



Regular Washoe Tribal Council Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2017
Carson Colony

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 pm

Presiding Officer: Neil Mortimer, Chairman

B. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Gary Never, Carson Colony

Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville Community (Late)

Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community

Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community

Mahlon Machado, Off Reservation

Chad Malone, Carson Colony

William Smokey, Dresslerville Community

Stan Smokey, Stewart Community

Deirdre Jones-Flood, Woodfords Community

Jeremy Steele, Off Reservation

Council Members Absent

Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks

Jeremy Steele, Secretary-Treasurer, confirms quorum.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 2017. Frank Holmes makes a comment that the Constitution says the minutes must be read out loud. Chairman concurs and Secretary-Treasurer reads the minutes out loud. Motion to approve with correction to Chairman Jim being from Woodfords, not Dresslerville by Irvin Jim, Woodfords; seconded by William Smokey, Dresslerville. **The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions.** Motion carries. Reading of March 2017 minutes. Motion by Jacqueline Steele, Stewart; seconded by Irvin, Woodfords. **The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions.** Motion carries.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1) Jeanne Mortimer, Assistant Legal Counsel, & Steven Campbell, Washoe Tribe Prosecutor

a) Title 5: Elder Abuse Code Revisions. There is a question if language has been reviewed by anyone. It has been reviewed. It is pointed out by Rosanna Roberts that there are several mistakes. She supports revisions' passage, but would like mistakes fixed first. Revisions will be tabled to fix the language.

b) Title 26: Land Assignment revisions. There is a question if land assignments will be passed on to non-natives and non-Washoes. It is explained that the land assignments will

not be passed on. Non-natives and non-Washoes cannot hold valid land assignments, but they can continue to live in their homes until the Washoe child comes of age. A concern for eminent domain is expressed. It is explained that the current code allows eminent domain already, but the changes will give help Tribal members by allowing compensation for their land rather than nothing. There is another concern about posting the land assignments for 30 days, that it will hinder members trying to get their land assignments in a timely manner. It is explained that it will fall within the 60 days that applicants have to appear before Tribal Council. Motion to approve with provision of striking the acreage limit from the code by Jacqueline, Stewart; seconded by Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville. **The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-05-WTC-052.** Motion passes.

2) Pauline Howe, Chief Financial Officer

- a) Discussion and resolution on lifting the wage freeze. Motion to approve by Irvin, Woodfords; seconded by Stan Smokey, Stewart. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (3) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-05-WTC-053.** Motion carries.

Dinner break: 7:17 pm

Back from dinner break: 7:58 pm

F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 1) **Cole Larson, IT Director** – Update on IT infrastructure projects and overall program successes.
- 2) **Stacy Stahl, Social Services Director** – Update on Social Services program, who is eligible, and the services they provide for their clients.

G. COMMUNITY AND CHAIRMAN REPORT(S)

- 1) **Carson Colony** – No action items.
- 2) **Dresslerville Community** – No action items.
- 3) **Off Reservation** – No action items.
- 4) **Reno/Sparks** – Absent.
- 5) **Stewart Community** – One action item. Jacqueline Steele, Chairwoman, reads the SCC resolution approving the Clear Creek Sewer and Road Project. Legal will present Washoe Tribal resolution during new business.
- 6) **Woodfords Community** – Two action items. Previously approved WCRAC appointment of Floyd Wade being officially adopted. Motion to approve by Rueben, Dresslerville; seconded by Stan, Stewart. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (3) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-05-WTC-054.** Motion carries. Second action item is seating Greg Bennett to the Community Council. Motion to approve by Stan, Stewart; seconded by William Smokey, Dresslerville. **The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-05-WTC-055.** Motion passes.
- 7) **Chairman's Report** – Vice Chairwoman Deirdre Jones-Flood resigned her position as Vice-Chairperson of the Tribe. A resolution officially vacating the office of Vice-Chair is presented. Motion to approve by Chad Malone, Carson Colony; seconded by Rueben, Dresslerville. **The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-05-WTC-056.** Motion carries. Chairman had a meeting with staff members of Senator Dean Heller's office where concerns were expressed to them, and they would take them to the Senator for his consideration. Half of the Council went to Alabama to meet with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians' Tribal Council in an open session. The Council members that went were able to give

their opinion of the trip. The overall consensus is that PCI is very business savvy and quite impressive. Chairman and other key employees met with the Army Corp. of Engineers regarding the Martis Valley trail that will potentially cut through some historical Washoe sites.

H. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Stephanie Hicks, City of Carson Public Works Dept.**
 - a) Clear Creek Sewer and Road Improvement Project. The sewer will go through Stewart Community and will require a right of way resolution.
- 2) **Jane Long, General Counsel**
 - a) Clear Creek Sewer and Road Project Resolution. Motion to approve by Jeremy Steele, Off Reservation; seconded by Irvin, Woodfords. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (1) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-05-WTC-057.** Motion passes.
- 3) **Debbie Posnien, Suicide Prevention Network**
 - a) Suicide Awareness Campaign Information. SPN staff was introduced and gave presentation to Tribal Council regarding their program. They would like to start working in the communities and would like the blessing of the Tribal Council. Chairman asks each community if they would be interested in working with them. They are all interested, but would like to make sure that SPN works with current Tribal programs.
- 4) **Pauline Howe, Chief Financial Officer**
 - a) Tribal Administration Address Change. This change is needed because when searching for the current address (919 US Highway 395 South), it puts the destination miles south of the Washoe Tribal Administration building; whereas, the new address (919 US Highway 395 North) puts the destination where the building is currently. Motion to approve with corrections to resolution by Rueben, Dresslerville; seconded by Stan, Stewart. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Resolution Number: 2017-05-WTC-058.** Motion passes.
- 5) **Debra Wakeman, Human Resources Director**
 - a) **Approval of Job Descriptions**
 - I) TANF – Deputy Director (Sierra Region & Bay Area) – Change in language, added milestones, and current authorities. Both descriptions voted by consensus. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (1) abstention for both descriptions.**
 - II) Finance – Accounting Manager – Updated job description from 2006. Reports to Controller now; updated responsibilities. Voted by consensus. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (1) abstention.**
 - III) HR – HR Generalist – Change to non-exempt status. Cleaned up language of description. Voted by consensus. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (1) abstention.**
 - IV) Clinic – Chief Medical Director – Change of salary. Voted by consensus. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (1) abstention.**
 - V) Clinic – Physician – Change of salary. Voted by consensus. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (1) abstention.**
 - VI) Clinic – Family Nurse Practitioner – Voted by consensus. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (1) abstention.**
- 6) **Norman Harry, Environmental Director**
 - a) Approval of Wetland Program Plan 2018-2020. Motion to approve by Deirdre Jones-Flood, Woodfords; seconded Rueben, Dresslerville. **The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-05-WTC-059.** Motion carries.

- b) Leviathan Mine Update. It was a quarterly report from Michelle Hochrein regarding the status of the Leviathan Mine and the progress on the mine clean up.
- c) Recycle Update. Hazardous Household Waste Program is one of the more successful programs WEPD has. It takes away a lot of solid waste.

7) Courtney Hardin, Elder Center Director

- a) Approval of Senior Site Council Representative to Health Advisory Committee. Motion to approve by Rueben, Dresslerville; seconded by Chad, Carson Colony. **The vote was (6) for, (0) against, (5) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-05-WTC-060.** Motion carries.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Gary Nevers, Carson Colony; seconded by Irvin, Woodfords. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at **10:59 pm.**