FALL 2021

NEZ PERCE TRIBE

GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

November 18, 19 & 20, 2021

KAMIAH, IDAHO

***NOT VERBATIM***
1. Call meeting to order at 8:45 am
2. The Good Life Drum – Grand entry & Flag Song
4. 8:56 am General Council Business EOC Covid 19 Report Aaron Miles – interim commander FYI NPTEC approved stage 3 exemption of gatherings 50 or more for General Council to move forward in person. As long adhere to protocols/hygiene: Awareness of Covid 19 rates, provide Sanitation and six feet (6ft) social distancing of guests.
5. Chairman Slickpoo, request any questions to EOC Reports- NO Questions
6. 9:15 am Chairman Slickpoo read the House Rules for Fall General Council Meeting November 18, 19, & 20, 2021 Kamiah, ID.
7. 9:20 am Motion to approve House Rule – Marilyn Bowen, Shirley Allman 2nd. Motion Carried
8. 9:22 am Motion to approve to table the minutes until Friday November 19, 2021 @ 8:15 am, Kayla Warden, Dallon Wheeler 2nd. Motion Carried
9. 9:23 am Motion to approve agenda Quincy Ellenwood 1st, Ryan Oatman 2nd. Motion Carried
10. 9:24 am Motion to amend agenda – Request Salmon Orca Summit Virtual showing Friday November 19, 2021 @ 12pm – 1pm Shannon Wheeler, Andre Picard Jr. 2nd. Motion Carried
11. 9:36 am Alice Spaulding – Vice Chairperson Resolutions Committee update – concerns law enforcement update and since spring GC May 21 to present. Kayla Warden, Chairman update upcoming meeting month/location and strongly encourages meeting attendance.

Robert Kipp any updates or resolutions?
Response, no resolutions last May Spring General Council.
9:44 am Sarah Moffett request place motion. Chairman Slickpoo requested tabled request to later moment.
Bernice Moffett concern enrollment/descendants our people not being acknowledged requesting resolutions committee to look into it.
Response in agreement and invited Bernice to upcoming resolutions meeting in Kamiah.
Response suggestion of compiling & listening sessions to understand our Nez Perce enrollment and blood quantum.
Chairman Slickpoo restated Bernice Moffett statement/issue for enrollment and importance of resolutions committee meeting attendance.

**Marissa Rickman**, in favor of concern/issue with blood quantum family directly affected and her niece is an Indian child under the soyapo law judicial system. Our kids are suffering. Chairman Slickpoo redirection with statement getting off topic and requested motion to approve Resolutions Committee report.

12. 9:55 am Motion to approve Resolutions Committee Report Lori Picard, 2nd Melvin Wheeler. Motion carried.

13. 9:58 am Chairman Slickpoo, request and nominate Robert Kipp or Samuel Penney as parliament – well versed in Roberts Rules. Robert Kipp respectfully denied and response that Chairman Slickpoo is literate in Roberts Rules and is doing a great job.

Samuel Penney suggested anyone else and if no one accepts he will agree to parliament.


15. Jesse Leighton, Nez Perce Tribe Executive Director read report.

16. 10:49 am Break

17. 11:04 am reconvene from break, open microphone for questions & comments for NPTEC Chairman or NPT ED.

**Kay Seven** question how many cell towers on our reservation, how many belong to Nez Perce Tribe? Concerns new vendor AT&T, we live in a red state and is funding going to the other party?

**Response**, we did a business proposal with in mind long term costs, insurance & benefit to the tribes. As part of the business proposal we did not ask any political questions. There are bugs with AT&T giving two months before decide worth the switch broadband. Generating revenue from AT&T aerial fiber.

**Response** goal for every service that is offered in Lapwai also be in Kamiah, Mill Center, funding for boy & girls club.

**William Allman** will there be solar panels installed in residential areas.

**Response** solar panels will be provided for senior citizens Kamiah & Lapwai.

A small project which provided training for tribal members.

**Susie Weaskus** appreciates Mr. Leighton, concern about some have not received their covid-19 incentive payment.

**Response** process of payments have been delayed if person utilized a different facility, receiving returned information has been a long process.

**James Lawyer** requesting assistance, having covid-19 hardship for horses. Previous request was directed to the covid-19 assistance team, have never received help. Horses are becoming malnourished.

**Response** will speak after and work with to see if eligible.

**Ashton Picard** What is the cost of the construction overpass project and is there tribal preference?
**Response** Do not know enough about and will pass on to Mary Beth to solidify answers.

**Response** TERO will assume duties, hiring process.

**Response** Idaho transportation overseeing project, data studies and maintain liabilities.

**Art Broncheau** Hemp & marijuana difference and asking for more emphasis.

**Response** more emphasis will be utilized for economic development, for elaboration and information will pursue educational meetings.

**Melvina Kills Crow** how much was cost of acres behind casino? Concern about housing, why not purchase and use camp tomahawk in Orofino.

**Response** cost 2 million, the purchased acres is dedicated for more economic development. Agrees housing is an issue and in favor of taking camp tomahawk property back.

**Julian Mathews** appreciates day laborer program, would like an outdoor cultural arts center funding or proposals for Lapwai, Kamiah and Orofino.

**Response** encourages proposal for grants and invitation to make appointment with ED Office.

**Mary Tallbull** CARES Act money, why giving to other programs when we need, also programs should be using for children in need and not using for same population (athletes/popular). Include everyone even if employed with program.

**Response** survey missed mark, funding is still there and not making any expenditures until get peoples feedback. I will look into it for services provided and why not employed applicants.

**Nancy Wheeler** fire wood application asking why do we have to fill out every year? Why can’t it be only fill out application if something has changed in household?

**Breentiyah Broncheau** in agreement with Julian Mathews on arts & culture center it will also help with mental health for our future generation.

**Response** I agree and will work with Julian Mathews in implementation and growing.

**Marissa Rickman** we need to listen to our youth, look out for out next generation and give them something positive to live for. Completion skateboard park? Also for Kamiah.

**Response** I agree and youth focus centered, the skateboard park is the City of Lapwai Project.

**Sarah Moffett** recommend all resources, education, mental health, internships and outreach for our youth. Follow ups, monthly or quarterly check ins on students especially currently in college. Feasibility study for needs etc., more involvement with all schools not just Lapwai. Grateful for NPT CPS involved Kamiah Float, the only tribal program that attended and participated.

**Response** yes we should have more school involvement.
Marilyn Bowen remember part time service is not convenient for people that live in Kamiah.
Response yes I understand it is a big issue, we are taking steps and doing our best.
Ryan Oatman encouragement and requesting to meet with Brentiyah Broncheau to meet after to empower voice and we need to start doing things now.
18. 12:21 am Motion to recess for lunch, Shannon Wheeler, 2nd Casey Mitchell. Motion carried.
19. 1:25 pm reconvene from lunch
20. 1:26 pm Motion to approve NPTEC Chairman & NPT Executive Director Reports, Melvin Wheeler, 2nd Marilyn Bowen. Motion Carried
23. Daniel Taylor, Law Enforcement Drug opioid epidemic presentation “oxi 30s”, “mexi oxi’s”. Identification, how it’s used and what is being seen on the Nez Perce Reservation. Data. Available for training and further information.
24. Melvin Wheeler, TERO Commission acknowledged Lita Federico on national level for 24 years of service to TERO. Update overpass project that TERO will be a part of planning and dispatching Tribal Members for employment and training. Updating on current projects also upcoming major bridge projects. Invitation to the TERO office to get training for employment.
25. Mary Tallbull, TERO Commission update training sessions to inform programs and people. Discovered Tribal Programs do not support such as Fisheries uses private contractors not TERO. Also no waive of fees should be happening. Utilize Fee money for training of our future generations. Day laborer program is teaching how to come to work and become a good employee.
26. Albert Barros, President of Gaming commission listed July Tess Greene and Leotis McCormack. Updated that their building is no longer due to overpass construction project. Spread out different locations. Reviewing documents to see if still relevant to current Tribal members and ensure for compact and state wishes.
27. Harold Scott, Chief of Police add to Kenton Beckstead presentation a MOU with FBI to have 3 officers commissioned by FBI. Working hard getting our police officers recognized and recognition for US Attorneys. Possible Jail completion end of July 2022, asking for continued support by Tribal members and Tribal Programs.
28. Chairman Slickpoo acknowledged 141 registered tribal members in attendance.
29. Questions for the Panel @ 2:44 pm.

**Justin Gould** concerns and issues with all the relationships spoke of with the state, we have elected people that are letting that occur. Use our Sovereign rights, our treaty is our law. Our elected official need to uphold the spirit of the law to protect you, no more criminalization.

**Trish Heavy Runner**, question for Law Enforcement requested for items to be returned and was from a year to two years ago. Person broke into home is not enrolled. Not being charged with breaking and entering.

**Response** to Trish apology made unaware of situation and our future three (3) officers being commissioned to be able prosecute non-tribal members and if evidence with us I will follow up.

**Susie Weaskus** in agreement with what Mary Tallbull said and about the waiver fee being waived is a concern and grateful Mary brought up. Law enforcement concern our tribal member police officers should be getting trained and/or a contract with soyapos so they don’t leave immediately after training for different jobs.

**Response** in agreement, do not agree with using the Nez Perce Tribe as a training ground. Beginning to implement contracts to keep the tribal police officers. Competitive wages and bonuses have been taking police officers away.

**Melvina Kills Crow** they speaking on wrongfully incarcerated because the state had no jurisdiction. Wants our tribe get back to being sovereign and stay above the state.

**Nancy Wheeler** question for Harold Scott if there is an investigation how does it work? Also when will you get more patrol at the Looking Glass Complex?

**Response** investigations are done by patrol officers if misdemeanor, if above then we work with FBI. As for patrol we are understaffed and overworking officers. Applying for a community grant that will give video surveillance. To help with investigations and identifications. Not trading for control but for us to help our people. Kenton Beckstead to uphold fair and equitable.

**Lee Bourgeois** comment in favor and feels good with the work Kenton Beckstead is doing. Concern for Tribal Law enforcement not given priority to tribal member officers being trained. Please have our non-Indian officers receive training with our culture and learn from our elders.
Marissa Rickman concern about house being broke in and the way the report was taken by law enforcement. Every time they call for the police not available.

Alice Spaulding good job Kenton Beckstead, resolutions committee invites Kenton to the resolutions committee meeting in Kamiah to address issues.

Response acknowledgement of invitation.

Jarrod Rickman question for Kenton Beckstead, a non-tribal member and tribal officers are told they cannot do anything because non-tribal. Kenton can you bring different entities to support our efforts to protect our land and rights.

Response agrees with getting all parties together to come to a solution to protect tribal land. Look forward to giving report for spring general council with update on issue.

Liz Attao recommends NPTEC training for education and awareness of TERO, request scheduling be during non-meeting weeks for availability.

Etta Axtell, concerns about the warming & cooling shelters to leave open for 24hrs at a time. Was told security or law enforcement be on hand never once seen one. Etta would like to be involved in any planning and aware of anything going on. A system for safety.

Response thank you for bringing that to our attention I will find out how the decision was made or the concern. I agree with your involvement and unfortunately I have to find out and please stay in contact.

Allen Slickpoo Jr. my question is to law enforcement and law & order subcommittee are we in compliance with national justice system or grantee funding? Are we in compliance with National Indian Gaming?

Response to be honest with you we are understaffed but meeting compliance grant quarterly reports and 638 guidelines and we passed. Short on funding to meet our officer’s compliance. We are supposed to have 21 commission officers and but we are underfunded. Renegotiate funding and responsibility for the jail being built. We have been certified but understaffed with officers.

Response National Indian Gaming commission the review did not come up as issue and concern but will review and get back to Mr. Slickpoo.

Response, itse’ye’ye due to the tier we are in compliance.

30. 3:35 pm Motion to approve Law & Order panel reports & excuse, Danae Wilson, 2nd Casey Mitchell. Motion carried

31. 3:36 pm motion to recess, Danae Wilson, 2nd Aqua Greene. Motion Carried.

Closing Prayer – Art Broncheau
32. Call to Order at 8:33 am
34. Casey Mitchell, Chair NPTEC Budget & Finance Sub Committee read his report.
35. Nikoli Greene, Interim Nez Perce Enterprise Executive Officer read his report.
37. 9:22 am Motion to enter Executive Session by Kayla Warden, 2nd Paulette Smith. Motion Carried
38. 9:51 am SRBA Report... STILL IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.....
39. Questions & Comments.... STILL IN EXECUTIVE SESSION....
40. 10:36 am Motion to come out of Executive Session Danae Wilson, 2nd Julian Mathews. Motion Carried
41. Closing Statement by Casey Mitchell approved ARPA Funding payment of $1,500 to tribal members, application be available November 30, 2021 return by December 15, 2021.
42. 10:37 am Motion to approve Treasury Report Panel, and excuse Danae Wilson, 2nd Roberta Jose Bisbee. Motion Carried
Northern Idaho Agency – BIA Sarah Clemins update changes of staff and lease data. New BIA water system or Lapwai project plan of completion end of fiscal year.
44. 11:05 am open to questions & comments for our federal partners.
   **Dallon Wheeler** concern about BIA.
   **Marissa Rickman** question can we put cement blocks down by Spaulding under bridge people are driving through and under?
   **Response**, I will give you my card and you can contact me for more information.
   Julian Mathews question can the Forest Service look into recycling bins?
   **Response** we work with county and recycling has not been cost effective, but we will look further into in and revisit.
   **Kay Seven** question for BIA how do I contact a staff? Has Letitia Jack requested permission to share her power point, it was very informational and educational? Put in request for BIA & Land Services to hold event or educational information for our younger generation. Can we share telework phone numbers?
Response, I can get with Letitia Jack about sharing information. Other employees Maggie Ankney and Katherine Scabbyrobe and I will share my personal information Erin Clemens...

Nakia Williamson question for Steve can you elevate the Nez Perce Tribe concerns and our voice take precedent when speaking on Nez Perce Tribal Land.

Response yes and I agree.
Nakia also requesting a scheduled meeting between Heritage Staff and Cultural Resources and NPTEC.
Response yes we will have a permanent position filled by February and will include Nez Perce Representative and schedule future meeting.
Sarah Moffett question for BIA when or why we have not been notified that a non-tribal member can inherit trust land?
Response I am not familiar with probate but I will get contact information and forward.
Etta Axtell question why do non-Indian disabled veterans get special privileges for hunting gates unlocked specific areas? Why don’t our tribal member veterans get that opportunity?
Response I would like suggestions for appropriate areas.
Quincy Ellenwood I agree with Nakia Williamson. Priority of traditional/cultural restoration. Has our people been a part of hiring process with cultural sensitivity or selection committee? For BIA major concerns and looking for answers for our relatives concerns of land. Requesting change and answers.
Response clarification, and agree with authority and responsibility of the Nez Perce Tribe. Agrees with the suggestion for a Nez Perce Representative and will be in contact.
Response BIA can we meet to follow up for data and concerns.
Stated there is a MOU with Federal Partners with staffing Semi-annual and annually.
Lee Bourgeo stated need to remember our natural resources are sacred to us. Are you providing information to our school district & training our youth for career and educational advancement? Also echo the cultural sensitive trainings to our values.
Response youth advancement is challenging but will be successful to identify career path & education. I agree with youth about YCC Programs and Nez Perce YCC.

45. 11:41 am Motion to approve & excuse our Federal Partners Julian Mathews, 2nd Marissa Rickman. Motion Carried
46. 11:44 Recess for lunch.
47. 12:00 pm Salmon Orca Summit Virtual Viewing.
48. 1:00 pm reconvene from lunch.
49. 1:02 pm Committee/Boards/Commissions Reports
50. Sergio Islas, Secretary of Enterprise Board read report.
54. 2:04 pm questions & comments

Darryl Wheeler comment as visionary people and dreamer religion this is a great opportunity for enterprise board to get a comprehensive workforce training for our people. So our future generation, our youth have opportunities and do not turn to crime. To the land enterprise chairman up and down the river look into the purchase land and homes.

Susie Weaskus are we under jurisdiction Oregon State law, County or Joseph when we are on our or land?

Response water resource, bio study and cleaning of areas that is the process. There is a report on that and make available. Second question as we continue to move forward it will be under the Tribes Jurisdiction and be maintained. Fire issue was put in place for safety. We will be developing a management plan for that property.

Chantelle Souther in agreement for real estate and encourage tribal members to reach out with questions or information and would like to be more involved with the Tribe.

Karee Picard congratulating on being 100% federally funded. Concerns and comments for confidentiality of clients, thank you land commission for assistance and helping with Domestic Violence Shelter and congratulating Housing on new grant received.

Scott Moffett asking for information.... Inaudible

Response there is different levels that we need go through, depending on the level if gaming on or off reservation. Conversion to trust, that is what I know of that property and challenges of construction of pumps and is conversion.

55. 2:26 pm Motion to accept Enterprise Board, Budget & Finance, Land Enterprise Subcommittee & Nez Perce Housing Authority Board Reports Quincy Ellenwood, 2nd Dallon Wheeler. Motion Carried
56. 2:28 pm Motion to approve Spring General Council Minutes May 6, 7, & 8, 2021 Robert Kipp, 2nd Anthony Bronchseau. Motion carried
57. 2:35 pm break
58. 2:40 pm reconvene
60. Roberta Jose Bisbee, Executive Director Nimipuu Health introduction, highlights, remodel upcoming projects and read report.
62. Circle of Elder, Bernice Moffett update reorganization, recognized our elders no longer here and importance for our future generation to learn our language.
63. 3:25 pm open for discussion & comments for panel.
   Marilyn Bowen comment encouraging our youth to learn from elders.
   Mary Jane Miles appreciate who watches over us, would like Health Board to be reinstated as a conduit for us elders for updates and communication. Appreciation of the day laborer program and hoping it continues.
   Response the Human Resources Subcommittee is in discussion of bringing back the Health Board. Confirmation that the Day Laborer Program is in budget for the fiscal year.

Robert Kipp comment has copy of a resource manual available and announcement for the family tree day by CSEP on November 23, 2021.

Linda Dufford we do not have great communication living in Lewiston. We recently received and are very grateful for the firewood delivered but we do not have assistance or capabilities to process the wood.
Response I was unaware till now that firewood is dropped off but not processed. We can coordinate our Day Labor Program to follow and process. Our Day Labor Program are always looking for tasks. Contact Resource Sarah Davidson.

Lee Bourgeau question why can’t we become our own area agency?
Response I apologize I do not have an answer, I will research and find out thank you.

Trish Heavy Runner concern with recent NMPH Pharmacy, frustration of following through cracks, three days without medication and no follow up calls. Why can’t our staff follow up and acknowledge our patients?
Response I sincerely apologize will look into it and explanation of patient comment process and does not receive until after Andy has done her investigation process. I am glad Andy made contact with you. Our new system will allow us to process medication three (3) months out instead of current monthly process. We are doing our best trouble shooting our new system and hoping for improvements.
Velda Penney concern and inform about NMPH Pharmacy and not received medication and verbal miscommunication.  
Response I apologize, transition recommendations are in process to change and I will follow up with you after this thank you.

64. 3:50 pm Motion to accept and excuse panel Danae Wilson, 2nd Casey Mitchell. Motion Carried
65. 3:50 pm recess for day.

Closing Prayer - Mary Jane Miles.

Saturday November 20, 2021
Fall General Council – Kamiah, ID

66. Call to order at 9:45 am
67. Opening prayer - James Spencer
68. Quincy Ellenwood, Chair Natural Resources Subcommittee read report.
69. Erik Holt, Chairman Fish & Wildlife Commission update reorganization, future hybrid (zoom) meetings and read report.
70. Shannon Wheeler, Chairman Climate Change & Energy Subcommittee update and read report.
71. 11:06 am Question & Comments

Brentiyah Broncheau concern has applied for various positions within Tribe, TERO and solar installation and has never received call or given opportunity. Grateful for Melissa and hiring her for General Council.

Response stay on the list for future opportunities, there was a lot of applicants and we hired more than original amount.

Sara Moffett who do we call for removal of dead deer? Climate question is there future solar panels going up for any new construction or housing? Requesting lighting at Looking Glass Complex. Can we get greenhouses, produce cost rising?

Response Wildlife department has a process to retrieve and dispose. A solar field is being tabled which could potentially give power to the city of Kamiah. Currently looking for funding for solar installation projects. Will work with
Housing, when installation of panels and lighting. Agriculture indoor/outdoor with solar panels is in future discussion.

**Etta Axtell** address buyback program, who were the tribal fisherman? Total # of participants? How many were tribal employees? Why is supplies & equipment line item higher in 2022 than 2021? What was the price per pound? Is there a conflict of interest?

**Response** data and numbers are in the report. Fisheries program would have other data. Processors pay $15 per fish. Reason higher supplies & equipment line item expected return of coho & chinook. Yes, there is fish in storage and a distribution of fillets and canned salmon at later date. Seven gill net permits varying number of crew members. As for employee fishers I do not know. I did not set up budget, Dave Johnson can give clarification.

**Response** intentions to make sure our elders and people have fish. Also for our fishers to be paid in value of the work put in. It is a first step to see what it looks like, not intended to offend. Placing value back into us and we are all trying to do the best we can.

**Roberta Jose Bisbee** recommendation for canned salmon to be utilized for funerals and memorials also. Climate control projects encourage outreach to school districts & education system for courses. So our youth can shine in applications and be more informed. Internship data from Coho crew. Internships, removing barriers especially during pandemic to empower our youth.

**Response** thank you for recommendations and I whole heartedly tip my hat to the Coho crew. Agree on adapting to needs for our youth, get them in system & education. I will give report back to Mrs. Bisbee & Chair.

**Roberta Jose Bisbee** comment it is for all programs. Dr. Hartwig and I are trying to assist youth in learning charts. Start a cohort to work along the way and strongly encourage all programs to consider.

**Response** agree internships across all programs. Will be in process, but even if we need use hard dollars to empower our youth.

**James Spencer** question for Quincy do you know the difference in accuracy from reload lead vs. monolithic?

**Response** I have shot with both lead and copper but have yet to reload with copper so do not have an answer.

**James Spencer** do we have a quorum? I have a resolution for climate change, regenerative management plan.
Response we do not have quorum, cannot take any action but get with resolutions committee.

Jennifer Oatman apology for GC minutes being really late, I worked really hard on them knowing the importance of accuracy. Concern South Fork so many Sho-ban and soyapous, how does the State of Idaho control their fishers? South Fork carries so much history, even first foods like huckleberries. Highly encourage internships, acknowledgment of Silas Whitman work with this. Give our people opportunities to learn in programs and trips to Washington, D.C.

Response South Fork Salmon per meeting in June Joe Bear encouraged get the word out to go fish. As for non-Indian and other tribe we will negotiate during coordinated meeting calls agree it is an issue with us during fishing times. Will continue to challenge State and Sho-ban. Thank You.

Response agree on issue with non-tribal fishers and the Shoshone Bannock. We have couple opportunities through legal system that we are using as leverage and will continue with our efforts.

Jennifer Oatman follow up thank you for all the efforts. Selway we need awtinwaas (restroom) never been replaced since burned down or if the Tribe can put up a portable outhouse during fishing season.

Kayla Warden has there been discussion or can we get a meat & fish processing facility? Comment about climate change, heat wave affected normal huckleberry picking areas. How many land purchases in near future? How can we access our own land without trespassing?

Response we have more work to do for climate change and preserving our first foods. Current conversation for cultural leave for our people to exercise rights and values.

Response fishing stations I had conversation with CRITFC & in lieu about fish processing station break down of infrastructure, cost, concrete, & foundation for Nez Perce inclusive.

Allen Slickpoo Jr., stepped down as Chairman. Important to be cognitive of US vs OR, why is Nez Perce always last when it involves CRITFC & the four tribes. We want to maintain our way of life, continue fight for ceremonial and traditional sacred foods. Permit regulation, we have to draw the line somewhere help us get more fish back to the Nez Perce People don't be quick to open commercial season this is how spoiled we become.

Response thank you for your words. I agree with you and the importance of exercising our rights. For the subsistence issue we are advocating and fighting hard for our people with in mind ceremonial first.
72. 12:38 pm Release Panel, cannot take any action no quorum.
73. 12:39 pm adjourn Fall 2021 General Council
74. Closing prayer – James Spencer
   Good Spirit Drum Retire the Colors
   Casey Mitchell Eagle Staff, Brentiyah Broncheau Eagle Staff, Jesse Leighton
   Nez Perce Flag, & Wanda Souther American Flag.

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***MINUTES SUBJECT TO CHANGE***

Allen Slickpoo Jr., General Council Chairman

Jasmine High eagle, General Council Secretary