

NEZ PERCE TRIBE  
FALL GENERAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES

September 28, 29 & 30, 2023

KAMIAH, ID

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Thursday September 28, 2023

Fall General Council

8:37 a.m. Call meeting to Order.

1. Wahpqaqun Drum
2. Color Guard – Wilfred Scott, Eagle Staff – Shannon Wheeler, Nez Perce Flag – James Spencer, American Flag – Emmitt Taylor and MIA Flag – Ryan Oatman.
3. Prayer & Wahlasat Song by Chaplain Ashton Picard.

**General Council Business**

4. House Rules read by General Council Secretary Jasmine Higheagle.
5. Motion to accept house rules by Carla Timentwa, Dallan Wheeler 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
6. Agenda  
Motion to amend agenda by Alice Spaulding to add enrollment under the Human Resources Subcommittee (HRSC) at 8:10 a.m., Derek Frank 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.  
Discussion  
Jackie Taylor I am for the motion but requesting a certain time so our tribal members will be present.  
David Steffy for the motion.  
Melissa Guzman request amend the Fish & Wildlife Commission elections to reflect the action & resolution NP 18-486 for 3-year terms. Which this election 2023 – Jasmine Higheagle, 1 – 3-year term, 2024 – Michael McFarland & Mike Tuell, 2 – 3-year terms, 2025 Erik Holt & Jack Yearout, 2 – 3-year terms.  
Discussion Shannon F. Wheeler from the Law & Order Subcommittee the code has not been changed.  
Rachel P. Edwards clarification in 2018 yes, the code was amended.  
Etta Axtell I am on Admin Leave to be here I got here before 8:00 a.m. we, if you are a Tribal employee utilizing Admin Leave you should be here by 8:00 a.m., NPTEC Members should be here 8:00 a.m. The General Council Minutes need to go back to verbatim, including names of registered Tribal Members in attendance.
7. Approved the Fall 2022 General Council Amended Agenda.
8. Motion to approve Spring 2022 General Council Minutes. Shirley Allman, Dallan Wheeler 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
9. 9:22 a.m. Resolutions Committee Read Report. Kayla Warden, Alice Spaulding & Paulette Smith.  
Discussion  
Lucinda George water pressure low when the fire fighters used for houses that burned. Water issue.  
Marilyn Bowen we are blessed to be in Kamiah with our Fire Department and EMT's, hopefully Lapwai can improve volunteer fire fighters and emts.  
Judy Oatman the water and fire fighter conversation does not pertain to the Resolutions Committee. We need a Resolution to get Tribal Membership here, suggestion stipend etc. Importance for change and accountability we need our tribal members here.
10. Motion to accept Resolutions Report and excuse the panel by Robert Kipp, Judy Oatman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

## General Council Elections

11. General Council Chairman  
Judy Oatman nomination of Allen Slickpoo Jr.  
Allen Slickpoo accepts.  
Motion to accept by acclamation, Judy Oatman, Shirley Allman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried  
Congratulations General Council Chairman Allen Slickpoo Jr.
12. General Council Secretary  
Alice Spaulding nomination of Jasmine Higheagle.  
Jasmine Higheagle accepts.  
Motion to accept General Council Secretary Jasmine Higheagle by acclamation by Shirley Allman, Marilyn Bowen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.  
Congratulations General Council Secretary Jasmine Higheagle.
13. Elections Judges Seat #1  
Alice Spaulding nomination of Melissa Guzman.  
Melissa accepts.  
Judy Oatman nomination of Kayla Warden.  
Kayla Warden accepts.  
Motion to cease nomination by Rachel Edwards, Shirley Allman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.  
Call the House.  
Ballot Count – Election Judges Loretta Spaulding, Carla Timentwa  
Official Count total votes 89, 1 invalid  
Melissa Guzman = 42  
Kayla Warden = 47  
Congratulations Kayla Warden.
14. Election Judge Seat #2  
Shirley Allman nomination of Paulette Smith.  
Paulette Smith declined.  
Pauline Bisbee nomination of Loretta Spaulding.  
Loretta Spaulding accepts.  
Mary Tallbull nomination of Caroline Ammerman.  
Caroline Ammerman declined.  
Carla Timentwa nomination of Sara Moffett.  
Sara Moffett accepts.  
Motion to cease nomination Marilyn Bowen, Dallan Wheeler 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.  
Call the House.  
Ballot Count – Election Judges Carla Timentwa, Kayla Warden.  
Official Count 103, Invalid Votes 1.  
Sara Moffett = 41  
Loretta Spaulding = 61  
Congratulations Loretta Spaulding.
15. Election Judge Seat #3  
Shirley Allman nomination July Tess Greene.  
July Tess Greene accepts.  
Mary Tallbull nomination of Sara Moffett.  
Sara Moffet declined.  
Alice Spaulding nomination of Melissa Guzman.

Melissa Guzman accepts.

Motion to cease nomination by Robert Kipp, Mary Tallbull 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Call the house.

Ballot Count

July Tess Greene – 36

Melissa Guzman – 79

Congratulations Melissa Guzman.

16. Resolution Committee Seat #1

Bill Picard nomination of Alice Spaulding.

Alice Spaulding accepts.

Motion accepts Resolution Seat #1 Alice Spaulding by acclamation, Judy Oatman, Robert Kipp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Congratulations Alice Spaulding.

17. Resolution Committee Seat #2

Judy Oatman nomination Paulette Smith.

Paulette Smith accepts nomination.

Motion to accept Resolution Seat #2 Paulette Smith by acclamation, Judy Oatman, Anthony Broncheau 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Congratulations Paulette Smith.

18. Resolution Committee Seat #3

Alice Spaulding nomination of Sara Moffett.

Sara Moffett accepts.

Motion to accept by acclamation Judy Oatman, Carla Timentwa 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Congratulations Sara Moffett.

19. Resolution Committee Seat #4

Kayla Warden nomination Antoinette Picard.

Antoinette Picard declines.

Judy Oatman nomination of Gayla Gould.

Gayla Gould accepts.

Paulette Smith nomination Eva Higheagle.

Eva Higheagle accepts.

Motion to cease nomination by Judy Oatman, Sergio Islas 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Counting of ballots.

Total 119, 1 invalid

Gayla Gould – 28

Eva Higheagle - 90

Congratulations Eva Higheagle.

**Nez Perce Tribe Executive / Financial Reports at 11:14 am**

20. Shannon F. Wheeler, NPTEC Chairman asked for a moment of silence for our community loss and suffering, read report, copies available.

21. Elizabeth Arthur-Attao, NPTEC Treasurer read report. Copies available.

22. 12:00 p.m. Recess for Lunch.

23. 1:00 p.m. Reconvene.

24. Jesse Leighton, Executive Director read report.

25. Merrill Lynch, Jay Kirtpatrick.

26. 1:47 p.m. Motion to go into Executive Session by Carla Timentwa, Marilyn Bowen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.
27. 2:58 p.m. Motion to come out of Executive Session by Kay Seven, Chantel Greene 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

**Question / Comment**

Judy Oatman concerned and questions about Bill Picard's Resolution GC SP 2022-02 what came of it?

Response the language 5% gross funds we could not do that.

David Scott my question if we are adamant about sobriety? Looking for a place to demonstrate for our elders and children, can we put a house that holds White Bison, AA etc. meeting space. We need to be heroes for those people, hopefully look at a structure that's proactive wanting and needing recovery.

Etta Axtell the workout wellness center that is under the ED or NMPH? The building is just sitting, it was an old shop contaminated with oil and diesel that was bought by our Tribe. Mary Johnsons office needs renovation; we get nothing new. Boys and Girls Club coming to the Waa'Yas why wasn't I consulted why don't our kids get a new center like Lapwai? We need communication, why doesn't NPTEC come to Kamiah anymore? Reach out to all your people, this is our Tribe, our people, our money, and we are getting 2<sup>nd</sup> hand stuff that is not fair.

Response since purchased, we seen it does need a lot of work the NMPH fitness equipment is temporarily being stored.

Gwen Carter the Tribes energy plan, costs, grants etc. I would like to see that information I am in favor of Solar. How did the bid process go out? When there are nonprofits that will do this at low cost and provide training with tribe, Spokane, and Montana. I think we should swallow our pride and utilize nonprofits and get our people trained, also since I am retired, I would like to get a newsletter from tribe for communication.

Response on newsletter for communication department has a booth and they are working hard to address communication barriers and gaps.

Gayla Gould elders asking for newsletter for updates so they can stay in the loop, stay connected to us what happened to our paper?

Response we will do our best get up to date through our portal and paper copies.

Kayla Warden the Red Wolf golf course as a diabetic can we receive memberships. The SRBA timeline needs better detail and why isn't the Waa'Yas solar panel not up?

Marilyn Bowen SRBA, we need repairs of mold and water, still so many people needing repairs. The elders living in rural areas only have landline, they enjoyed newsletter / paper.

28. 3:36 p.m. Motion to accept reports & excuse panel by Anthony Johnson, Elroy Moffett 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

**The Nez Perce Tribe Executive Reports at 3:40 p.m.**

29. Nikoli Greene, NPE Executive Officer read report.
30. Thomas Rickman Jr., NPE Finance Director read report.
31. Daniel Kane, Casino General Manager read report.

**Question / Comments**

Jon Mathews it is concerning to see the revenue loss for the Golf Course and Camas Express, that amount of money could go into scholarships, childcare etc. we should stop and thoroughly review our choices.

Ann McCormack reference to Nikoli do you have an estimated date of expansion for CRC? For Thomas why was there such a gross increase at the stores?

Response the hotel expansion will be moving forward with two quarters of drawing and selection by the next General Council. After initial selection process estimated 1.5 to 2 years.

Response our fuel profit created increase gross.

Elroy Moffett current jobs need increased pay, our people living paycheck to paycheck lets focus on keeping our Tribal members in jobs.

Ann McCormack to Nikoli do you have a date for expansion for CRC? Thomas why was there such a gross increase at the stores?

Response hotel expansion first quarter drawing, end quarter will present by General Council with the picked option. Then estimated 1 – 2year project.

Response our fuel profit increase.

Elroy Moffett current jobs need upped in pay for our people, living paycheck to paycheck let's keep our tribal members in job security.

Ann McCormack follow up please while making decisions as a stake holder please hold opportunity for our input thank you.

Mary Tallbull I preferred old machines verse new machines, its ve've color on walls is an ugly green, its dirty, don't ever see the Kamiah staff on the floor. The express stores need longer hours, early mornings for commuters. People need jobs give them a wage to live on, offer bonuses, treat employees good and marketing night activities.

Response the older machines parts are not as accessible, the last two years we have had a 6% salary increase and currently still working to offset lower paid employees.

Etta Axtell Its'e'ye'ye can't keep a cook, I called to order food and no cook in. Earlier hours for NP Express, those awtinwaas need updated, cleaned they are dirty and its sickening. If the awtinwaas at Camas belongs to the state their needs to be a sign out on it.

Lucinda George thank you for support of canoe project Mr. Woodward received an award for Idaho, again thank you.

Carla Timentwa expressing my appreciation for slides and information, thank you for presenting with transparency I am grateful for expanding our presence such as Red Wolf. Grateful the interchange is finally being built my concern, happy for the purchase hill side behind casino I would like to continue have access for roots.

32. Motion to accept & excuse report by Shirley Allman, Ann McCormack 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

4:48 p.m. Ashton Picard, Chaplain closing prayer. Recess for the day.

Friday September 29, 2023

Call meeting to order 8:16 a.m.

Prayer by James Spencer

33. Motion to amend agenda and insert Budget Finance Subcommittee at 1:00 pm agenda item by Shirley Allman, Carla Timentwa 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

#### **Nez Perce Tribe Governmental / Executive Reports**

- 34. Ryan Oatmani, Human Resources Subcommittee Chairman read report.
- 35. Roberta Jose Bisbee, Nimiipuu Health Executive Director.
- 36. Jackie McArthur, Social Services Manager read report.
- 37. Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority Board Chairwoman, Loretta Spaulding.
- 38. Enrollment Officer, Rosana Greene.



## Questions / Comments

Alice Spauling & Paulette with advisory vote.

Dave Penney recommendation on how a descendant to be enrolled by accepting blood quantum other tribes including Canada.

Mitchell Wilson I am for changing enrollment, personally I do not know what it looks like.

Robert Kipp question for enrollment fluctuating I have concerned my grandchildren not receiving services.

Marilee Burke I am sad to see our tribal members lose their blood. Something showing a future I want Nez Perce Blood and keep for ourselves.

Response to Mitch & Robert I do have a graph to show mortality death rate & enrollment rate.

James Spencer we are resilient to face the future, none of us want to hurt our families here. What do we need to do, in 100 years none of us will be here I support Mr. Penney viewpoints and other individual points. I am here to listen and learn.

Motion to address panel and hold enrollment questions by Roberta Jose Bisbee, Carla Timentwa 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Lucinda George addressing NMPH I made it to 71 years old and I am very grateful for services except getting new providers and having to re-explain.

Lee Bourgeau Housing Authority, thank you to Terri and crew they did an outstanding job on my home.

David Scott concern dental practitioner who else doing implants? When am I or we as a tribe going to bring the NMPH Board, what do you know about, or we were disbanded?

Response the implant Dentist did retire, the implant policy was established February 13, 2017, probably needs amended and updated. Health board discussion with NPTEC and Medical Director had meeting. I did not want to participate felt like a conflict of interest. The health board was disbanded before I was on Human Resources Subcommittee.

Shirley Allman suggested recommendation that when our dentist leave, that our patients plan be briefed for care. Also hiring process, let's not be desperate and rehire soyapos that do not treat us well.

Mary Tallbull Housing charging maximum rent, there is no emergency housing, and our people shouldn't be paying max rent. NMPH send them on to a specialist if we can't meet our patients needs addiction started at the clinic. Jackie I am grateful Social Services had a training together as a program.

Response throughout surrounding counties we have the lowest rent. Yes I agree we need emergency housing.

Clarification the maximum ceiling rent based on income; fair market rent through counties take 60%. We do not have emergency housing and we are behind on building.

Follow up we are the Nez Perce Tribe we own our homes, we set that for our Tribe.

Daniel Spaulding Sr. question for the \$250 there was no stipulation or guidelines, I am on fixed income your director turned it down saying I do not need it.

Erik Holt to NMPH Kamiah needs to have same thing as Lapwai Senior Center, we just continue to band aids on it. We need more resources as we have projects moving forward. I commend you for the work, For Housing I would like to see mass produce of tiny homes.

Response I can follow up delay with Lapwai facility there is a water infrastructure issues, the Tribe did buy Freedom fitness and there is a lot of issues and upgrades we evaluated, another thought was adding on to the back of the NMPH.

David Holt my concern as a veteran, my primary care is at the VA I want NMPH but so many complexities and barriers. I can't work with my disabilities who do I ask and talk to about y care?

Response Dr. Hartwig the outcomes of your service are required to be met by the VA services, we can investigate how we can be a distant care provider will need to make sure services clarification and communication.

Solo Green why do we let kids out so early from ECDP? DO we have non-Nez Perce Tribal Members living in housing that could go to Nez Perce? Why can't housing be tapped in funding building?

Response user population/criteria, I will work on data enrolled & descendants it will affect other tribal entities we do serve non enrolled, tribal enrolled receives more points and when house becomes available the next on the list is up.

Follow up we know housing has money is it being used to collaborate to build structures?

Response when we can collaborate, we will, some grants have specific objectives, and we are struggling to hire people.

Elroy Moffett assisted living we need now, the hurry up and wait.

Julian Mathews housing employee shortage what can we do? NMPH health board can't be in audible....

Response evaluation, re evaluating prece an area I need to work on, will meet with Hartwig in reevaluating our specialist services. Dr Guzman is in training for implants.

Aqua Greene our elections when we are voting need to be mindful especially for Housing Board this a huge position my \$450 ceiling rent is now doubled and I was told it that was the ceiling how can it be changed? Housing is not a competitive business it is a housing for tribal members, we set the bar. Start voting people that will be accountable and know their job titles.

Judy Oatman Jackie thank you to Yarcia and Sophia Allen they do a stand-up job, I cook a lot for funerals. We don't have meals delivered anymore we need to be fairer for elders' financial assistance and meals. Housing should be sovereign, sometimes we need make major changes.

Has Housing had to turn over grants for mismanagement?

Gayla Gould appreciates all the collaboration efforts between Social Services, I am grateful for inhimyu'nm. Our men need a home to help them stay out of prison and in recovery. Wellbriety everyone is welcome, wanted and needed.

Elijah Webb is the Housing Director also the Human Resources and the Finance Manager?

Response Finance manager position is vacant, LC Business Solutions helps manages and as ED there are things in my capacity to oversee, we do not have a human resource the duties are under the ED and Finance Manager.

Willie Altman in audible

Response the home in Winchester tribe owns it and under the land commission.

Jackie Taylor suggestion family-oriented options, and is it feasible for the pharmacy to move window back so we do not run into the curb?

Response we are in process of 1 -2 kid friendly exam rooms and in dental, we haven't done much redesign and I know the window is a problem area.

July Greene to housing that is not acceptable we have you as the HR, ED & Finance so do are the signature on all 3 lines? We need to look at that there must be accountability, our treaty promised housing, our children shouldn't be struggling to get homes and our elders homes need repaired.

39. Motion for a forensic audit of the NPTA for the last 15 years by July Greene, Marilee Burke  
2nd.

Discussion.

Robert Kipp to housing board and NPTEC who is going to pay for audit?

Anthony Broncheau, I suggest we hire a finance manager first before the audit, if it needs increased pay or what barriers to remove?



Carla Timentwa my concern is the water system, paused building on assisted living and housing. If we don't have the infrastructure and water. I am opposed to motion because water issues should be a priority.

Mary Tallbull we found 3 people embezzling when I was on Board.

Mary Jane Oatman I am in favor of audit, interest off SRBA should be for audit? Recall on NPTEC Members for neglect.

David Holt I am for it, 18USC 113 statute deals with tribal embezzlement. I say we go across the board, housing, tribal programs, and boards. I encourage people to think about SRBA & Casino look at white collar crime and address with law & order code. Do not let them use cost as a scare tactic.

40. Motion-Carried Admin Action NP 2023-01, a forensic audit of the NPTHA for the last 15 years.

David Steffy how many houses from evictions are affected by fentanyl? Have we run testing swabs? NMPH dentist after dentist I have been referred out but that is a financial hardship to make appointments.

Response I hear it, I see it in Lapwai we have an immediate fill spot for dental and you are correct that is an improvement we need addressed, for the hardship's assistance. NMPH does have a fentanyl testing machine and it has been operational since November.

Etta Axtell NMPH do you conduct any training for traumatic brain injury? HR son enrolled in day labor program was working at the Seniors Program delivering meals, issues happened his is no longer he feels unwelcomed with our tribe. For the senior citizens can you get us a driver for delivery of our meals? Housing if you have all these programs, people in rentals, classes to get on their feet instead paying something that they will never.

Response I can reach out to Housing and Social Services thank you for your comments, I will investigate it. Thank you for speaking on brain injury, we can implement evaluation and awareness training.

Response I would like to add your son was amazing and senior citizens is working on employee paperwork.

Sawaya Greene housing where is the funding for the groundbreaking of the little village?

Response the little village apartments still need contracts to start construction in spring.

41. 12:07 p.m. Motion to recess for lunch by Erik Holt, Mary Tallbull 2<sup>nd</sup>.

42. 1:10 p.m. reconvene.

43. Motion to accept and excuse panel with exception enrollment by Carla Timentwa, James Spencer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Enrollment Specialist / HRSC Rosana Greene, Ryan Oatman, Ashton Picard

Derek Frank introduction, he discussed option for changing enrollment.

44. Motion to re-establish the Amendments Committee to work with the Resolutions Committee to propose a Resolution at the 2024 Spring General Council that offers a vote for a Constitutional Amendment to Article IV of the Nez Perce Tribe Constitution by Derek Frank, Chantel Greene 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Discussion on motion.

Robert Kipp, I presume options came from amendments, I would like a list of the amendments committee and are they still willing to serve?

Alice Spaulding I am not for this I would like advisory vote of the 5 options.

Marci Bailey, I agree with Alice I am afraid the amendments committee will just continue to open the wound. I am not in favor.

Gwen Carter who made the options? We need to clean up the heirs in our family rolls first.

Follow up Derek, listed amendments committee members self, Danial, Delrae, Bill and Sara and I would like the Resolutions Committee & Amendments Committee work together.

Judy Oatman, I have 6 enrolled children and it affects all of us, I can't be for or against I need the survey to reflect so without knowing.

Jackie Taylor I am against the motion.

Lucinda George a welcome back need to happen for our people that have been adopted out.

Kay Seven I am for temporary appointment of amendments committee.

David Holt inaudible.

Shannon F. Wheeler I do agree, needs to be looked at but the question should be does the general council want change or no change? Should we vote on that?

Laurie Ann Cloud I am in favor re-establishing the committee. I think NPTEC and enrollment should work with both committees to go over data.

45. Vote by ballot of Mr. Frank Motion.

Election judges counting of Ballots.

Yes – 82

No – 83

Robert Kipp, I did not get a ballot.

Judy Oatman challenged election some people did not get a ballot, and some got two ballots.

Mary Tallbull the election process should be no good.

Revote at 2:27 p.m.

Total Votes 166, Invalid 1

Yes – 82

No 83

Motion Failed.

46. Motion to accept and excuse panel by Carla Timentwa, Leann Oatman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Kalee Peterson Idaho Candidate for Congress introduction.

#### **Federal Partners**

No Federal Partners in attendance due to meetings for government shut down.

#### **Governmental Department / Program at 2:56 p.m.**

47. Budget & Finance Subcommittee Chairwoman, Elizabeth Arthur Attao read report.

48. Law & Order Subcommittee Chairwoman, Shirley Allman read report.

49. Blue Bird CPA's, Jamshed Kudratov by zoom 2023 audit. Inaudible. Privileged Motion to table report until 2024 Spring General Council and for Mr. Kudratov be in person by Carla Timentwa, Gwen Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

50. Interim Chief of Police, Leotis McCormack.

51. Fentanyl Drug Task Force War Against Drugs, Leotis McCormack.

52. Kenton Beckstead, Law & Order Executive Officer read report & updates.

53. Tribal Employment Rights Office, Melvin Wheeler.

54. TERO Commission Chairwoman, Mary Tallbull.

#### **Questions / Comments**

Lucinda George surveillance at the Chief Joseph Complex needs updated there is drug activity.

Does law enforcement request 72 hour hold on members with mental health issues, do we have code? Request for families having ability to bring children for fingerprints & photos to be on file just in case missing? Can law enforcement come to the canoe talk with kids? Leotis McCormack I

am grateful for you. I was a part of Peacemakers for prevention efforts without children. Melvin with Tero can you bring a in person food handlers' class?

Response as Tribal Officers we don't have legal rights to put tribal members on a 72-hour hold. We have by courteous given rides to hospitals if they are willing. We currently are having discussion with MMIW/P task force I will bring your suggestion to the table as we move forward creating a database.

Response currently researching from other Tribes their prevention efforts to not further criminalize our members through court system.

Lucinda George follow up, also the Peace Makers are currently not in the organizational chart. Gayla Gould nontribal members that are under influence on tribal lands while I am working doing land surveys & plots etc., I have called 911, and advised to walk away all the counties were unavailable to make contact. The soyapo are fully aware that Tribal Law Enforcement has no jurisdiction over them. Can Law Enforcement get a law or ordinance to have jurisdiction for safety and not having to leave areas when working.

Response we do have limited jurisdiction but if in situation and no county can respond please text or call me so I can dispatch an officer to take a report, if safe and distant please get a picture of license plate, description etc.

Judy Oatman addressing the Budget & Finance I am disappointed no paper report to refer to. Mr. Beckstead, we need Nights Out in Kamiah with law enforcement to get to know community. Can we get update on jail a timeline when and if will be opening? Law enforcement response is getting better thank you! We have a dog problem up here that needs addressed. Lastly thank you for your assistance helping a relative into treatment. Tero department can you please make your presence in Kamiah, not sit idle.

Jerrold Rickman for Beckstead we need an adequate law & order code, we have had to turn things over to Idaho County. What is the point of conservation to be present when can't act on due to weak law & order code? We are advised to just site and release, has my supervisor followed up with my concerns and requests? Leotis why can't we use our own people for dispatch, would save money instead of paying Nez Perce County? Beckstead anything you can do to strengthen code to keep fishes, provide safe and strengthen sovereignty.

Response I agree and I am in favor with what you shared.

Response I recommend working up chain of command from your boss to resolve.

Response we are working on code right now, well accepting comments please email me.

Response to Judy Oatman the jail budget crunch to get all equipment, next phase employ staff and policy & procedure. I can't give you a date until we are higher the correction staff but hopefully by next fiscal year.

Response to Judy Oatman we call flaggers and no workers available or the pay too low to take offer.

Judy Oatman follow up, I am requesting Tero physical presence in Kamiah.

Response Laatis tried to come up here and no one would show up, if people were to see us then let us know.

Response I strongly believe all programs need presence up here especially our Department Managers need to make their presence up in Kamiah.

Daniel Spaulding Sr. Tero thank you for my opportunities given I was able to move away and join the Union big thank you to Kay Seven and TERO.

Kim Hartwig I will contact Sasheena Williams who handles our Narcan training I will make sure the Kamiah Clinic has it available. Question for Kenton the school mentioned your youth diversion program?

Response yes there is a diversion program Rusty George is the coordinator, hiring a life skills coach but correct it is not up and running will be housed in prosecutor office.

Kim Hartwig are you in 3 years of grant?

Response unclear.

Justin Gould, we heard organizational chart how long will law and order code work? Can I get proof that law & order for law enforcement is able to carry a firearm? Can we go back to the Tero and change the order, the focus of Tero money going to higher education.

Response I am to able answer questions I need to do some research and get back to you about firearm.

Justin Gould follow up change ethe intent of funding.

Mary Jane Oatman civil regulatory, code how many non-natives been referred to federal agency?

Motion, Resolution Nez Perce General Council requests an allocation from the Snake River Basin Adjudication Fund Interest accounts to support he Nimiipuu Hemp Industrial Project, for the necessary infrastructure, personnel, supplies and equipment to carry out the work planned for future growing season production, processing, and manufacturing as approved in the Nez Perce Tribe Hemp Production Program approved by the USDA on May 18, 2022 and Whereas the funds will be used to support the Nimiipuu Hemp Industrial Projects value added processing component of the demonstration project,, for the necessary personnel, supplies, water infrastructure, materials and equipment to carry out the industrial hemp processing work planned for the upcoming spring growing season. By Mary Jane Oatman, Judy Oatman 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Discussion

Laurie Ann Cloud I thought I read in minutes we contracted with Mary Jane, if there was a contract, assessment study statistics?

Response I wish Jesse would have provided.

Carla Timentwa comment I just question on budget, I would not be in favor or support with out data or survey due to fact Corville results were not good.

Justin Gould I am for the resolution, it will be good for the land.

Robert Kipp, I must agree with Carla I would suggest motion maker to be referred to resolution committee.

Mary Jane Oatman follow up building homes cost less, also Tero can do training on Hemp building. My brother Wesley went through training and is going to build a home.

55. 5:27 p.m. Motion failed.

56. Orders of the day called.

57. 5:28 p.m. Recess for the day.

Saturday September 30, 2023

9:14 a.m. Call meeting to order.

Wahlasat Song & Prayer by Allen Slickpoo Jr, Chairman & Ashton Picard, Chaplain

#### **Governmental Department / Program / Board / Commission Reports at 9:15 a.m.**

58. Natural Resources Subcommittee Chairman, Ferris Paisano III read report, Ashton Picard update on Yellowstone EIS (Environmental Impact Study) public comment period extended till October 10, 2023.
59. Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries Manager, David Johnson read report.
60. Conservation Enforcement Chief, Adam Villavicencio not present.
61. Fish & Wildlife Commission Chairman, Erik Holt read report.



62. Circle of Elders, Silas Whitman. Culture, language, culture education, history, and archeology. Issues with livestock, disturbance of archeological sites.

Questions / Comments

David Holt concerns with Forest Service taking children huckleberry picking on 500 road, we ran into a sign that there were wolf traps in area this is very dangerous for our women folk, children, and elders. Concerns me that Forest Service did not notify Tribal Government. Have the restrictions or concerns on wetlands been addressed to ensure our women able to gather and harvest? Pheasant farms put a bounty on mag pie and introduced hemlock for habitat, but it is grown into Lapwai? Let's get a plan to eradicate hemlock. Religious Freedom Act Mr. Allen Slickpoo Sr. opened the door, representation, and input to be concerned and fight the battle make sure we echo our spiritual ways, traditions to protect our resources. Keep the fight going but strengthen your initiative to protect our rights, spiritually & culturally. Flag should be our 55 aboriginal lands to represent and stand for.

Response Sheryl Probert was at NPTEC, in a meeting hearing our concerns of Mussel Shell Meadows, the wolf traps, Weites meadows I personally contacted her to be prepared to answer the questions to the membership. She did have responses but was not to present due to agenda.

We are only Tribe with Nez Perce Tribe agreement to access lands for gathering, hunting, and fishing. We have the strongest treaty, and the US Forest Service for our Tribe.

Response invasive hemlock I will get with our department and find information if they are doing anything about the hemlock. I will follow up Mr. Holt.

Response to the hemlock, invasive plus the Japanese knot weed taking up stream side and riparian area. Isolate, dig up and replant you would really need to manage, and I do understand the issue.

Michael McFarland brief question for Dave Johnson about Tribal Contractors coming up in the future regarding restoration projects ID/WA/OR licensing projects. Training programs, apprenticeship for our youth and or younger adult, can we work that into a contract to ensure futures contracts. Keep the dollars home, within Tribal Membership provide access, resources, and support. Hopefully with career day or entering our schools. Who do I contact, for our Nez Perce trail to continue our Tribal members to work? Fish & Wildlife Commission we do, NPTEC please do not stop working on the Sheban & Umanilla issues with other Tribes.

Response yes, we still work on the Nez Perce Trail, as to contract as I describe it is very tough when it came to Federal Lands. The Federal Forest Service is in control of the contracts, but with good neighborhood authority, responsibility will provide tribal membership involvement and equipped with abiding contracts. FYI all contracts if anything changes during process, we will have bring back to NPTEC. Do understand issue with Federal Land not utilizing and contracting with Certified Indian Businesses.

Response been a 20-year battle with Shoshone Bannock Tribe, Fish commission has brought action to NPTEC for a letter. Their encroachment has been issue, I got response form Joseph Oatman and Dave Cummings that letter will be provided soon. Fishing areas the other Tribes catching wild impacts which prevents our Tribe able to fish.

Elroy Moffett concern of wolf traps and signs of chronic waste can the Tribe please get clarification for notice.

Response chronic wasting disease is here, from Slate Creek to here. I have received pictures and sent to our Conservation and NPTEC. Idaho is creating check points to make sure meat is edible. Also, blue green algae are in place areas of trout fishing, metal mercury for our sturgeon is also an issue.

Roberta Jose Bisbee when warnings come out, we need more education, length of time or advising to stay away from. One recommendation is Facebook live utilizing communications for

channeling information, another possibility. What is it? What is causing it? What treatment are we doing for it? Fire response, a system a path through pandemic a relationship created for example be cautious, be ready and go? Land Services for mapping, Senior Citizens elders list, Tribal Membership addresses and patient care addresses, if we develop zones and areas for response whether that be volunteers to know whose where? After watching what happened in Hawaii and Lapwai scared me, and we need an emergency response team.

Response sturgeon lower granite up hells canyon, the dam ladders are not built for them to go ocean, the moratorium on them from mercury, brown weed ag run off. We are working on it and trying to get alleviated but do not have time frame.

Gwen Carter multi use areas with other tribes, Wallowa Trust Property my comments we need to be thankful to the Nez Perce having this area. A usual and accustomed area I see an issue, I recommend the soyapo with good intentions make sure it stays Nez Perce with ties to the Wallowa homelands.

Response we must stand our ground, other tribes harvesting.

Response McFarland requested Tribe protocol and what is the plan going forward. The Joseph property given to the tribe, multi-use areas we do not have a Sahaptin agreement which in my eyes is in violation taken natural resources.

Silas Whitman no other Indian very clear it for the Nimiipun.

Ann McCormack thank you to the Circle of Elders for the acknowledging and approving Harry Slickpoo to further is knowledge and abilities to teach in Lapwai, Lewiston as a Research Librarian.

Gayla Gould at Crow Butte when doing research and gathering seen tobacco ties, prayers ties and change but looking into water it looked like pike minnow, bathrooms open but water shut off.

Also, a harvest monitor for roots and berries would be a good side, and at mussel shell if land not being put back so more education and awareness. To follow up on hemlock is poison it causes renal failure, but if we can restore salmon to creek, I believe we can eradicate the hemlock.

Dogbane hemp use to be where now hemlock is. All our native roots are still there, it is just the noxious weeds are choking them out.

David Holt reinforces what our elder Mr. Whitman provide our circle of elder's resources and necessities to take care our areas of concern.

Carla Timentwa Umatilla say shared fishing rights, there technicians bring ice to the Umatilla fisherman. Elders shared that on the Nez Perce Trail you will find all the first food plants and berries to make sure our people were fed. In Lewiston are the qeqit are getting smaller, had people at Nespelum share with me the Chief Joseph people and our relations. Multiple tribes have ties to the Wallowa Homeland, referring to Mike McFarland made me think of contracts gathering seeds and establishing back into our homelands. We have to remember be willing to share establishing relationships.

12:05 p.m. Motion to accept and excuse the panel by Shannon Wheeler, Dallon Wheeler 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

12:05 p.m. Recess for Lunch.

#### **Governmental Department / Program / Board / Commission Reports**

63. Climate/Energy Subcommittee Chairman, Ryan Oatman, Climate Change, Stephanie Krantz, Gayla Gould Northwest Indian College Internship.
64. Education Manager, Joyce McFarland – Jenny Oatman, Mamayasnim Hiteemenwees Director read report.
65. Angela Picard, Northwest Indian College
66. Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors not present.



#### Question / Comments

James Paddelty I work for the Solar Panel installation, been doing a lot of good work. Can the Nimiipuu energy stand up the solar company. What type of funding do we have held our solar company up?

Response Jesse Leighton came to the table with action, but at a meeting we need a payback plan before passing action.

Ann McCormack I am not sure what can you clarify Ryan what the action was.

Response I am sorry I do not have the actions in front of me.

Dane Goodheart I am with a nonprofit organization for solar energy, why are we going with a for profit nonnative?

Response department of energy grants, Chantel Green would know more being a part of that. I would recommend talking to Executive Director on the Nimiipuu energy.

Dane Goodheart Follow up, we offer training and currently work with maintenance, housing and train our own it is a nonprofit I am working with other tribes.

James Paddelty I work with revolusa and we do train, especially if in electrical we will get to you school and certified.

67. Motion to accept reports and excuse panel Erik Holt, Keith Kipp Sr. 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion Carried.

#### Boards & Commission Elections

68. Enterprise Board seat #1 3-year term

Carla Timentwa nomination of Gwen Carter

Gwen Carter accepts.

Sara Moffett nomination of Keith Kipp Sr.

Keith Kipp Sr. accepts.

Call the House.

Ballot count – Election Judges Loretta Spaulding, Kayla Warden, Melissa Guzman

Total Votes = 59

Gwen Carter = 23

Keith Kipp Sr. = 36

Congratulations to Keith Kipp Sr.

69. Enterprise Board Seat #2 3-year term

Robert Kipp nomination of Mary Tallbull.

Mary Tallbull accepts.

Macklin Rhinehart nomination of Etta Axtell.

Etta Axtell accepts.

Trish Goodheart nomination of Gwen Carter.

Gwen Carter accepts.

Call the House

Counting of Ballots – Election Judges Loretta Spaulding, Melissa Guzman

Total Votes = 60, Invalid = 1

Mary Tallbull = 12

Etta Axtell = 18

Gwen Carter = 29

Run off Gwen Carter and Etta Axtell

Call the house.

Counting of ballots – Election Judges Loretta Spaulding, Melissa Guzman  
Total Votes = 62, Invalid = 1  
Etta Axtell = 31  
Gwen Carter = 30  
Congratulations Etta Axtell.

70. Fish & Wildlife Commission

Seat #1 F&W – 3-year term  
Erik Holt Nomination Jasmine Higheagle.  
Sara Moffett nomination of Willie Allman.  
Willie Allman accepts.  
Shannon Wheeler nomination of Macklin Rhinehart.  
Macklin Rhinehart accepts.  
Motion to cease nomination Gwen Carter, John Strombeck 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.  
Calling of the house.  
Counting of Ballots – Election Judges Loretta Spaulding, Melissa Guzman  
Total Vote = 63, Invalid = 1  
Jasmine Higheagle = 33  
Willie Allman = 15  
Macklin Rhinehart = 14  
Congratulations Jasmine Higheagle.

71. Nez Perce Housing Authority Board – 1 seat, 4-year term

Shirley Allman nomination of Gayla Gould.  
Gayla Gould accepts.  
Alice Spaulding nomination of Sergio Islas.  
Sergio Islas accepts.  
Carla Timentwa nomination of Shannon Jackson.  
Shannon Jackson accepts.  
Trish Goodheart nomination of Joanna Wahobin.  
Joanna Wahobin accepts.  
Motion to cease nomination by Robert Kipp, Delrae Kipp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.  
Call the house.  
Counting of Ballots – Election Judges Kayla Warden, Loretta Spaulding, Melissa Guzman.  
Total Votes = 61  
Gayla Gould = 10  
Sergio Islas = 16  
Shannon Jackson = 18  
Joanna Wahobin = 17  
Runoff between Shannon Jackson and Joana Wahobin.  
Call the house.  
Counting of Ballots - Election Judges Melissa Guzman, Loretta Spaulding, Kayla Warden  
Total Votes = 56  
Shannon Jackson = 29  
Joanna Wahobin = 26  
Congratulations Shannon Jackson.

72. Closing Prayer.

Retire of colors – Waahpqaqun Drum, Ashton Picard – Eagle Staff, Keith Kipp Sr. – NPT Flag, Samuel Penney – American Flag. Ryan Oatman – MIA Flag.

Registered Fall GC 2023 Tribal Member Name			
1	Allen, Clendon II	38	Broncheau, Casey
2	Allen, William III	39	Broncheau, Josephine
3	Allman III, William	40	Broucheau, Waleena
4	Allman, Dennis	41	Brown, Hattie
5	Allman, Shirley	42	Burke, Lalonne
6	Amerman, Carolyn	43	Burke-John, Marilee
7	Antell, William	44	Bybee, Trent
8	Arenas, Luis	45	Carter, Gwendolyn
9	Arthur Sr, Joshua	46	Carter, Patricia
10	Arthur, Richard	47	Chimburas, Iris
11	Arthur, Santia	48	Cloud, Lanne Ann
12	Arthur-Attao, Elizabeth	49	Conner, Laura
13	Aubertin, Nikesa	50	Creyes-Jimenez, Mariana
14	Axtell, Brenda	51	Davis, Etta
15	Axtell, Dora	52	Davis, Florene
16	Axtell, Etta	53	Davis, Nikki
17	Baheza, Marie	54	Eagle Shadow, Jarvis
18	Bailey, Marcella	55	Eagle, Tashma
19	Baptiste, Brooklyn	56	Edwards, Rachel
20	Bashaw, Nicole	57	Ellenwood, Carol
21	Bear, Anita	58	Ellenwood, Chantal
22	Bear, David	59	Ellenwood, Charlotte
23	Berry, Melissa	60	Ellenwood, Lorenzo
24	Bisbee Jr, Michael	61	Everett, Deborah
25	Bisbee, Pauline	62	Frank, Derek
26	Blackeagle, Brandy	63	Freouf, Shanelle
27	Blackeagle, Janet	64	George, Basilissa
28	Blackeagle, Mildred	65	Goodheart, Dayne
29	Bohanan, Joanne	66	Gould, Aaron
30	Bohnee, Gabriel	67	Gould, Gayla
31	Bourgeau Jr, Kenneth	68	Greene, Aqua
32	Bourgeau, Cecelia	69	Greene, Bridgette
33	Bourgeau, Theodore	70	Greene, Chantel
34	Bowen, Marilyn	71	Greene, Ciarra
		72	Greene, July
		73	Greene, Marquel
		79	Greene, Vega
		80	Gregory, Thomas
		81	Guzman, Melissa
		82	Harrison, D'Von
		83	Hartwig, Roxie
		84	Hayes, Micaiah
		85	Hayes, Winter Heavy Runner,
		86	Patricia
		87	Henry, Jena
		88	Higheagle Sr, Gordon
		89	Higheagle, Delores
		90	Higheagle, Eva
		91	Higheagle, Jasmine
		92	Higheagle, Nicole
		93	Hill, Ethel
		94	Holt, Clarice
		95	Holt, David
		96	Holt, Erik
		97	Hopkins, Jackienna
		98	Islas, Loretta
		99	Islas, Sergio
		100	Jackson, Alexander
		101	Jackson, Angela
		102	Jackson, Shannon
		103	Johnson, Anthony
		104	Johnson, Cheryl
		105	Johnson, Verna
		106	Jose-Bisbee, Roberta
		107	Joye, Melinda
		108	Kane, Daniel
		109	Kash Kash, Eric
		110	King, Melissa
		111	Kipp Sr., Keith
		112	Kipp, Del Rae
		113	Kipp, Jessie
		114	Kipp, Kenneth

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36 Broucheau, Anthony  
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76 Greene, Solo L  
77 Greene, Stacia  
78 Greene, Tyra

115 Kipp, Robert  
116 Konen, Donna  
117 Lawrence, Anna  
118 Lawrence, Ivan  
119 Lawrence, Mary

120 Lawyer, Bret  
121 Lawyer, Byron  
122 Lawyer, Daniel  
123 Lawyer, Marsan  
124 Leighton, Jesse  
125 Leighton, Shelby  
126 Lopez, Amanda  
  
127 Lopez, Carter  
128 Lussoro, Christie  
129 Matthews II, Julian  
130 Matthews, Jonathan  
131 McAllaster, Nancy  
132 McAtty, April  
133 McAtty, Jane  
134 McConville, John  
135 McCormack, Ann  
136 McCormack, Leotis  
137 McFarland, Joyce  
138 McFarland, Michael  
139 Miles Sr, Aaron  
140 Miles, Mary Jane  
141 Miller, Betty  
142 Minkey, Delia  
143 Minkey, Elizabeth  
144 Minkey, Tre'  
145 Mitchell, Sylvia  
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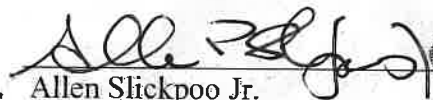
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173 Penney, David  
174 Penney, Darren  
175 Penney, Loretta  
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180 Penney, Santee  
181 Perez, Sancia  
182 Perez, Winfred  
183 Picard, Angela  
184 Picard, Antoinette  
185 Picard, Ashton  
186 Picard, Bill  
187 Picard, Karee  
188 Picard, Lori F.  
189 Pinkham, Ida Ann  
190 Reuben Sr., Darryl  
191 Reuben, Alan  
192 Reynolds, Natahnee

202 Scott, David  
203 Scott, Fawn  
204 Seubert, Vivan  
205 Seven, Harlene  
206 Simler, Deborah  
207 Simpson, Lucinda  
208 Simpson, Merrell  
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209 Cheryl  
210 Slickpoo Jr., Allen  
211 Smith Jr., Woodrow  
212 Smith, Anthony  
213 Smith, Paulette  
214 Smith, Samantha  
215 Sobotta, Angel  
216 Sonneck, Vera  
217 Souther, Wanda  
218 Spaulding Jr., Daniel  
219 Spaulding Sr., Daniel  
220 Spaulding, Alice  
221 Spaulding, Amelia  
222 Spaulding, Betsy  
223 Spaulding, Loretta  
224 Spaulding, Ronda  
225 Spencer Jr., James  
226 Spencer, James R.  
227 Spencer, Michael  
228 Steffy Jr., David  
229 Steffy Sr., David  
230 Steffy, Kaleigh  
231 Strombeck, John  
232 Strong, Mary  
233 Tall Bull, Alex

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