NEZ PERCE TRIBE

SPRING GENERAL COUNCIL

June 18, 19 & 20, 2020

PiiNeeWaus
Lapwai, ID. 83540

**Minutes Are NOT Verbatim**
Thursday, June 18, 2020

Spring General Council:

Call to order at :829

1. Bill Picard opening prayer
2. Color guard: Art Broncheau American flag, Everett Oatman Eagle staff, Nez Perce flag Thomas Alfrey Jr
3. Wap qa qaun Grand Entry & Flag Song
4. Wilford Scott – memorial reading 0842
5. Mother’s Day Song
6. House Rules – 0854 am Dallon Wheeler motion to approve 2nd Connie Watters, motion passed at 0906am.
7. Agenda – Boys & Girls club Saturday at 915am
8. Robert Kipp Boys & Girls club to Saturday?
9. Motion Robert Kipp approve 2nd Marilyn Bowen, motion passed at 0908am
10. Minutes: Motion to accept to minutes Dallon Wheeler Sr, 2nd Connie Watters, motion passed at 0913am.
11. Introduce James Connor as our Parliamentary advisor from U of I.
13. Pleasure to serve with these women we have been busy, send and acknowledgment to the people that are in morning, as a lot of us are grieving. We held 7 general meetings 10 tribal members 2 were virtual, tribal members across the country, nice to be able to connect with members not in the area, we had one meeting with NPTEC, enrollment, performance and improvement within the Enterprises, communication to NPTEC from the membership, cannabis coalition committee with NPTEC from the previous committee there were items listening session on enrollment, explore, absentee ballots have gone forward, proud to see that the members of General Council have been being proactive with that during these trying times, setting a monthly meeting with NPTEC to share what tribal have concern, also provide a handbook for future Resolutions members so that can keep moving forward, transparency and accountability, last item all General Council meetings met all on same page, good working time, checking out equipment from General Council accountability, guidelines or at least guiding principles from NPTEC and General Membership.
14. Robert Kipp – handouts please emails or names,
   
   Response – accessible on world wire today we can print them,
15. Louis Harris – would like to see if there is updates to past, GC 418-01 Elders Treaty Fee updates, and any other past one that was presented.

Response – concern that Resolution come to floor, at a lot of research, with some of the Resolutions we all want to offer that to Elders but that is essential for no fund to come thru, moving forward some of these get to the table then they get handed out to Subcommittee so we are unsure how we can implement in our handbook so we can uphold that NPTEC has to response 7 days,

16. Motion by Louis Harris to accept and approve Resolution Committee report 2nd by Dallon Wheeler Sr., Motion passed to accept and approve Resolution report at 0927.

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NPTEC Chairman & Treasurer Reports:

0928am – Julia Davis Wheeler, General Council Chairwoman, with the virus was not ready, we met and we talked about it included our Parliamentary to postpone the General Council meeting and we been communicate with each other all thru the year. We finally decided this is the safest way to hold it thank you for abiding by the facemask requirement.

17. Chairman Wheeler: I will remove my mask for my report, reads report...update on Corona virus how the tribe was ahead of the State of Idaho initially, State of Washington to be on ground zero we worked with Governor of Washington, ..........freedom back into our people so that we can properly respect the foods, to share the language to share culture...determine, community comes in and the village raises the children because we act to the same, healthier people.....done at 1008am......

18. Treasurer Casey Mitchell – 10:09.....starts his report, Sun Necklace in Niimiipuu, younger members to introduce himself good to see everyone good to see you come out to attend general council, trying to find a groove to get thru, and a tribe we did the best job that we could, reads the highlights of the report.....FY2019 audits governing budgets, corona virus pandemic, audits,

19. Executive Session: Motion by Robert Kipp 2nd by Louis Harris, passed Executive Session at 10:27am.

Corona virus issues, expanded welfare services, PPE, keep all employees on payroll, running distribution centers, one additional July $1200 welfare payment to 18 years of age, to continue their work, big priority as we move forward to Covid funds, and stock piling PPE as well, our goal is that our people are prevented from getting effected...

Shannon Wheeler – announcement we appointed an Interim Executive Director Jesse Leighton, 1029am

Jesse Leighton: thankful for the tribe thinking about me as our family has been wanting to move home so it worked out, a lot of things going on ..it’s interesting and I am excited thank you and look forward to being back home been away 10 years, thanks again, look forward to working with everyone....

Auditor will have 20 minutes each...

Eke – Bluebird CPA
Elke Chenevey Merrill Lynch 1140am — Obvisouly the SRBA has rebounded since the low in March, why was there a change in the market, response to crisis going all the way back to World War 1 — covid was higher than the response to ....

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Mr. Chair — response — of course one of the possibility for individual ....open the course in 10 years, access those funds for development. Non audible.

Melvina Killscrow, what are we doing with our properties in Orofino, I know there are people that live there that would like jobs, when are going to get jobs, whose bright idea are we still paying taxes for our property, they are included let's do something with what we purchase,

Response — I am sure will be addressed in EO report

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Chair — one thing that was mentioned as Care Act funding, tribal businesses, it is up to you don’t have to have a EIN to sell food or beadwork whatever you do ...to replace the income of what you lost, develop a survey to ask to how the pandemic affected you, Non Verbatim..

1153pm — recess for lunch

107pm called back to order, still in Executive Session.....

Questions:

Alene P. — asks for hard copies...SRBA funding how to determine what level that you put in aggressive non aggressive, what do you recommend to our tribal council, is it a 6 month a year what else do you use to recommend to the tribe.

Response — overall investment policy statement that provides risk profile which is to be moderate risk profile, there is allocation across the investment stock, bond based upon diversification...one area is not doing so well, shown historically and thru much analysis,

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Quincy Ellenwood — just heard from Elke for short fund of SRBA, settlement fund, the Cobell was mismanagement funds, water sewer funds there may or may not be a shortfall but all the Dept under culture can’t give out a Per Capita but can we distribute as a Covid effective ...is there any way that we can average effective by Covid ....kids money was invested...non audible – non verbatim.

Chair response — candid question results that effected by Covid, those revenues will not be there considering the casino was closed for 60 days plus, we need to be very careful how we used the Cares Act monies as we do not want to have to pay them back as used in an improper way.

20. Motion to come out of Executive by Dan Kane, 2nd by Dallion Wheeler Sr.

21. Clarification on Motion by Alene Powaukee, if we come out of Executive Session will questions still be available for panel?
Gema Han – engagement partner for the enterprises FY 2019, first audit opinions highlights,

Every year gaming ordinance, annual audit, financial institutional and bank requires casino to have a yearly audit accountability to council and members to understand what is going on within the enterprises...January 28 is deadline...financial audit opinion and statements that explain the financial statement 3 different enterprises that the tribe has, remind gaming enterprises management to provide statement to audits,

Modified opinion 2019 – thanks to gaming commission and operations revenue went up.

1101am

Tonia Garcia – couple of question how did you expense out the $200,000 from Express stores?
Where are all the funds at forensic audit, gaming expenses whose owes them money like Express what happens to that?

Gemma Han – response – stores and casino management implement divide the expense, can you provide those areas of concern in writing, after presentation I can talk to the management to have the answers that you requested......we can see anything 3.5 million dollars in food and beverage, are they costing out golf course and Beginning budget from those expenses how much and how long it is going to take? - NOT VERBATIM...

Copy of audit do we have a copy of the audit, gaming commission have copy of the audit we sent them back in January.....

Golf course not included in the gaming expenses, enterprises to go into expenses from gaming not stores.

How much does a forensic quote, based on hourly depending how much time we spend?
Kermitt – briefly for the record we have unmodified audits we have followed all protocols, I will be providing more information on this during my report.

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Tonia Garcia, how much and how long hopefully we are going to get a report in writing....general council asked for a forensic audit to NPTEC something wrong with what we are doing...

Elke Cheneveuy Merrill Lynch – Jake Patrick Merrill Lynch, Steven Jarvis Clifton Larson Allen

Steven Jarvis - Clifton Larson Allen – non gaming enterprises 9/30/2019 – Hot springs, Golf Course and Expresses. Non audible —...1123am done,

Ann McCormack – difficult time reading that statement the financial statement is it in our booklet, it should be available ...could not see the document or hear auditor....Kermitt will provide financials?

Anthony Broncheau– Tonia come up requesting a copy of audit, single 80 pages, email it rather than copies of printed easier to emailed, just wanted to share that and how large that report is.

Jay KirkPatrick from Merrill Lynch – 1134am...SRBA investment performance results, non-audible.
22. Vote on Motion, voting by hand for coming out of Executive Session. 86 yes 39 no, Motion passed out of Executive Session at 1:33pm.

*****NOT VERBATIM******

23. Mike Bisbee Jr. – couple questions Corvid is only for 18 years and over, the 18 and under are no less Nez Perce than us, deem essential employees that were at work everyday during the pandemic no Thank you to the rest of the essential employees that were working, emergency money, not every employee not tribal members that we came to work every single day, no bonuses or lead back to us that came to work being called essential, every Nez Perce does not feel good for the tribe put myself at risk my family as I went to work, money should be spent towards us and the 18 years and under.

Response – Chair – appreciate the comments and the employees that came to work everyday the Health, Finance, Enterprise I believe I mentioned it while giving my report we have adopted a hazard pay and are reviewing that now and all those work individuals working on and get that information to the employees and couldn’t stay home a lot of families were like that we are in unprecedented time I do offer a hand to all the folks that stand here to continue to operate, 18 and under as it states in the guidelines to distribution in per capita form, the fiances looking at this without being audited and have to pay it back, that is why 18 and over was initiated.

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Alene P – under this Covid issue Casey mention that this Care Act is that for all entities for the tribe, it was going to essential workers’ pay, end of May? Ann McCormack what would you want for some grant not sure if that is the same one as the Cares Act how many do we have, especially for our children put this in as a request during the time during the stay at home my grandchildren stay home, the internet kept failing they would get frustrated as connection was questionable at times, they received then received their grades, I want something for our children if they don’t go back to school.

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Response Casey – there is two there is only one that can be used for the people, have separate funding that came in Idaho cares, directed for programs to help them supplement the loss for departments.

Alene P – follow up the tribe received just for the tribe and programs themselves or tribal members what else is the tribal members or programs able to look into.

Response: Casey there isn’t one that the tribe members can have access that he knows of.

Shannon Wheeler: there is funds designated for all tribal nations some of the things that available only for duration Dec. 2020 to utilize those funds, between now and the work place search them apply and surveys are coming out that individuals can answer on how the pandemic affected you.

Bill Warden Sr. LMT Tuesday talking about the US treasury on how disburse to the tribal nations they are using population, they were going to disburse tomorrow $366 million that are for different tribal members,

Response – the methodology consultation intergovernmental that was represented to the white house we sent in our comment, 5 tribes have taken US Treasury to court over the disbursement being held.
Not Verbatim........

Melvina KillsCrow – how many per capita have we had since 2005, I appreciate the letter you send but where is the money, what happens to the tribal members that haven’t gotten their GED or Diploma what is done with those kids money does it go back to NPTEC? I would like to know.

Casey – thank you, when they reach the age of 25 they receive their moneys.

Marissa Rickman – getting frustrated I don’t like Lewiston Morning Tribune guy is in house they shouldn’t be in here he’s writing it all down,

Marsan Lawyer – question on kids money you guaranteed was $3600, what I want to know what is your recommendation can you guarantee 1% or 2% per year interest?

Response Elke – personally that everyone is aware we are not advisory to the minors trust fund, minors trust fund there is different portfolios are by age, the older you get the lower interest rate is very low right now yielding less than 1%.

Louis Harris – question to our chair and treasury concerning our children’s trust back in 2013 we passed resolution to disperse payments to our kids, also like to request what has all lost, how are we going to get it all back,

Response – Chair – the younger the more aggressive the older you are is bonds, if there is any funds lost they would get ....pandemic affect everyone’s investment....amount of equitable over the course they will be recovered...

Micah B. – comment 18 money, we should teach our kids how to not depend on the tribe, teach the kids how to be responsible, don’t want to have education bills.

Dorika Powaukee – we not a public marketing we don’t have to disclose anything with the press.

Erik Holt – comment to the people we fail to recognize or don’t recognize some of the things 6/11/1855 we need to think about things like that it tells us who we are. Different options Gerber life time which doubles within their 18 years, we need to be thankful for the things we have not a lot of the tribes have treaty’s such as ours, from this day going forward not to lose sight of that’s who we are Rapid River standoff, that’s in our timena we need to recognize that and be thankful, we have ability to hunt, gather fish.

25. Motion to accept reports and excuse Erik Holt, 2nd by Julian Matthews. Motion carried at 218pm panel is excused.

26. Introduction to Paulette Jorden – 2:21pm – Blood relatives that are here you are incredible thank you, the east coast nations are struggling to keep their identity come here based upon prayers, we are fighting a real war, shift in the system, our children should be here to see what we are doing, not too long ago we are going to have these same discussions, maintain their culture and language, undermined our sovereignty, never in my life did we hear that others say support your kind of people, because of their goodwill we are still here, they fought for us for a reason, the sacrifice they made with their own lives to continue our tradition ways. Humanity and environmental issues where are the indigenous people they are calling upon indigenous voices like yours to voice to bring this world, Nov 3 there is a stark decision to make just like you, raised by the same elders we know each other I need you to share
my story by word of mouth, contagious we can’t be afraid to be a voice in congress, first time raised on reservation, women of enrolled, this is a number thing it requires all of us to make this happens, our children’s depend on it walk our talk to show that we mean it. I simple ask that you stand with me and participate we are going further than the senate, we need to make it happen we are peace keepers we are warriors to keeping the peace, thank you one and all.

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27. Emergency Operations Center – Update 237pm Dr. Hartwig & Marty Antone

Marty Antone – special thanks to council members for the leadership command staff EOC litigation response, public health response, command staff by experience level of professionalism.

Dr. Hartwig – several administration actions that took place, continue to read slides from presentation, non-audible...not verbatim...

Alene Powaukee – my understanding is I watch the news that tells us that there is a second wave, what are your recommendations, all the stay at home directive did excellent job, appreciate it.

Response – really focusing outlined and planned so that we can get things out quicker things in time when it is needed we will do the same in the community.

Kay Seven – if there is a next time a confidentiality, have an expectation of how we know who has it, is there a breach confidentiality...fear in the process in the community an You tube video in place if the virus comes in home, what can I expect, tele health is there a team member that will call and what needs I have to look out for. Not Verbatim....

Response – confidentiality is required respect and trust the leadership to notify those that can help you concerns that I have heard that are very challenging, everyone was concerned, and we learned a lot of things understand that if you are to get help then it is a challenge.

NOT VERBATIM.

Mary Tallbull – Facebook one of things that maybe confidentiality when everyone found out about it on Facebook. Adults talk, adults need to share with their children, don’t listen to adult talk, there were posts that spook the herd, we did have to gather supplies, I had to step back because I am old play it safe.

DelRae Kipp – couple of concerns I am social distancing, what Idaho is lowest with restrictions, we have families coming from different areas, do we have anything in place other than we are open and we are running when I go into town I have to fill out questionnaire, one case in Nez Perce county....nobody came to my office that I work with two other people I haven’t an assessment yet, expanding some offices?...who do we contact? NOT VERBATIM.

Response – there’s a link on the page about SOPs for the supervisor to make assessment, some of them are to allow to work from home switch shifts, provisions in there to work outside the box in innovated way to work,

28. Motion to accept and excuse the panel by Al Wheeler 2nd Connie Watters. Motion passed 3:39pm.
29. Christine Bradbury – liaison Forest Service – Nez Perce Payette & Clearwater and ceded areas, updates Payette national forest leadership turnover ....Linda Jackson in February is new and she has two deputies Sue Howell and Keven Night.

Cheryl Kroger, Forest Service supervisor Nez Perce Clearwater forest manager....sustaining tribal interests on the land, many agreements, real information on the covid,

Mike Gaita – Nez Perce historical park in Spaulding – activities going on there...filling staff and roles in the park we had a lot of changeover there Ashley Adams new Superintendent of Spaulding.

Meredith Moffett – Friends of the Forest more wood taken out why is that?

Response – we have actually increasing the amount of acres we are treating mainly for fuels and forest health conditions we do environment analysis a lot of trees that are in mid-high disease, a lot of different reasons, some people want more and some people want less, the draft forest plan document, NOT VERBATIM.

Pete Wilson – question for Forest Service I want to know who gives the right to those that get trees some places are clear cut, these affect our medicines and traditional places, some of the places I use to grow they don’t grow there anymore.

Response – I am charge in administering for the Clearwater forest what overrides is sustainability. I will take a closer look into that, may need to discuss more so that we can assure that these can be saved.

Mary Jane Souther – to let the General Council know Circle of Elders meet monthly with the Spaulding park administration fortunate that we work with the park, they depend on the circle of elders.

Elroy Moffett – we gather garbage, ATV parts, three bags of garbage when we go fishing, still the same someone has to do something about it, takes the fun and joy out of enjoying the outdoors.

Gwen Carter – Good Afternoon my question for all the Federal Partners coming to General Council we are recycling the forest service people I would really like to see tribal people in those positions, we should be telling our history not thru an interpreter that works there I have a degree in history my son in law he’s in competition even in maintenance, we have a lot of people that need work.

Response – Thank you I like to work with Dane that internship that is a new pathway that program has you qualify for federal government once all completed,

Harry Slickpoo Jr. – thanks the panel to hear from them, I would like to see our signs out in the forest in our language we want to see our language our culture out there on your signs.

Darrel Wheeler – one very short comment – regarding the sign at Clearcreek early July 1877 the Looking glass village was attacked no casualties on our side except the mother and son crossing the river,

NOT VERBATIM....

30. Motion to excuse and accept report by Chairman Wheeler, 2nd by Dallion Wheeler Sr. Motion passed at 4:30pm.
31. Motion to recess for the day so that we can have more people here to hear the reports Mary Jane Souther 2nd Meredith Moffett. Motion passed recess to for the day

32. Closing prayer Mary Jane Miles at 433pm
Friday, June 19, 2020

General Council

33. Call to Order at 859am.

34. Mary Jane Miles for opening prayer...9am

**Budget & Finance Subcommittee Reports**

34. Casey Mitchell: invites all members of the subcommittee up, reads power point, reporting programs ED, EO, NMPH ED, Finance departments, Credit Program goes over goals goes over accomplishments. approved FY2020, reviewed and accepted the monthly financials for the Nez Perce Tribe government, auditors report as of June 16, 2020 account balances and trust settlements finalize the merger of the GRAP minor trust funds, investments, general hazard pay policy to be included in HR manual, approved Hazard Pay for eligible employees and proposed pay done reading at 9:11am. NOT VERBATIM.

35. Enterprise Report: Sonya Oberly — 9:13am only one here so I will do a verbal met maybe 6 times the covid 19, interesting voice of general council, hard to get communication from top management, we are trying to better our communication. NOT VERBATIM.

Questions & Answer:

36. Resolution presented by Micah Bisbee 2nd by Edith Powaukee, “NPTEC will evaluate the Higher Education budget for the following line items; Nez Perce Tribe & BIA Higher Education scholarships; ....”

37. For or against Resolution:
   Chantelle Greene — in support of Resolution...
   Roberta Bisbee — in support of Resolution —
   Casey Mitchell — in support of Resolution —

38. Resolution GCSP20-01 passed and adopted at 9:23am.

Questions for the panel
- Alene Powaukee — page 66 General Council report SRBA funding...6th item Enterprise marketing fee $11,000 — policy states what can go under the SRBA, marketing licensing fee how is that we can provide enterprise marketing fee under the SRBA, but cannot have a contractors ability when they pull for repairs they should put things back, how is it that this policy cause it’s for the wet areas that has to do with water, but marketing licensing fee in this program...elders cannot replace the linoleum once work has been approved, on their own.

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Response — Good Morning I will attempt to address, the marketing fee, the fish permit sent over to the enterprise, vendor license for fish licensing there was a part of the marketing for this far as the SRBA for individual water and sewer for projects the individuals that are required their work should be warranty or guaranteed, go back and complete the program needs to hear about it.

Alene — the gentleman that came to my house the wet areas but cannot replace the linoleum...as a contractor thought that was your responsibility when you do a repair it should be place back as it was I was surprised, that we don’t provide that service, should do it when it is safe again.
Liz - follow-up that as tribal members we do not have to accept half work you need to let the program know in writing I am sure the program would take care of, Casey - just real quick on the transfer of the fish permits it was the idea that from fisheries that the enterprises could market the fish permits easier and more easily than they could, Quincy to provide any comments on SRBA

Quincy - SRBA coordinate domestic water, individual water, program 2016 amended halfway, 60 miles from reservation to tribal members, policy that came up finish paint or floor, there have been times when the person bought a piece of linoleum, they would fit into expense, Policy of NPTEC if you want to add this now is the time to do it, anything damage with the sewer I was told that we cannot cover finish floor or finish paint, will need policy action.

Nicole George - we do some SRBA projects we are not allowed linoleum our company replaces that we can, I want to know how many jobs that are CIBS as we are not getting, how much of that SRBA monies are going out.

Response - Casey there is a process, CIBs are top of the list.

Quincy - to the SRBA, Duncon, B&C, Marvin Boyd, there are three cibs, Russel construction, they mainly do septic systems, last three months we were only two in company and two in Kamiah there are more assignments of Covid we were operating under black mold, septic pumped, if someone was business minded, a lot of the business is septic as there is a lot of money and jobs requested rotor rotor is a lot of time out here, in well water pumps, specialty jobs there. I don’t have in detail of what is going on and who has been assigned jobs.

39. Motion to accept report and excuse the panel by Danae Wilson 2 Edith Powaukee, Motion passed at 9:48am.

Law & Order Reports –

40. Liz Attao – 0951 – reporting to L&O programs, Section 108 to give BIA, Covid code, chapter on criminal and domestic violence, tribal code, revision, keeping in mind ease of access, 3 community meetings, there will be additional meetings for the next go around, this will strengthen the code protect the rights, proposed changes to the L&O for comment then submit to NPTEC urge everyone to protect, election ordinance is currently posted for your review, we did an emergency amendment there is a comment to make it more permanent improvements that need to be made, congratulations to the election judges and General Council.

41. Jesse Filkins 1003am – could be repetitions as Liz’s report, tribal court, tribal prosecute, public defender, fish and wildlife gaming commission. Goals to persevere and enhance tribal sovereignty...5 year plan, planning group meetings but has not started, Non Audible – NOT VERBATIM

42. Richard Johnson 10:18am Gaming Commission President, Albert Barros Vice President, Merrill Simpson Secretary. Limited meetings due Covid meetings have been teleconference, 1-3 level
gaming commissioner training, one of the things that we requested Student for Success program the Nonsmokers casino, operations that are sent to Elliott once we have discussed, we want all our tribal members to enjoy our casinos, NOT VERBATIM.

Question/Answers 1023am

Elroy Moffett – worked for 31 years, if there is a complaint there is nothing that is going to happen the peace keepers, if there is a complaint against the officer it should go to the peace keepers, the unions work, different way to go about ...NOT VERBATIM

Frank Weaskus – question we have a lot of trespassing going on tribal land I been saying this every year, the 1855 that would be equal with the state, it is against federal law the tresspass our land, law and order code should have the 1855 treaty so that if we go fishing in Oregon Washington and Montana, usual and customs basis, according to 1855 treaty its federal law it is up to law and order subcommittee to look into our treaty rights, get the BIA to do their job it is up you to remind the BIA that it is their job, everybody rights, I keep saying when are you guys going to do this, we follow federal law not state...

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Karee Picard – comment towards the resolution, one of our interns, thank you for resolution, committee comment that privileged that I commend Marty Antone, I am the Uuy kimtee director, sexual assault domestic abuse, thank them for the service to our tribe..

Roberta Bisbee – I was able to sit with my grandma Bernice she wasn’t able to be here, one of the issues that she wanted to be bought to the floor, Would like to the traditional law into the law and order code, charging our own people, to have communication with their elders, mediator, traditional law component, and place in the law and order code,

Mary Jane Souther – TERO commission... 10:32am sorry for I am late, was counting on our chairman Tony Bybee to be here, Mary Tallbull, Bruce Lawerence, Tony Bybee, Ron Holt and myself, every year we report that we have had funding I apologize for not getting the advertisement out in advance, I apologize for the Kamiah area people, we have forth coming projects to sign up with Tero now, there is going to be jobs up in Kamiah and Orofino now, the office does not put out any effort into finding out what projects are coming to the reservation, just advocate for Tero we have seen progress and then we go down, disturbed that those are walking around or not putting in any effort to come into the Tero to see what is needed...like the one project that is on the highway, come up with excuses because so and so treats me bad, but remember you are the member of tribe...coming into Tero office to ask for training that is our right, we need to have our own people working, I support the director we have made recommendations, we need councilman to support us, we have one NPTEC member that comes to our meetings he really does uplift us, lets quit complaining because we need training push your way in there it can happen ...we have CIBS we chose who we want in there let’s not do that we need to treat everyone the same I hope that we can count on ourselves not outside businesses come in, who do I go to plead with to support so that our people can get trained and
hired, let use those training money....I will forever advocate for our people for you if you need to have help our office

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Liz Attao – thank you for reports from these departments, right now we are in the budget process now is the time that if you have a need let the programs know, I know of several programs that open and listening to hearing the recommendations...miscommunication that is needing so that we can refocus sometimes in what we are really there for,

Georgeanne Morrison – you guys talking about peace makers does the tribe have peacemakers and who are they we have two people signed up for training as soon as we can get an approval, also comment peace makers and mediators, they are used as a traditional approach there is a mediation in our tribal code ....thru the court ask the judge how to approach that...

Josh Henry – address Law section is there any collaborate agreement we do with the city ordinances with the tribal ordinances, that my neighbor shot and killed my dog by non-tribal, this city ordinance for farm animals you have to have a permit, whole situation across the nation I am for the action that is taken, I support the cause of how some people’s lives have no value, thin line between the city and tribal ordinance, state and county officials to prosecute tribal members on reservations, regards to life’s being taken I seen it personally a tribal life being taken by law enforcement and nothing be done, my neighbor shot my dog for my dog for killing her chickens do our tribe follow the city limit ordinances, we are allowing county officials come onto our reservation to prosecute, stepping on our inherit sovereign rights when is our tribal enforcement going to hold them up to our sovereign rights...Idaho state law ?? Is there anything that is being development that our tribal members can uphold our sovereign rights, there is always ad for tribal police, we have more police officers than Game Wardens.

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Chantelle Greene – thank you for your comments and we total agree we did past resolution, Unfunded mandate ...yes that the counties and state over our reservations, making policy changes so we are attacking our sovereign, we are getting behind, we do now hear from state officials, non audible.

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Solo Greene – across the board here from our concerns that we have take a look at yourself we make choices based on individual, things don’t get upheld because your family, upriver your downriver, we are here because we are Nez Perce, each of us and all that work for the Nez Perce tribe, people need to look at why are you in the position that you are here to serve the Nez Perce people we are not doing a lot of people here that we are not doing that...how can one person get picked up one person multiple times, then one person gets picked up one time and sits, accountability and the laws that we have applied for all of us, take a look at our programs and individually.

Loretta Halfmoon – tell everyone here that I have relatives here or grandsons down the in Spaulding across the bridge, people that live in there says you can’t go in the river, you cannot cross into our property to go to the river to go fishing they don’t want to see our people to go fishing, they said they will turn everyone in that will go there we have fishing laws and I know
everyone them fishing down there is Rufus Oregon that was a hardship that going to court and winning the case for you all here...I don’t want any one of our people to get shot and we don’t hear any of them......they have no trespass signs for you people, who do you think that is Indian people, along the river you seen no trespass signs. Something to think about....

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Harold Scott – Good Morning, Chief of Police, several questions that I would like to address, we do have access rights, Treaty of 1855 is very valuable that we use we talk about sovereign if we utilize the movement that is happening right now I applaud those people walking the streets, I was a victim that’s why I became a law enforcement as I wanted to make sure we are treating fairly...I would love to see more tribal people that, yes I did follow thru and I am developing programs to address these, I respect you Nez Perce people you are my boss, 2 rural officers that been hired by a grant, our properties are being overwhelmed, when you talk about these cases, we go to the mountains you have seen the trees and damage to property it is happening it is real, we don’t have enough officers, 11:09am.

Scherry Greene – comment to Hulle thank them for showing up to BLM in Lewiston made us feel safer...that situation that help to participate, the other thing during this covid 19 safety for those out in public, being out more walking trails and Bever grade so I recognize that are regulars especially because the road, the young moms with smaller kids, if they’re not paying attention luckily for me I can hear people coming...if it was someone other than me it would be hit, we need to have more safety signs people need to be made aware, ......safety measure for our people signage,

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Hulle response – Codes without sirens and no lights, one of the big things we are trying to do is work with enforcements neighboring so that we can implement, we do not have jurisdiction with the city of Lapwai we need to get this...MDU with all neighboring enforcements, some of these issues need to be changed updated long time ago, cross civilization in CDA yes that does work we need to make some positive moves I believe we will do this right and protection for all, we need signage I will look into that.

Micah Bisbee – walk every day since March, lil more patrol street lights, in the BIA grounds,

Kerma Greene – trespass issues and difficulty that the tribe is having what is relationship is there any protocols or relationship with law enforcement, the only person that can issue trespass is the BIA, we need to have protocols, we need work to together, how many correspondence is coming out of BIA that show trespass, how many receive what action, where is the data...important to be proactive, sovereign nation let’s start acting, fix those programs so that these changes can be made, this is our land,

Response – the trespass that have been reported to the subcommittee when the officers called the individuals are usually gone by then, when they are approached or seen, different forms to trespasses, damage to the land there is a process we do receive reports,
Hulie – we have met with trespass we have started implementing that procedure we work with Idaho Fish and Game, we had to fence that off no offense to anyone ...working with Kim Cannon, as far as the cases going ...issue federal trespass, but by the time we respond the individual is already gone, it's a two street, even tribal members are dumping on ....

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Clendon Allen – this is for the ones that check out tribal allotments some my aunt here Florene Davis we have a place right above Whitman’s we have family members that go there all that is left there is a foundation, I go check out our place, a lot of people try to set up hunting camps set up trailers, I had hunters that tree stands I cut down trees took the tree stands to pawn shop and kept the money, check out tribal allotments they use to do that...I been up there before it snowed and there was soyapoois in that place cutting trees down and selling the firewood, I myself did my own survey there are places there that are culturally and they are still there, I found some obsidian that was up in that area, use to one of the places where our people use to come thru main avenue coming for Oregon to here, I would like to see more of the patrolling of allotments, things there that soyapoois take and they sell them, this whole place is a value culturally, old marking on a tree, things under rocks, tree mark, know of allotments and check on these places as soyapoois try to take over our place.

Liz response – Thank you for that if you have land that have timber on it, that would be Howard Teasley in forestry so his team can do an assessment for the record.

43. Motion to accept and excuse panel by Danae Wilson, 2nd Louis Harris. Motion passed at 11:33pm.

44. Recess for lunch....

45. Back to order 10:20pm – MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM

Natural Resources
Ferris Paisano – reporting programs, read all those that are listed...names all those that department leaders, accomplishments...Nez Perce tribe has been a leader, 4 of the other tribes follow suit. Nez Perce forest service revision plan, intertribal collaboration, CRITIC, NCAI, ITC, we are administrators of area, treaty 1855 was Nez Perce treaty that the others tribes were added, we have to take our role of being administrators.

Land Commission Enterprises,
Liz Arthur-Attao – Our report is on pages 11 & 12, of booklet, fee to trust application that are pending,......agriculture leasing, Land acquisition...a group that is comprised of Housing, Water Resources Cultural, Fisheries group of 12 make up the Land Acquisition team, one property acquired is Nash property that was purchased with SRBA, Hunting Ranch just outside of...north of Nez Perce purchased used SRBA, McPherson by Clearcreek, Acres of Tribal ownership 16% of 1863 reservation 123,277 acres...land services has a app that you can locate what reserve you are at....you have to have a smart phone, emergency operating center that partners gathering data. NOT VERBATIME
Climate Energy Subcommittee –
Chantelle Greene – 477 program for solar and internship, on the job training, to 15-18 members as it is being worked upon, power packs with solar panels, 2011 implementation, climate smart and u of I research grant, 3 pillars, people, planet, non-audible. MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM.

Fish & Wildlife Commission -
Quincy Ellenwood – one of the first job after election in September was to scatter our terms, every year it will be back in accordance to bylaws, in the fall there will be 1 1 year term, and 1 2 year term, there was adjusting to our terms so that we can be accordance with our bylaws, we are forefront leaders there in buffalo country, all the tribes wait and see what we do, we do everything we can to preserve ...tribal organized buffalo hunt first and proud that we can do that. (1:52pm)

Utility Board –
Loretta Halfmoon. we lost a valued utility board employee from Kamiah, we lost him on May 16th, there is damage in Kamiah we lost the facility, ... hard to find out who destroyed tribal property, we have people work for utility 7 members ... we have monthly meetings, if you need explanation of how your bill is we need to know, 351 tribal customers ... the tribe is owed close to $40,000... if you have a question come to the board, as you know it's getting hot outside and we need water to survive, if you can’t pay go somewhere that can help you.

Question/comments:
Julian Matthews – chair is really doing a good job, was wondering about the solar power, Spokane at the moment has solar panels the trend now is solar power, it would be nice to see our tribe pushing the envelope to have solar power, introduce or develop solar panel ... Fish and Wildlife pollute from pesticide or fertilizer goes into water/river ... idk if its wheat farms.

Response – partnership with revelation with solar 15–20 members on job training to install solar panels on building here, economic, power packs is storing... so the Nez Perce tribe is going ahead with economic storage with energy grids,

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46. Resolution by Elliott Moffett, 2nd by Connie Watters; Rights of Nature.

Comments for or Against Resolution:
Agnes Marek – in favor of the resolution, is there a reason why it is only Snake River and not all waters of the tribe.

Elliott Moffett – all its tributaries, we need to look at

Erik Holt – thanks for the Resolution, curious how we would apply that thru policies and jurisdiction what that looks like in its totality... how would it look on paper ... general consensus of the land .... Treaty exclusive right that we don’t... begin with our treaty language how will it play out with policy and regulation... we don’t have jurisdiction of the rivers,
Ferris P. – tribe has filed against of state of Oregon, water qualities, new federal ....challenge


Cont’d Questions & Comments to Panel:

Merrill Simpson – 216pm diabetes coordinator, what activities that we can improve the health of our people, have land in Reuben's it is beautiful property, nature trails bicycle trails to get healthy, hopefully you guys will consider it.

Liz Arthur Attao – It would be really good as a safe trail, even some of us that are getting old but to be safe, we do have a program rodeo grounds did a nature area that we can look into little more, other areas that will be safe, scenic area that is a great suggestion.

Renee Holt – Fish and Wildlife commission I have a question and I know it came up before if there was a resolution, I see some of my sisters and seasoned gathers, as women we have a responsibility with the land as we have gatherers wanted to ask if you have thought about it if we had a woman on the fish and wildlife board...as our roots are just important...

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Response - we take that very seriously we do the best that we can appreciate the concern.

Chantelle G. – voice concerns gathers are important to be able to identifiable.

Lucinda George wonder if the diseases have reached our game as of yet...does anyone know.

Nickles TwoMoons – with the elk that came in from the west coast is well aware of it, I actually harvested a cow elk with froth they did study...there wasn't anything wrong with the meat or internal organs, if you do see any signs of bad meat or bad smell it would be on the lungs, heart, dispose of it, let them know Fish and Game so that they can take samples of it...the hooves was long and bent I kept it and I'm fine.

Elroy Moffett – one thing Quincy don't you ever apologize for being proud of being Nez Perce, you got to be passionate about being Nez Perce...since I retired have several operations, I take walks, the old PF1 mill in Kamiah now there is vandalism, it is beautiful now there is graffiti, on buildings we take it and spray against they broke into building now it's all broken and windows are out, I don't know if it's policed give me some signs I will put them up, since I been back the last three years, I keep getting bills for property taxes, why do I got to pay taxes?

Dallon Wheeler Sr., 232pm.....my question for Land Commission a couple weeks ago and last fall different individuals asked me where to go or where to go sell land to the tribe what would they do or where to ask to sell land to the tribe.
Liz Attao – there is a process while determining how to sell land to tribe...how the land is determined for purchase, there is a policy and procedure going into more detail as to what the land can be used for or buy the tribe,

48. Motion to accept report and excuse the panel by Danae Wilson Motion 2nd by Casey Mitchell. Motion passed panel excused at 2:37pm.

49. **Presentation** 239pm – Lucinda George presents eagle feather as this man had stood up for his people, they did a good job....Tre Miles – thank you for seeing me as NiiMiipuu, as I left for school I am seen as thug, I had a police called up on me because of me seeing as a threat, 11am Juneteeth want to celebrate black culture, heritage both cultures coming together...thank you

Aaron Miles I want to say something about this nephew here as he has been a great help to his uncle when I lost my son and my dad he has carried me....he looks like me more than my boys do he has been with me from day one ...been a real tuff time, I am the eldest of my family...i am proud of that,

50. **2020 Census Get Out the Vote** – Anthony Broncheau: committee main focus to complete survey 10 questions and the data is used 10 years, every survey does amount to a lot of money, have a Facebook page, we want to reinitiate that, get out the vote, for 2020 Get Out the Vote, the dates have been extended...get ahold of me or our team for any questions, emphasis how important data is with our funding,

Scherrri Greene – thank you Anthony he does great if you can please look at Facebook the last day to respond is October 2020, do online or mail in form....critical for tribe ....

Kay Seven – Get out the Vote....2020 census is all about partnership....now to end of October to vote.

Marilyn Bowen – when lived in San Diego my daughter she thought she was going to native homes instead she placed in office she was involved in data, got my addressed I was home and we lived out of town, .....Do you have a census id...make sure they have their ID.,

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51. Motion to recess by Danae Wilson, 2nd by Edith Powaukee. Motion passed recess at 3:05pm

52. Closing prayer by Mary Jane Miles, 3:06pm.

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General Council

53. Call to order – 858

54. Opening prayer Mary Jane Miles.

55. Human Resource Reports:

Chantelle Greene - **Chair HR subcommittee**...lists all those that serve also the programs that is directly under HR...reads report from book 8 and 9 page....May 5th designated Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples task force....difficult year the front line staff our support staff did amazing job the Covid was very challenging, appreciation to our staff and all the entities, a lot of policies that had to be changed ....privilege to work with the Nez Perce tribe....final stages of recovery many positives, keep providing services to the community.

**Senior Citizen Advisory Board** – Marilyn Bowen, board members identified, Susie cannot be here, Susie Chair, Marilyn Vice Chair, Gloria is Secretary, we had to do a lot of changes with the one thing that we changed with Elder of the year, we are going to place up, nominations up to July will announce Elder of the year at Fall General Council, requirements to be considered, last year we had 14 invalid votes, a verified signature, planning meeting in Nez Perce Elder day, as far as we have we have not heard of any Elders day coming up on the west side, firewood Nez Perce elders are told its supplemental for some elders it is the only source, requesting 3 cords of firewood, don’t get in to personnel matters, one other concern that is bought up the Orofino center, it has been closed for several months, they have no place for meetings or social gatherings, temporary site and it is still sitting empty.

**Nimilipuu Health** – Roberta Bisbee; thought I can transition in smoothly but no the Covid hit and it was very busy and interesting, this job is the most challenging job I have ever held, has powerpoint and reads off of it....mission, standard of operations, now and after Covid. each department provided the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Covid we have that and have presented it to the tribe, Greenway a huge breakthrough for the clinic it is a software that can combine all services so that there is no gap in care. *******NOT VERBATIM

**Boys & Girls Club** – Marie Bahaze – Chair, Executive Director Isaac Sisto, introduce board members, an overview we transitioned from Lewiston Boys n Girls club to be Nez Perce tribe Boys n Girls club we received $50,000 in grants, before Covid 98 attendees per day, have 19 club members from Culdesac community, presently we do not have any Orofino and Kamiah members because of Covid, power hour, academic homework help n tutoring.

**Housing** – Shirley Allman, Vice Chair of Board of Commissioners, Richard Arthur is Chair and is not here so I will read the report as is. My first year on Housing Board is very exciting and housing does a lot for the Nez Perce Tribe.

1015am – Questions/Comments

Marissa Rickman – what we all went thru in the past months it was kind of a mental thing for me the Covid in my lifetime did not see it come as an enemy, thank our Nimilipuu Health for being strong and there when we needed them, I was worried about medications and different things the whole Nez Perce
Nation stayed together felt that surety that we were safe, for all the things they done and are doing for our medication.

Response – Thank you for the support as well, that was one thing that we told the staff that, mental health needed to have available together with the tribe collaboration we were wearing masks while other were so laxed about it.

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Lucinda G – Thank Niimilipu Health that virus had a longtime friend from Colville that tested their health did give her a mask she went to Spokane, she lost 150 pounder, be serious about this, wear those masks out there.

Response – elevating services thinking of adding the Respiratory wing, and going to issues an RFP.

Melvina Killscrow – I am going to ask housing when they are going to housing responsibility supposed to be guaranteed safety.

Karee Picard and we do provide assistance to individuals it has to be reported ...Elder advocate follow-up, it is a common our elders why doesn’t have an agency of aging program, to where they are able to see vulnerable elders needs are being met, vulnerable elders someone that don’t family members to check them also shared with Elders of Circle, sit on board to hear their concerns.

Response – we are working on that it will relocated right next to Niimilipu health.

Sharon Moffett – Sr program doing with Covid 19, hot lunches are not in to go boxes, what is the Sr going to do with the money saved since no travel is happening.

Response – as far as hot lunches on hold since March, they are using safety requirements, grab a lunch and go, possible having our own tribal elders day, that is tentative,

Lee B. – follow up on the comments my daughter I worked in Colville manager of aging agency,

Georganne M. – want to talk about my program, when we were off we were told we cannot work no more, each of the girls with four kids, told they can’t work ...we under the title 6, meals and resource lists for seniors, in July Lapwai will start serving hot lunch only to go, food vouchers for Orofino was $40 a month we up to $60, our driver cut us, we need volunteers,

Trae Blackeagle – stand for a few minutes a lot of criticism I would like to thank twice I was given a box I was concerned that veterans and elders where are is our help, people elders don’t have much money,

Aaron Miles Sr. – Firewood, we could probably get more but the species is hard to get, hit a point where we need a better plan we need to provide for our elders, look at the other tribes and see how they be, had some issues breaking in there taking firewood away from program.

Ann McCormack – my sister just called that my sister has tested positive for Covid, she has to be quarantined wanted to say that there is many opportunities for our seniors.

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Alene – thanks to see Covid funding for Seniors, what is the money for, I don’t know what it is for, none of this information what kind of services, would like to request this information how much did the money and programs receive monies, what is the social services, can they help grandparents … I am thankful that we are getting $1200, get that information to the people.

Chantelle – Casey did elaborate that the Cares money did receive, we need to get the criteria straighten, utilities gas water what are our needs from Mar 1st to Dec, we can get that help to the tribe our entities to reimbursement … costs … recovered, what are our left over funding, we also received other funding.

- page 13 it shows the monies that Niimilpu received … some are grants that are requirements and criteria … to the members, Cares Act committee that is appointed by NPTEC to have budget made available to the membership,

Connie Watters – Health board where it has gone, I heard from some of the health board, seem like someone should have written letters, I just want to know where the Health board went.

Julian Matthews – asked that my question appreciate the answer to Chantelle we got answer, I seen that once a question to be answered ... in writing, VA administration if you live in a certain areas you can be eligible for care, look into cover when they don’t live on the reservation … response or written response,

Chantelle – other tribes are working together and our CHISDA purchase refer care, outside of the four corners with providers, agreements and provide direct care it is getting done right now,

Roberta B – response – CHISDA is a concern to patients and we understand that, NPTEC policy passed in 2018, I am currently researching how eligibility applies, it is up to the discretion of the tribe,

Dr. Hartwig – the VA has primary care in there a long time, every insurance company, IHS/VA MOU,

J. Matthews – need of members off the reservation, either change the CHISDA, or build contracts with doctors where they live …

R.Bisbee – with the CHISDA it is a responsibility of us along with working with the NPTEC,

Clendon Allen – find out some information housing or Chantelle, I got a house that I live in and it is a very old house, back 75 or 76 they use to have this program all women’s carpentry, when they worked on my walls are crooked in there, I been trying to get help to get straight up my foundation underneath, it leans in towards the middle it is getting real bad now, I had issues with plumber when they got into plumbing, I talked to City Hall and Quincy to get some help, we still have our well there, our septic tank, seems to me the city limits keep changing, I asked Chairman Wheeler having a hard time trying to get my house fixed, it’s an old house, I keep working on it and repairing it, try to hopefully get help from somebody,

Tonia Garcia – suggest Niimilpu health start dispensing CBD it is legal everywhere it is better than pain pills, I can write the policy for it, to save the money,

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Updates –

Ann McCormack – Economic Development Planner – needs assessment notify us to what they wanted submitted Cares Act to NPTEC and Cares Act committee, thank the leadership for acting early and declaring state of emergency for the tribe....zero causalities in the nez perce tribe, vital is good health, thank all essential workers, I was sent home, 14.7 million cares act funds....resiliency to nez perce tribe...economic suitability...pg 23 & 24, wallowa fundraiser complete we raised 7000 dollars,

1148am

Liz Attao – Land Acquisition team – we know the ac works, most of it was covered with land commission yesterday there is information on page 21,

Shelby Leighton – NPT Enterprise Planners – as a business operations planner, work with Kermit Mankiller work with current enterprises, and with future business, future enterprises, ..updates on how they are going; electric car recharging ....Idaho grant from those monies fast charge stations, first two to CRC, the third will go to IYY, two will be sent to Pineewaus and Wa Ya Yas for members, Clarkston Golf and country club just completed first year of operation, winter and Covid closures, two capital purchases mowers, and rollers, ideally beats out the local golf courses, surveillance systems in order to keep it safe and surveillance...also POS system upgraded, assumed the pro shop that year has so it includes golf carts rental, club and cart care, membership costs, set to rebrand in April fell in pandemic look ahead in August to rebrand, youth entries for path ways to pick up an activity for youth ....Hot springs rebrand with marketing items what was we was selling underpricing with competitors so we adjusted our membership and daily pricing, monthly or long term membership...Lapwai business park, feasible study ......community partnership, stronger relationship, important to get into those communities show appreciation ....strong network, enterprise inherited first permits, got site up with information systems to smooth selling of permits, we continue to work with hemp, work with hemp initiatives, still focused on a pilot to plan get familiar with plant and handling of.

Aaron Miles Sr. – Integrated Resource Management Plan – quick update – working on a RFP for a long time different opinions about it, give you the goal is strengthen, basing of our funding is EPA, section 106 type of work 319 under EPA.

56. Recess lunch for 12:30pm be back 1:30pm panel will return after lunch.

Questions/Concerns

Angel Sobotta – Niimiipuu timpt is natural resource with the pandemic we have to be prepared in the future to teach online, hoping to ANA grant with tribe dollars to provide resources online...we had surveys and focus groups...one of the surveys we picked some winners: Waptes Holt gas card, Mary Johnson she gets a gift card to some place to eat, Willie Allman gift card for Mocassins flats.

Julian Matthews – one thing that I was thinking about healing journey ...met these people hemp camp, some people that can set up their lands for camps and green spaces.

Response: Aaron Miles = good comment the tribal council to use land, it is a great thing the buying land there is a great idea to enhance the lands and particular use of land.
Harry Slickpoo Jr. – question land acquisition and or integrated resource do you guys focus on buying parcels of land, our legend places are they being considered, there are places that are being turned into gravel pits, do you consider identifying these places and accurately, protecting our legends sites,

Response - the focus on land acquisition the team, what comes forward or something that we see, potentially buy, depending that we prioritize or pushed to move, culture resource damage, state owned or fee titled obviously federal protection does not apply, depending our need is at any given moment.

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Mary Tallbull – one of my concern is about land and water, purchasing land, that is good and well, when we purchase land we need to take care of it, look at tackle shop, RV park, Mahoney property all these look good but now they are forgotten, upriver Thornsprings, that house is going to waste, we just let them sit and waste, lots of cattle up on go to Kim Cannon says there are 200 not 50, take care of it...prove it, take care of it,

Liz Attao – I just really appreciate that being bought up, we do buy property with home and we don’t take care of it, I hope our tribal members are watching out for our building structure we need to report it, if there is house on there we need family’s that need houses in there.

James Lawyer – trust application report, land commission enterprise report, pending trust...

Liz Attao – the status of those you are talking been packages are prepared they haven’t sent it yet, there is no action on those we know....

Josh Henry – Thankful for our younger people, but regardless to economic development community garden, learn and to reestablish getting back to mother earth, unlike we don’t have a big grocery store, we have one individual monopoly all these buildings here are going bare, are they working with the city, let’s make city more beautiful, to stay here and live here, where are those jobs going to be, Natural Resource section applaud for Fish and Wildlife to go and provide. see in our homelands that soyapoo that own buffalo and in the east people are investing in buffalo, we have cattle all over our lands here the why can’t we establish our own buffalo here so we don’t have to deal with Montana, our community be well developed, laundry mats, butcher places.

Ann McCormack – Thank you for your comments when I first got this job 2009 I told NPTEC I got busy tried to get a group together two years of training, we need to conduct surveys to have a need analysis, to move forward we needed the leadership to .....the Nez Perce tribal land all of it is locked up in individual private ownership, you cannot find an actual ownership, when you do try to tear down you have a lot of issues to go thru.....then we focused on green areas, the tasks became too difficult, then my time was redirected.

Aaroni Miles - appreciate the comments about buffalo, we try to work with nature to get the population protected I realize that natural population from Yellowstone, and bringing it here, I hear that we need to reexamine and try to get our own herd,

Jackie Taylor – couple of questions but feel it’s for the Enterprise Board so I make a motion to accept and excuse the panel.
Marrissa R - I like what Josh say I agree, I been laughing at our Lapwai we are getting new sidewalks and new roads but where is the people, let do something that makes our town look good, I would like to commend Ann McCormack my son works with her once in a while this lady went out on her own to purchase a piece of land in our homeland in Wallowa valley, to have for us, all she needs is a little a more, why can’t our tribe help her purchase that for our people, our tribe purchase a land there it makes feel like we are welcome in our own land,

57. Motion to accept report and excuse panel Joanne Taylor 2nd by Connie Watters. Motion passed at 2:13pm.

Public & Private Sector Reports

58. Motion to into Executive session by Ann McCormack, 2nd Casey Mitchell at 2:15pm. Motion to go into executive session, passed in Executive Session at 2:15pm.

Executive Session

Shannon Wheeler for the ED report – Located on page 20 in report book, land acquisition committee thank you for all you do, renaming committee that is led by Cultural director we want to name these new properties of what the areas mean to us we never name things after the last of the people, difference between the place and thankful that we put our stamp on it, it we as we do things at a peple, their expertise and their help, READS report from pages 20-25, enforcement sign committee a lot of times that these places go to place cabins it is part of taking care of our lands out there,

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Kermitt Mankiller – Recognize Lilly Kaufman, her dedication and years of service for the Tribe and Enterprise retiree, ....reads his report

QUESTION/CONCERNS

Lucinda – thanks to Julian Matthews for shutting down the casino....when I worked for the tribe having a site where young females would seek their women hood, culture and tradition, you don’t have a tribe without culture and tradition, treatment facility i....dedicated area for their wayakin....they are all taken over by soyapoo, no benefits for VA. – not verbatim

Mary Tallbull – the casinos the Kamiah is always left out on something I use to work there, we need to get people in new uniforms, I know some security worked there they need new uniforms to look professional we have a same guy that wears dirty hat backwords, ...there was car stolen ask surveillance we didn’t see that cause this camera is broke, it’s my understanding Kamiah is without surveillance, they can shut us down, we have managers on the go, customer service do something without a supervisor right now, 2017 to legalize cannabis for medical reason, CBD works for my hands we have property we need to do a shop in Clarkston get us going soon.

Response – Appreciate the comments new uniforms basic management issues, we do have a supervisor up there, we have had a man surveillance, we do have surveillance as technology advances we will continue to take ....on agree on the cannabis we have pursued that there is already have 3 shops we don’t feel like there is room there,
**Agnes Weaskus** – to support Mary and Mr. Mankiller looking into future with CBD Muckleshoot tribe on a training with different salves and lotions to learn and get training...if we move direction help you rheumatoid arthritis, it really works, .....It makes a big difference it's all natural...for natural bodies...let's get our people trained so we can move forward.

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59. Motion to come out of executive session by Casey Mitchell 2nd by Connie Watters. Motion passed out of Executive Session at 4pm.

60. Motion to excuse and accept reports from panel by Agnes Weaskus 2nd by Casey Mitchell. Motion passed at 4:01pm.

61. Election Judges with ballots begin count and tallying of votes.


63. Ballot two results: **Casey Mitchell 720**, Louis Harris 236.

64. Ballot three results: **Quintin Ellenwood 543**, McCoy Oatman 416.

65. Closing ceremony, Wap qa Quan flag song to retire colors.

66. Adjourn, Closing Prayer.

66. NPTEC reorganization as follows: Chairman – Shannon Wheeler, Vice Chair Chantel Greene, Secretary Rachel Edwards, Treasurer- Casey Mitchell, Assistant Secretary Treasury- Liz Arthur Attao, Chaplain – Arthur Broncheau, Members at large, Ferris Paisano, Mary Jane Miles, Quintin Ellenwood.

Shirley J Allman, General Council Secretary

Julia D. Wheeler, General Council Chairwoman

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee has been empowered to act for and on behalf of the Nez Perce Tribe, pursuant to the Revised Constitution and By-Laws, Adopted by the General Council of the Nez Perce Tribe, on May 6, 1961 and approved by the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs on June 27, 1961; and

WHEREAS, the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) is requested by the tribal membership to reevaluate the educational endowment-RBC policy, specifically tribal scholarships guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Education Department oversees educational programs to increase education and employment opportunities and to improve their capacity to deliver comprehensive and culturally-appropriate services to tribal members on or near the Nez Perce Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the NPTEC will evaluate the Higher Education budget for the following line items: Nez Perce Tribe & BIA Higher Education scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Higher Education funds is to award academic and vocational technical college scholarships for tribal members pursuing an Associates, Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate/Professional, or Vocational Technical degree.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) is direct to amend the Nez Perce Tribal Higher Education Scholarship Program, NP-17-224, per policy as noted: Time limits: Five (5) semesters for a two year degree, ten (10) semesters for a four-year degree, six (6) semesters for a Master’s degree, and ten (10) semesters for a Doctorate/Professional degree; acknowledging quarter equivalency. And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this action is necessary because of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic and setbacks associated with the impacts to schooling and work opportunities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the policy will be approved effective with the 2019-2020 school year, allowing current year graduates to be eligible immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nez Perce Tribal Member students will be provided the remaining quarters/semesters funding to be paid to the student that did not use all their funding per the plan and students who completed their degree before the allowed quarters/semesters were utilized; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NPTEC Chairman and Secretary are hereby authorized to sign the documents relating to this amendment and the NPTEC Treasurer is hereby authorized to disburse the funds accordingly.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by General Council during the Spring 2020 meeting at Lapwai, Idaho, on June 19, 2020, with a quorum of its Members being present and voting.

BY: ____________________________

Shirley Allman, Secretary

ATTEST:

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Julia Davis-Wheeler, Chairwoman
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Nez Perce Tribal General Council has been empowered to act for and on behalf of the Nez Perce Tribe, pursuant to the Revised Constitution and By-Laws, adopted by the General Council of the Nez Perce Tribe, on May 6, 1961 and approved by the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs on June 27, 1961; and

WHEREAS, the Nez Perce, or Nimíipuu, have always believed that rivers are alive, including the Snake River, and have long strived to live in harmony with river ecosystems, treating them with respect and care;

WHEREAS, the Nez Perce Tribe relies upon a healthy Snake River in order to fully exercise its rights to fish; conduct cultural, religious, and spiritual activities; and to otherwise enjoy a fulfilling relationship with the River;

WHEREAS, the Snake River and all the species that it supports, particularly salmon, have long been central to the stories, legends, ceremonies, and very identity of the Nez Perce Tribe;

WHEREAS, salmon once spawned by the millions in the Snake River, but now their very existence is in jeopardy due to an onslaught of harms, such as water pollution, over-diversion, and damming, with resulting salmon declines impacting the entire web of life, from eagles and bears to orcas to humans;

WHEREAS, the underlying driver behind the degradation of the Snake River is the legal system’s overarching treatment of Nature as mere human property, to be exploited for short-term economic gains, rather than treating Nature as a life-giving entity with its own rights;

WHEREAS, in order to restore a deep and respectful relationship with Nature, a growing number of governments have formally recognized the Rights of Nature, including in Ecuador, Bolivia, Uganda, and numerous U.S. communities, and with countries such as New Zealand and Colombia recognizing the rights of particular rivers;

WHEREAS, several tribal nations have also officially recognized the Rights of Nature, including the Ponca Nation; Ho-Chunk Nation; and the White Earth Band of the Ojibwe, which recognized the rights of manoomin (“wild rice”);

WHEREAS, the Nez Perce Tribe wishes to harmonize its own legal system with its longstanding belief that the Snake River is alive, including by recognizing the River as a subject of rights, with the ultimate goal of ensuring that the Nez Perce thrive in harmony with a healthy Snake River;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nez Perce Tribe recognizes that the Snake River is a living entity that possesses fundamental rights, in accordance with longstanding Nez Perce tribal beliefs and practices.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snake River and all the life it supports possess the following fundamental rights, at minimum: the right to exist, the right to flourish, the right to evolve, the right to flow, the right to regenerate, and the right to restoration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nez Perce Tribe recognizes that as a living entity that possesses fundamental rights, the Snake River shall be represented by legal guardians whose duty it is to act on behalf of the rights and interests of the Snake River.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Nez Perce Tribal General Council requests that the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee act in accordance with the fundamental rights of the Snake River and consider the passage of laws that advance the Snake River’s fundamental rights.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Nez Perce Tribe General Council Meeting in the Spring General Council in regular session June 18, 19, 20, 2020 at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center, Lapwal, Idaho; A quorum of its Members being present and voting.

BY:  
Shirley Allman, Secretary

ATTEND:

Julie Davis-Wheeler, Chairman