter of Interest – Reading of the letter from Samantha Dressler. **Consensus of the Council was (8) for, (0) against, (1) abstention.** Introduction of interns, Kali Sargent and Patrick Burt.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1) Sheila Crawford, HR Assistant Director and David Blackeye, Chief of Police**

a) Deputy Chief of Police Job Description Approval – Chief Blackeye explained the need for this position. **Consensus of the Council was (8) for, (0) against, (1) abstention.**

**2) Rob Beltramo, Planning Director**

a) MOU between Washoe Tribe and California Tahoe Conservancy – Reading of Resolution. Resolution #2016-06-WTC-050. Motion to approve by Chad Malone, Carson Colony, seconded by Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community. **The vote was (7) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions. Motion carries.**

**3) Pauline Howe, Finance Director**

a) 2016 Head Start COLA Grant Application - Resolution #2016-06-WTC-051. Motion to approve by Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community, seconded by Elvia McDonald, Dresslerville Community. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Motion carries.**

**4) Debby Carlson, Grants Manager**

a) Feasibility Study Resolution. Resolution #2016-06-WTC-052. Motion to approve by Chad Malone, Carson Colony, seconded by Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community. It is explained that the study will be done through an RFP process for a qualified contractor. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (1) abstention.**

**G. COMMUNITY AND CHAIRMAN REPORT(S)**

a) **Carson Colony** – Gary Nevers. Will present a signature resolution next week to appoint Leticia Fillmore to the Health Advisory Committee. **Consensus of Tribal Council is (6) for, (0) against and (3) abstentions.** Carson Colony will be hosting the Washoe picnic this year.

b) **Dresslerville Community** – William Smokey. No action items. Questions for Council. Clinic issues. Understood that it is a Human Resources issue. Elvia McDonald – Elder mistreatment at the clinic. There are valid concerns that Tribal Council needs to address. Chad Malone, Carson Colony motioned for an open meeting to discuss the Clinic; seconded by Elvia McDonald, Dresslerville Community. **The vote was (5) for, (2) against and (2) abstentions. Motion carries.** Elvia McDonald, Dresslerville Community would like an investigation related to management and following of proper procedures that are currently established and should be followed. The managers are not doing that. Vice Chairwoman Flood explained that an audit had been performed and they are waiting for the results and suggested the audit be finalized first before a meeting is set. Extensive discussion with the audience continued.

c) **Off Reservation** – Jeremy Steele, no action items.

d) **Reno/Sparks** – Absent

e) **Stewart Community** – Stan Smokey, no action items.

f) **Woodfords Community** – Irvin Jim, two action items. Deirdre Jones Flood – Woodfords' resolution #04-06-2016 to appoint Irvin Jim to the Health Advisory Committee. Resolution #2016-06-WTC-053. Stan Smokey, Stewart Community motioned for approval, seconded by William Smokey, Dresslerville Community. **The vote was (6) for, (0) against, (3) abstentions. Motion carries.** Irvin Jim – Resolution #05-06-2016 to appoint Jeanne Mortimer as an alternate to the Washoe Housing Authority Board. Motion to approve Resolution #2016-06-WTC-054 by William Smokey, Dresslerville Community, seconded by Jeremy Steele, Off Reservation. **The vote was (4) for, (1) against, (4) abstentions. Motion carries.**

Comment from the audience regarding appointment of Jeremy Steele, Off Reservation Representative as Acting Secretary/Treasurer – The Chairman explained that the Constitution states that the Secretary/Treasurer can be appointed from within Tribal

Council or outside of Council. Appointment for 120 days and has been posted to the website for two months.

**Chairman's Report** – Acknowledged issues with the Clinic. Audit has been done to clarify the issues. Once the audit is final, meeting can be set. Grand opening of Casino was successful. Talked about expansion options, i.e., showers, RV set ups, additional truck parking. Cancer therapy center approved by Tribal Council for the Carson Colony. 15 passenger vans from TANF. Can be operated in Nevada. Inoperable vehicles will be auctioned. Saving insurance expenses by eliminating these vehicles. Loans from the Chairman's office have gone down. Continuing to work on the WUMA close-outs.

The Chairman asked the Secretary/Treasurer to explain what is going on in that office. There are issues with Enrollment, family trees not being completed on the system, inaccurate blood quantum, discovering records/files/information where they shouldn't be. Will eventually have an internal audit to correct these discrepancies. Procedures need to be established to standardize processes.

#### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Stan Smokey, Stewart Community, seconded by Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.