

NEZ PERCE TRIBE
SPRING GENERAL COUNCIL
MINUTES

May 4, 5, & 6, 2023

Kamiah, ID

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Jim Spencer our blood quantum, I am on the Circle of Elders and Mr. Penney did a presentation we have 52 Full Blood left out of 3,800 tribal members. Resolutions and Amendments please address and NPTEC make a stand for the future of our Nimiipuu. Jackie Taylor I second Elliot Moffett motion, but two meetings with deadlines example Tuesday 7 pm at the Pineewaus in Lapwai & Wednesday 7pm in Kamiah then get out to vote.

Lori Picard, I agree with Jim Spencer, but stop putting off on committees, NPTEC has access to attorneys and OLC to get written up correctly whether we vote yes or no it is written correctly with proper legalities.

Darlene Pinkham I am in my 80's and I am hearing the same thing on enrollment, from my heart and feelings my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren they have my blood but some are not enrolled with Tribe because blood quantum.

Sergio Islas comment if a resolution is referred to a subcommittee, that subcommittee should report on status.

9. Motion to accept report and excuse the panel by Julian Mathews, Shirley Allman 2nd. Motion Carried.
10. Amendments Committee Read Report – Sergio Islas, Bill Picard, Derek Frank, Daniel Spaulding, Delrae Kipp, James Spencer, and Roberta Jose Bisbee.

Questions/Comments for Panel

David Penney comments on enrollment.

Elliot Moffett thank you amendments for report and information, agree that this committee is a ADHOC but truth is we do have problems with constitution and see is necessary. How do we bring our culture and traditions into our roles & responsibilities. How are we going solve the problems and here we are talking about issues again with no solutions, but our rights in the constitution, encourage amendments committee to be a problem solver for us. Reflected in the Constitution.

Marissa Rickman enrollment issue same topic every year, we need to finish this.

Response we were looking at enrollment, not the constitution our volunteer time has been for changing enrollment. We have two proposed resolutions, also if someone would make a motion to set an election in 60 days.

Julian Mathews if we change our enrollment will it affect our services?

Darlene Pinkham enrollment needs to be put on table by a certain date to be addressed.

Alene Powaukee we just now seen the report can we table it to review it?

Response there will be two proposed resolutions on table for review.

11. Motion to accept report and excuse panel by Julian Mathews, Jim Spencer 2nd. Motion Carried.

Nez Perce Tribe Executive/Financial Reports

12. Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee Chairman Samuel N. Penney read report.
13. Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee Treasurer, Quintin Ellenwood read report.
14. Nez Perce Tribe Executive Director, Jesse Leighton read report.
15. Merrill Lynch Jay Kirkpatrick read report.

Julian Mathews recommendations on protecting our wolves and grizzly bears from the State of Idaho.

Mary Tallbull Why did the previous finance manager get fired? Why are all the projects in Lapwai did not do the bidding process to be compliant with TERO and Finance Manuel? If there were bids how many applied? Why are the two buildings down that has asbestos not cleaned up, when our kids go to school near there? Who is in charge of it? Response we handled the projects properly by the book, Tero hires people to work not the funding.

Agnes Weaskus is the strategic plan reflecting our cultural ways? Are our tribal members receiving adequate training? Is the solar energy a tribal program or enterprise, how is “the money-making machine” creating a strategic long-term plan?

Response currently employees are subcontracted partners who fund project and no cost to Tribe, our long-term goal is for the Solar Energy to be an enterprise.

Elroy Moffett question for Kirkpatrick do you make recommendations for spending purposes for Tribe and to Jesse are we training our younger generation for line men for switching to solar energy as long term.

Response my responsibility is creating portfolios to generate high income for a spending policy, not spending any capital gain and no I do not recommend money spending.

Response yes, I will talk to you about getting our people trained thank you that is a great idea.

Susie Weaskus the SRBA has interest with no strings attached is there any plan with interest?

Response inaudible.

20. Motion to accept report and excuse panel by Carla Timentwa, Keith Kipp 2nd. Motion Carried.

Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises Executive / Financial Reports

21. Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises Executive Officer, Nikoli Greene read report.
22. Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises General Manager, Daniel Kane read report.
23. Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises Finance Director, Thomas Rickman
24. Blue Bird CPAs, Jamshed Kudratov read report.
25. Motion to enter Executive Session at 3:01 p.m. by Agnes Weaskus, Sergio Islas 2nd.
Motion Carried.
26. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 3:46 p.m. by Shirley Allman, Dallon Wheeler Sr. Motion Carried.
27. Motion to accept report and excuse the panel by Julian Mathews, Dallon Wheeler Sr. 2nd.
Motion Carried.

Nez Perce Tribe Executive / Financial Reports

28. Budget & Finance Subcommittee Chairman, Quinton Ellenwood read report.
29. Nez Perce Tribe Interim Finance Manager, Kathy Taylor read report.
30. Nez Perce Tribe Human Resources Manager, Anthony Johnson read report.
31. Enterprise Board Chairwomen, Gwen Carter read report.

Elroy Moffett any update on the Mill? We should start here at GC for our different diet needs?

Response aware of historical trauma, your diet starts from inception, taste buds being developed at a young age. Mill site is a large area with 16 total buildings it will be a process to clean up and trying to develop with our Water Resource Program. Be looking to Tribal Members for idea to either get Tribal Offices up here, our people will determine what will be made out there. Temporary housing is within your treaty right, we should be able to clear that if ticketed.

Solo Greene waste water treatment facility project, The Nez Perce Tribe & a City Council Member the contract was signed both are in debt because of it. 8-million-dollar project with a 1-year warranty comments of against. The owner is also the site supervisor. The value in internships for our future to be trained in positions to move forward our youth struggle with identity, low self-esteem & confidence. If we don't have enrolled members, who are we reserving it for?

Lucinda George elder panel can you do better to keep our way of life, initiation for Chief roles, ceremonies. What are we doing for our elders?

Doris Squeochs Cultural Resources what are you going to do about this, in the Wallowa's Response the induction to the Hall of Fame we never received official notification, and we have been doing a lot of work in the Wallowa, not specific to induction but for Natural Resources.

Erik Holt comments on the Integrated Resource Management Plan, I hope NPTEC knows we need to have further review of Tribal Code. What do the leases encompass with Boyers or non-Indian? What value does cows have to our tribal lands, tell me three things why it is good to our land and for our people?

Response it takes a time for us to turn as a tribe, revenues base, social and economic concerns, cannot only look from one perspective. Lease are used for a specific use but are not to giving permission but decisions are on priority and balance. Purchase of amsaaxpa in order to regain presence and power.

Mary Tallbull can we be taken on a tour of purchased land? Cultural Resource can we get reports of annual findings with our kids to listen? Why isn't NPTEC taking Nez Perce Language? Why isn't Natural Resources on the asbestos at the BIA.

Response the tour of lands I would like to support, during my report I did a virtual tour with drone footage. Moratorium Winchester for ten years no cattle, but our Natural Resources is important on our first foods but it is something to be put in forefront.

Asbestos we did an RFP for removal of asbestos those contaminants were removed and disposed of that site. Some slate be reconditioned or reused if possible.

Derek Frank

June Stewart, we haven't received a financial money from lessee or the insurance money received.

Response Land Services does not have part in that, BIA would have weight receipts to follow up with and can help through sitting down.

51. Motion to accept report and excuse panel by Marilyn Bowen, Sarah Moffett 2nd. Motion Carried.

Governmental Department/Program/Board/Commission Reports

52. Human Resources Subcommittee Chairwoman, Rachel P. Edwards read report.
53. Nimiipuu Health Executive Director, Roberta Jose-Bisbee – Dr. Kim Hartwig read report.
54. Motion to recess for day at 4:55 p.m. by Eva Hayes, Alexis Walker 2nd. Motion Carried.

**Saturday May 6, 2022
Kamiah, ID
Spring General Council**

9:26 a.m. Call meeting to order.
Prayer by Mary Jane Miles, Chaplain

55. Senior Advisory Board Chairwoman, Susie Weaskus read report.
56. Nez Perce Housing Authority Board Chairwoman, Loretta Spaulding, Laurie Ann Cloud read report.

Questions/Comments for Panel

Shirley Allman the CFL light bulbs were handed out by Housing?

Response they may have been in past, but now that we know and aware of LED we encourage to replace.

Vina Harrison those CFL lights are we supposed to just throw away?

Response can bring CFL light bulbs to Housing Office we will properly dispose.

Judy Oatman I have family members on wait list, I feel there needs to be accountability and stop treating people bad. How many staff and board members going to Hawaii?

Response the Board & Commissioners are currently reviewing Mrs. Oatman's concerns.

We are behind in-home repairs and we have done more in the Kamiah area, did not think about dividing by area, we are behind and I think we have improved system since last year. Convention in Hawaii which is an annual convention 3 board members and 2 staff, we encourage and give opportunities to our Board Members for training and education in order to do their job.

Elroy Moffett question for NMPH I would like to be on list for next covid shot?

Mary Jane Oatman we have the resources but lacking the strategy, hemp home infrastructure. How many certified home owners do we have? Can we use some money from TERO for workforce development for Housing?

Response Housing tried to do a brief report we should have gone more in depth; we are working with TERO for our Tiny Home Program for workforce development program for youth and adults.

Arthur Broncheau do you have guidelines for our people, do we want help our elders that suffer from diseases? We should be prepared for our future? Not be dependent on our government, we should be self-sustaining. In favor of hemp for natural remedies, thinking into the future.

County in responding to calls? Thank you Kenton, and the new Judge has already been seeing positive changes, Tribal Code especially in VAWA, Response in 2017 negotiated 638 with BIA, for accepting their policy & procedures. We do not have a MOU with Nez Perce County, jurisdictionally with Enterprise on who responds and still trying to work that out with our dispatch. Challenges this past year we did switch to Nez Perce County from Whitcom. For forms online that is the direction we are going.

Marci Bailey how many of officers are assigned to Kamiah? What are we doing with the drug dealers in our community? Who do I give information to that I have documented of drug activity?

Response currently we do not have a specific officer assigned to Kamiah. We do have officers currently at training, we are trying to build capacity to have officers specific to Kamiah.

Channa Henry why do we hold on to officers that have committed Domestic violence, adultery and violation of code of ethics? What happened with the vote of no confidence? How this new jail commander is qualified to run this program, with no background, training or experience? Can someone from NPTEC communicate with me?

Response the term "vote of no confidence" is not used or defined anywhere in RONR, and there is no mention of any motion for such a vote. However, this does not mean that an assembly cannot adopt a motion, if it wishes, expressing either its confidence or lack of confidence in any of its officers or subordinate boards or committees. Any such motion would simply be a main motion, and would have no effect other than to express the assembly's views concerning the matter. A vote of "no confidence" does not – as it would in the British Parliament – remove an officer from office.

Kim Hartwig, I wanted to give Darrel Wheeler the reassurance with behavioral health and meeting our peoples needs working with policy and procedures.

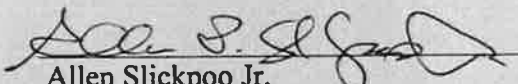
Lee Bourgeau grateful for Kenton's report, had two incidents and law enforcement responding and were very respectful. My son is a part of the probation and gets very emotional when clients complete transitional program. I hope you are addressing the police officer's wellness and the hard work they do. I am concerned about a police officer with an illicit relationship and the whole community knows?


Marilyn Bowen comments/concerns lack of Tribal Officer availability in Kamiah. Please give us the protection up here too.

Etta Axtell addressing Law & Order I'm told I am going have warming & cooling shelter, but I am told we will have an officer to assist. We need help up here, but also help with monitoring it. Why can't we get services up here, officers, behavioral health, how does an officer get in a house before tribal members how does that happen? Can you follow policies for the cooling, warming shelter and if any services offered for Lapwai it needs to happen up here?

Response the warming/cooling shelter the Law Enforcement do not have a responsibility to it besides being part of meeting. I apologize for my lack of communication, and will improve on better plan of action for management for this winter.

99. 7:02 p.m. Swearing in and reorganization by Chief Judge Natasha Anderson.
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Allen Slickpoo Jr.
General Council Chairman


Jasmine Higheagle
General Council Secretary

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