



Regular Washoe Tribal Council Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2017  
Stewart Community

**A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 pm**

Presiding Officer: Neil Mortimer, Chairman

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Council Members Present**

Gary Nevers, Carson Colony	Chad Malone, Carson Colony
Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville Community (Late)	William Smokey, Dresslerville Community (Late)
Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community	Stan Smokey, Stewart Community
Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community	Deirdre Jones-Flood, Woodfords Community
Mahlon Machado, Off Reservation (Late)	Jeremy Steele, Off Reservation
Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks	

**Council Members Absent**

None

Jeremy Steele, Secretary-Treasurer, confirms quorum.

**C. READING OF THE AGENDA**

No changes. Request to go into closed session after final agenda item by Chad Malone.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 2017. Motion to approve minutes by Chad Malone, Carson Colony; seconded by Jacqueline Steele, Stewart. **The vote was (6) for, (0) against, (4) abstentions.** Motion carries.

**E. OLD BUSINESS : None**

**F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- 1) Greg Weyland, Gaming Liaison** – Update on overall gaming operation at Wa She Shu Casino. Goes over tax revenue, overall revenue, licensing revenue, and manufacturer/distributor revenue. Update on Gaming Compact amendments; it is currently under review and should be approved very soon. There is an opening on the Gaming Commission; thus far, there has been one letter of interest.
- 2) Norman Harry, Environmental Director** – Introduces staff. Update on all current projects and the grants that fund them as well as an update on upcoming projects.

**Dinner break: 6:37 pm**  
**Back from dinner break: 7:06 pm**

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

- 1) **Carson Colony** – No action items.
- 2) **Dresslerville Community** – No action items. Hosted Veteran’s Day lunch, which went well.
- 3) **Off Reservation** – No action items. Announcement of Christmas raffle. The announcement was posted on the website.
- 4) **Reno/Sparks** – No action items. Lorraine Keller is glad to be back at the meetings.
- 5) **Stewart Community** – No action items.
- 6) **Woodfords Community** – One action item. Letter from Dale Bennett wanting to open a trading post at the Red Barn. Woodfords Community is in support of the letter. Mahlon Machado explains the process that we are setting up for new businesses that want to lease tribally owned property. Chairman Jim worked to change the name of mountain in Alpine County to Hung a Lel Ti Peak near the community.
- 7) **Chairman’s Report** – Board of Museums and History member appointment. Chairman reads a letter nominating Joann Nevers to the position. By unanimous consensus, Council agrees. There were interviews for the CFO position; Roberta Reed was selected. Chairman attended an FY 2020 formulation meeting with BIA with Roberta. There was the soft grand opening of the First American Regional Cancer Center at Carson Colony. There were very old remains found in South Reno. PL 244 ensures that the Tribe should be contacted when any remains are found. Reno-Sparks is trying to claim the remains, but it is in the aboriginal land of the Washoe Tribe. THPO Director Darrel Cruz is working to ensure that the remains are repatriated back to the Tribe. A Tribal Court assessment identified weaknesses in the court. It made suggestions to strengthen the court system.

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) **Beverly Harry, Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada**
  - a) Beverly would like to increase Native voting outreach. Mahlon asks about the ITCN resolution. It basically acknowledges that tribes have a fiduciary responsibility to its members and the state has a government to government relationship with the tribes. This supports voter outreach for the tribes in Nevada. There is a need to have voter registration. She formally requests polling sites at each reservation. Overall, she would like the Tribal Council to do what is right for everyone in the communities and do all that we can do to increase voter turnout.
- 2) **Leon “Mark” Kizer and Attorneys**
  - a) Mark goes over the history of what has been happening at Pine View Estates since he first started the home project. Mark invites his lawyer, Jerry Merinowski, to address the Tribal Council. Jerry relays that Mark is the victim in the whole situation and that BIA is the one at fault. Tim Seward touches on some of the legal facts regarding this matter. There are nitrates in the water. The appeal is much broader than the tribe wanting to purchase the land. If the land goes to fee, BIA won’t have a responsibility to clean up the wastewater. The Tribe feels as though they are being brought into this issue at the eleventh hour, and they did not have enough time to make a properly informed decision. Mark says he feels he only needed to report to BIA and let John Snooks know about the

wastewater. Jacqueline would like to get this resolved tonight. Jeremy Steele would like to have a special meeting with the entire Council to make the decision. William agrees. Tribal Council is polled to see if they would like to have a special meeting. By consensus, the Council would like to have a special meeting and make an educated decision. Jerry explains the deadline for submitting an appeal is November 25. We will have to meet prior to that. Rueben requests meeting for November 20.

**3) James “Butch” Peri**

- a) Tail and Drainage water on Old Pinenut Road. Approx. 60 feet of Tribe’s property needs to have a pipe from Peri’s property to Carson River. A Right of Way needs to be passed by Tribal Council to install this pipe. The Council would like to meet with key staff members to get all the important information regarding this issue. Council will not make a decision tonight.

**4) Angie Wilson, Washoe Tribal Health Center Director**

- a) Unable to try and get the SAP grant, so it will be taken off the agenda. Sprung Structure Resolution. This will allow the Sprung Structure to be purchased. Motion to approve by Chad, Carson; seconded by Jeremy Steele, Off Reservation. **The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-11-WTC-115.** Motion carries.

**5) Annette Alvarado, Washoe Housing Authority Executive Director**

- a) 2017 HIP Grant resolution. Motion to approve Rueben. Second Irvin Jim, Woodfords. There is a question regarding \$38,000 and where the money will be coming from. Motions for approval are withdrawn. Motion to table by Rueben, Dresslerville; seconded by Gary Nevers, Carson Colony. **The vote was (4) for, (2) against, (4) abstentions.** Motion carries. TABLED: NO RESOLUTION NUMBER.

**6) Roberta Reed, Chief Financial Officer**

- a) Preacher grant resolution. Motion to approve by Deirdre Jones-Flood, Woodfords; seconded by Rueben, Dresslerville. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Resolution number: 2017-11-WTC-116.** Motion carries.
- b) Health Insurance Renewal rate approval. Motion to approve by Irvin Jim, Woodfords; seconded by Jacqueline Steele, Stewart. Angie Wilson would like the Tribe to consider letting the Clinic be used by employees with their insurance. It ends up being a win-win for the Tribe since the Tribe pays insurance, and then insurance will pay the clinic. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (3) abstentions. Resolution number: 2017-11-WTC-117.** Motion carries.
- c) Schwab accounts resolutions. Roberta explains all the changes that have been done to this resolution from the previous month when it was tabled by Tribal Council. Motion to approve by Chad, Carson; seconded by Irvin, Woodfords. **The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions. Resolution number: 2017-11-WTC-111** (resolution was already assigned a number due to being a signature resolution that was changed to a regular resolution). Motion carries.

Norman Harry addresses the Council to get it on the record regarding the tail water and Butch Peri. What it comes down to is that it is not the Tribe’s problem.

**Motion to go into closed session by Rueben, Dresslerville; seconded by Irvin, Woodfords. The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Motion passes: 10:33 pm.**

**Motion to come out of closed session by Rueben, Dresslerville; seconded by Irvin, Woodfords. The vote was (7) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Motion passes: 12:09 am.**

Tribal Council discussed the Pine View Estates issue in closed session. After coming out of closed session a vote for consensus of formally appealing BIA action on the Pine View estates is called. **The vote is (2) for, (8) against, (1) abstention.** The Tribe will not appeal. The Tribe, through the Chairman's office, will write a strongly worded letter to BIA that shows our frustration in the way the entire process was handled and how the tribe and its tribal members were treated.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Irvin, Woodfords; seconded by Rueben, Dresslerville. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (3) abstention. Motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at **12:15 pm.**