



Regular Washoe Tribal Council Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2017
Carson Colony

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:05 pm

Presiding Officer: Neil Mortimer, Chairman

B. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Gary Nevers, Carson Colony
Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville Community
Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community
Mahlon Machado, Off Reservation
Deirdre Jones-Flood, Woodfords Community

Chad Malone, Carson Colony
William Smokey, Dresslerville Community
Stan Smokey, Stewart Community
Jeremy Steele, Off Reservation

Council Members Absent

Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks
Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community

Jeremy Steele, Secretary-Treasurer, confirms quorum.

C. READING OF THE AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 2017. Motion to approve minutes by Jacqueline Steele, Stewart; seconded by Chad Malone, Carson Colony. Councilman Vasquez would like to make it sure that his abstention is recorded from the Equipment Operator job description vote for personal reasons. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions.** Motion carries.

E. OLD BUSINESS : None

F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 1) Constance Barnes, Education Director** – Update on Education department. Goes over organizational chart, introduces staff, what the purpose of the program is, and departmental numbers. Talks about collaboration efforts between departments and Tribe as well as completed events.
- 2) Darinda Caldera, Head Start Director** – Update on the Head Start department. Gives current statistics of enrollments. Teachers will be implementing Washoe Language into classes. Head Start Administration will be moving to the Stewart Head Start rather than at Tribal HQ.

- 3) **Kim Nieman for Angie Wilson, Washoe Tribal Health Center Director.** The clinic's report was not turned in to Council on time. Kim reads the monthly report for Angie to the Council.

G. COMMUNITY AND CHAIRMAN REPORT(S)

- 1) **Carson Colony** – No action items. Planning La Ka Lel Be Pow Wow.
- 2) **Dresslerville Community** – No action items. Thank everyone who participated in the Washoe Picnic and making it a success.
- 3) **Off Reservation** – No action items. Announcement for Off Reservation Meeting on October 21, at 10:00 am at the TANF HQ and Oakland Office.
- 4) **Reno/Sparks** – Absent.
- 5) **Stewart Community** – No action items.
- 6) **Woodfords Community** – One action item. Community will be getting extra wood for their elders, and will be sharing with the other communities.
- 7) **Chairman's Report** – Participated in the Tahoe Summit. Made contact with some of the Nevada and California Congressional delegates. The Tribe has been invited to be part of the West Shore Collaborative to restore the West shore of Lake Tahoe. Chairman would like to appropriate general fund money to fund a liaison position for a Tribal member to represent the Tribe at Lake Tahoe. Chairman met with Douglas County Commissioners. The Douglas County Lands Bill is trying to be pushed through Congress. Vice-Chairman Machado sat in for the Chairman for one day and he met with Senator Heller's staffers and Douglas County Commission Chair Barry Penzel to go over the Lands Bill. A fire happened near the Carson Colony. Chairman feels the Tribe needs to develop an emergency response plan. There has been a lot of talk about non-Washoes being buried in the trust cemeteries. Will be holding an open meeting with Burial Committee at the Carson Colony Gym on September 30th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm to hear Tribal members' opinions. Stewart Chairwoman Steele comments that Stewart is always ready to receive other community's members during an emergency. There is one action item regarding the Tribal Administrator. Audrey Whitefeather, Tribal Administrator, introduces herself to the audience and Council. Chairman has Secretary-Treasurer Steele to read the resolution designating the Chairman's day to day administrative duties to the Tribal Administrator. Motion to approve by Deirdre-Jones Flood, Woodfords; seconded by Rueben, Dresslerville. **The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (1) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-09-WTC-089.** Motion passes.

H. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Susan Jamerson, TANF Executive Director**
 - a) Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) increase for TANF Clients. Deputy Director Roger Mowbray does a presentation showing the reason for the need for the increase. Presents a resolution with three options for the MAP increase; 10%, 20%, 30%. Chairman asks Tribal Council's opinion, and the majority want a 30% increase. Motion to approve resolution with 30% increase and adding a provision to review the increase annually by Chad, Carson; seconded by Stan Smokey, Stewart. **The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (1) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-09-WTC-090.** Motion passes.

Dinner break: 8:00 pm

Back from dinner break: 8:29 pm

2) Sheila Crawford, Human Resources Assistant Director

a) Approval of Head Start Job Descriptions

- i.** Education Program Manager. Changes to job knowledge, skills, and abilities. Changes minimum education qualifications to a Bachelor's degree. **Approved by consensus; (9) for, (0) against, (1) abstention.**
- ii.** Health and Nutrition Program Manager. Changes to job knowledge, skills, and abilities. Changes to minimum education qualifications and management experience. **Approved by consensus; (9) for, (0) against, (1) abstention.**
- iii.** Early Intervention (Disabilities) and Mental Health Program Manager. Changes to job knowledge, skills, and abilities. Changes minimum education qualifications to a Bachelor's degree. **Approved by consensus; (9) for, (0) against, (1) abstention.**

3) Darinda Caldera, Head Start Director

- a)** FY 2018 Head Start Refunding Grant Application. Motion to approve by Rueben, Dresslerville, with the provision that we leave out all utilities and exclusively negotiate water lines; seconded by Deirdre Jones-Flood, Woodfords. **The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (1) abstentions. Resolution Number: 2017-09-WTC-091.** Motion passes.

4) Leon "Mark" Kizer

- a)** Pine View Estates Presentation. Mr. Kizer is looking to sell his trust land, but before he can do that, he must change it from trust to fee status. Part of the requirements for this process is to give the Washoe Tribe first chance to negotiate purchase the land. He estimates the land to be worth \$15 million. There are also problems with the sewer system and it will be costly to repair; \$4 million. According to Mr. Kizer, it will cost the Tribe \$19 million to purchase the land and avoid any environmental penalties. No action taken. Tribe would like to assess the land on their own before making a decision.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Chad, Carson; seconded by Jaqueline, Stewart. **The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at **8:56 pm**.