



Regular Washoe Tribal Council Meeting Minutes
April 8, 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

Lisa Christensen, Dresslerville Community

Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville

Deirdre Flood, Woodfords

Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks

Jeremy Steele, Interim Secretary/Treasurer, confirms quorum.

Stan Smokey, Stewart Community

Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community

Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community

Mahlon Machado, Off Reservation

C. READING OF THE AGENDA: Chairman Mortimer

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 12, 2016 – Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks – Would like to see "Council Members Present". Page 2, Chairman's Report would like more information regarding the purpose of the meeting with Matt McKinney. Correction to page 3, Gary Nevers, Carson Community asked about the ancestral hike and if it was possible to continue that. Also, move additional pages down so they are not cut off by the file prongs. Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks makes the motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community, seconded. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (1) abstention.**

March 11, 2016 - Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks – Again, Council Members Present. Also with Ms. Jeanne Mortimer, shouldn't that be Mrs. Mortimer? In addition, Page 3, Item 5b, Chairwoman Steele reported that the Stewart Community Easter Egg Hunt would be held on March 26th... Page 4, Chairman's Report (a) - ...and limiting the grant to a term of X number of years. In addition, there is no adjournment time. Interim Secretary/Treasurer Steele indicated that there was no recording of these minutes and Lisa Christensen, Dresslerville Community stated that she had that in her notes. Motion to table minutes made by Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks. Lisa Christensen, Dresslerville Community – Under New Business, Item #4, the minutes read FY16 Emergency Management **Preparedness** Grant and should read **Performance** Grant. The Chairman asked for any more corrections. Lisa Christensen, Dresslerville Community seconded the motion to table the minutes until the corrections are made. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Motion carries.**

E. OLD BUSINESS

1) Gordon T. Forrester, Owners Representative, Project Accountant

a) Travel Plaza Close-Out Presentation – Sign turns on in the evening. Project completed on time and within budget despite additional unanticipated costs. Grand opening occurred on March 25th. Successful turnout. Statistical report is available on line. All contact information for staff is online. Soft opening for the Casino is on May 23rd. Set aside for Tribal Members and Employees only. Grand opening will be May 25th for the public. Casino website is washeshuretail.com.

The Chairman acknowledged the Interim Secretary/Treasurer, Jeremy Steele, appointed for 120 days. Mr. Steele introduced himself and indicated he would help organize and streamline the office and showed his interest in serving out the term.

b) **Lynelle Hartway, General Counsel – Liquor License Code – Draft Code** sent via email previously. Packets were also handed out at the meeting. Current license only applies to the Tribe so it needs to be amended to include other entities on Tribal Land. This draft code mirrors and copies what the Douglas County Liquor code is, with the idea being that if the Tribe passes a code that mirrors Douglas County, it would discourage the County thinking that it needs to step in and regulate liquor sales in Indian Country. Applications go directly to the Secretary/Treasurer to be taken to Tribal Council. Council has sixty days to consider. Background Checks and Fingerprinting will be done. This draft has been reviewed and approved by Washoe Tribal Law Enforcement. Ms. Hartway provided a resolution if there were no questions or concerns from the Tribe. Lisa Christensen, Dresslerville Community, page 7, Section 39-70-030 is incomplete. Ms. Hartway agreed to the correction and will get it to the Council by Monday, April 11th. Ms. Hartway read the resolution. Lisa Christensen, Dresslerville Community motioned to table until the clarification of the paragraph under Section 39-70 License Restrictions, subsection 39-70-030 be sent on Monday as well as an exclusion to sell liquor in residential areas on Tribal Lands. Deirdre Flood, Woodfords Community, seconded to table. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Motion carries.**

2) Chris Strobbe, General Manager, Wa She Shu Casino

a) Casino & Job Fair Update – Introduced Maggie Williams, Corporate Public Relations for PCI in Florida. Mr. Strobbe presented pictures of the Casino and explained the different areas. Job fair begins April 14th for Tribal Members only. April 15th open to general public. Poarch Creek will select the employees. Tribal Council is invited to observe.

3) Deirdre Jones Flood, Vice Chairwoman

a) Constitution Committee Update – There were four applicants. Bernadette Nieto, Jacqueline Steele, Stan Smokey and Jeremy Steele. The Chairman requested the reading of their letters of interest. Jacqueline Steele read her letter. The Chairman called for a vote. **The vote was (6) for, (0) against and (5) abstentions. Motion**

carries to appoint Ms. Steele to the Constitution Committee. Stan Smokey read his letter. The Chairman called for the vote. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against and (3) abstentions. Motion carries to appoint Mr. Smokey to the Constitution Committee.** Jeremy Steele read his letter. The Chairman called for the vote. **The vote was (6) for, (0) against and (5) abstentions. Motion carries to appoint Mr. Steele to the Constitution Committee.** Vice Chairwoman Flood, read Bernadette Nieto's letter. Chairman called for the vote. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against and (1) abstention. Motion carries to appoint Ms. Nieto to the Constitution Committee.**

4) Pauline Howe, Finance Director

a) FS Advisors Wealth Management Agreement Resolution – Ms. Howe read the resolution. Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community made the motion to approve. Seconded by Jeremy Steele, Off Reservation. **The vote was (9) for, (1) against, (1) abstention.** Comment from Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks clarifying why she voted against, as she didn't have time to review and would like more information. **Motion carries.**

F. NEW BUSINESS

1) Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community – During Meal Time

a) Introduction from Irvin Jim of the CHIPS project. Cornerstone project in Calaveras County, on cultural sites. Movie explaining CHIPS. Discussion and questions session. The Chairman calls for a consensus. **The vote was (9) for, (1) against, (1) abstention to move ahead on this project.** Lisa Christensen, Dresslerville Community clarified her vote against due to the short notice to the other Communities. **Consensus carries.**

2) Norm Harry, Environmental Director

a) EPA Clean Water Act 319(h) Base Grant – Resolution was read. Motion to approve by Stan Smokey, Stewart Community, seconded by Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Motion carries.**
b) EPA Clean Air Act (Section 103) Resolution – Resolution was read. Motion to approve by Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community, seconded by Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks. **The vote was (10) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Motion carries.**

3) Pauline Howe, Finance Director

a) COLA for 2016 Resolution – Reading of the resolution. Effective April 18th, 2016 for employees active that day. Need to determine the percent of increase. Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community makes a motion to determine the percentage as 2.8%. Seconded by Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community. Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks questioned the 2.8% versus the 2% increase that was previous approved by Council. Pauline Howe explained that had it taken affect at the beginning of the year, it would have been the 2%, but because it's later in the year, 2.8%. **The vote was (5) for, (0) against, (6) abstentions. Motion carries.**

b) Bank of America Signature Authority Update Resolution – Motion to approve Jeremy Steele as a new signer on the Bank of America accounts as the acting Secretary/Treasury. Stan Smokey, Stewart Community made the motion to approve,

seconded by Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville Community. **The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (2) abstentions. Motion carries.**

c) **Travis Trethan, Account I – 2015 Solar Savings Report.** Mr. Trethan gave a report on the savings by using solar energy in the Communities and Tribal facilities.

4) Nancy Nizankiewicz, WHA Director

a) **ICDBG 2017 Resolution – Reading of the resolution.** Motion by Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community to approve with grammatical corrections. Seconded by Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville Community with corrections. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (3) abstentions. Motion carries.**

b) **Low Income Housing Tax Credit Funding – Reading of the resolution.** Motion by Lisa Christensen, Dresslerville Community to approve, seconded by Jeremy Steele, Off Reservation. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (3) abstentions. Motion carries.**

5) Roger Mowbray, TANF Deputy Director

a) **TANF Case Manager Job Description Modification – Reading of the job description.** Motion to approved made by Deirdre Jones Flood, Woodfords Community, seconded by Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville Community. **The vote was (9) for, (0) against and (2) abstentions. Motion carries.**

6) Greg Weyland, Business Operations Manager

a) **Proposed WDG Job Descriptions: Retail Store Manager I – Description read.** Motion to approve by Stan Smokey, Stewart Community, to approve, seconded by Deirdre Flood, Woodfords Community. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (3) abstentions. Motion carries.** **Retail Store Assistant Manager I – Description read.** Motion to approve by Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community, seconded by Lisa Christensen, Dresslerville Community. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (3) abstentions.** **Retail Store Assistant Manager II – Description read.** Motion to approve by Stan Smokey, Stewart Community, seconded by Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (3) abstentions. Motion carries.** **Retail Store Manager II, (off agenda) – Description read.** Motion to approve by Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community, seconded by Deirdre Flood, Woodfords Community. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (3) abstentions. Motion carries.** **Shift Lead – Description read.** Motion to approve by Lisa Christensen, Dresslerville Community, seconded by Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (3) abstentions. Motion carries.** **Retail Store Clerk – Description read.** Motion to approve by Jeremy Steele, Off Reservation, seconded by Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (3) abstentions. Motion carries.**

7) Mahlon Machado, Gaming Commissioner

a) **Gaming Commission Chair or Designated Representative Resolution – Appointment to the Gaming Commission of Jon Flint.** Motion to approve by Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community, seconded by Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community. **The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (3) abstentions. Motion carries.**

b) **Gaming Director/Regulatory Liaison – Description read.** Motion to approve by Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community, seconded by Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville Community.

The vote was (8) for, (0) against, (3) abstentions. Motion carries with amendments to minimum qualifications.

G. COMMUNITY AND CHAIRMAN REPORT(S)

a) **Carson Colony** – Gary Nevers. No action items.

b) **Dresslerville Community** - Lisa Christensen. Received estimates from Belfor on the Community buildings. Rueben Vasquez, attended the REZ conference in Las Vegas. Recommends all of Tribal Council attend as there are multiple seminars at the same time and it would be best if more of Council attended.

c) **Off Reservation** – Mahlon Machado, no action items. Ongoing negotiations for website contract. Jeremy Steele, Off Reservation meeting is April 16th. Will be held at TANF HQ and the Oakland TANF office via videoconferencing. Attended the 2016 National REZ Conference. Good opportunities to collaborate with other Tribes and organizations for Economic Development. Also recommends other Council members attend. Will be attending an Enrollment conference next week.

d) **Reno/Sparks** – No action items.

e) **Stewart Community** – Jacqueline Steele. No action items. Stan Smokey, negotiations on Jacks Valley Road. The Chairman suggested it be addressed under his report.

f) **Woodfords Community** – Deirdre Jones Flood, the Community is proud to announce that Chairman Irvin Jim was selected as the Eastern Alpine Fireman of the year. Chairman Jim is moderating the Alpine County Candidates night on the 29th.

Chairman's Report – Have spent the majority of time in the office as there is no Secretary/Treasurer. Met with Jeff Marsolais with the Forest Service and there is a large push to close the Meeks Bay Marina due to contamination and return it to beaches. There has been no official meeting at this time. The Meeks Bay agreement is up for renewal in 2018. Should have automatic first rights to renew.

Douglas County water line infrastructure through Jacks Valley. Lynelle Hartway, General Counsel. Presented draft to Tribal Council from Douglas County for the easement. Tribal Council approved negotiations for the easement. Project is meant to benefit a housing development north of Jacks Valley by the Tribe's Clear Creek parcel. Several comments made by Stan Smokey, Stewart Community regarding requesting a cash settlement. Extensive continuing discussion. It was agreed that Legal will continue negotiations with the County.

The Chairman asked Rob Beltramo to update the Council on the BLM Resource Management Plan. Attempting to set up a meeting session with all the local agencies in June or July regarding the many issues with the Pine Nut Allotments. It was suggested by Mr. Beltramo that a date be chosen to allow announcement to the Tribal Members via the newsletter. The Chairman requested Council to choose a June or July meeting. **Consensus with Tribal Council is a July meeting.**

The BLM would also like to appoint someone from the Council to the Resource Advisory Council to represent Tribal interests. Mahlon Machado, Off Reservation nominated the

Chairman, seconded by Lisa Christensen, Dresslerville Community. The Chairman agreed but with the designation of a Tribal Council member as an alternate in the Chairman's stead if necessary.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community, seconded by Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville Community. **The vote was (11) for, (0) against, (1) abstention.** **Motions rescinded for the Prosecutor discussion.** Lynelle Hartway, General Counsel – Amy Ponsness and LaTonya Gabaldon from Arizona, Scott Soures. The Chairman called for a vote due to the urgency of needing a Prosecutor. Scott Soures selected for first choice. Amy Ponsness selected for second choice. LaTonya Gabaldon selected as third choice. Motion to adjourn by Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community, seconded by Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville Community. **The vote was (10), (0) against, (1) abstention.** Meeting adjourned at 11:11pm.