NEZ PERCE TRIBE
FALL GENERAL COUNCIL
MINUTES

September 28, 29 & 30, 2023
KAMIAH, ID
***NOT VERBATIM***
Thursday September 28, 2023
Fall General Council

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

1. Wahpqaqun Drum
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 Timetnwa, Dalton Wheeler 2nd. 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., Derel Tuck 2nd. 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. When this election 2023 – Jasmine Higheagle, 1 – 3-year term, 2024 – Michael McFarland & Mike Tuck 1 – 3-year term, 2025 Erik Holt & Jack Yearout, 2 – 3-year term.
   Discussion Shannon F. Wheeler from the now 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 go 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 by 8:00 a.m. Fall General Council Minutes needed to go back to verbatim, including names of absent Tribal Members in attendance.
7. Approved the Fall 2023 General Council Amended Agenda.
8. Motion to approve Spring 2022 General Council Minutes. Shirley Allman, Dalton Wheeler 2nd. Motion carried.
   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 2nd. Motion Carried.
11. General Council Chairman
   Judy Oatman nomination of Allen Slickpoo Jr.
   Allen Slickpoo accepts.
   Motion to accept by acclimation, Judy Oatman, Shirley Allman 2nd. 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 acclimation by Shirley Allman, Marilyn Bowen 2nd. 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 2nd. Motion Carried.
   Call the House.
   Ballot Count – Election Judges Alice 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 Taillbull nomination of Loretta Spaulding.
   Loretta Spaulding accepts.
   Paulette Smith nomination of Caroline Ammerman.
   Caroline Ammerman declined.
   Carla Timentwa nomination of Sara Moffett.
   Sara Moffett accepts.
   Motion to cease nomination Marilyn Bowen, Dallon Wheeler 2nd. Motion Carried.
   Call the House.
   Ballot Count – Election Judges Carla Timentwa, Kayla Warden.
   Official Count 103, 1 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 Taillbull nomination of Sara Moffett.
   Sara Moffet declined.
   Alice Spaulding nomination of Melissa Guzman.
Melissa Guzman accepts.
Motion to cease nomination by Robert Kipp, Mary Tallback 2nd. 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 2nd. 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 Bronchette 2nd. 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, Chris Timewa. Motion Carried.
Congratulations Sara Moffett.

19. Resolution Committee Seat #2
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 2nd. Motion Carried.
Counting the ballots.
Total 119, 1 valid
Gayla Gould – 1
Eva Higheagle - 98
Congratulations Eva Higheagle.

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

22. 12:00 p.m. Recess for Lunch.
23. 1:00 p.m. Reconvene.
24. Jesse Leighton, Executive Director read report.
26. 1:47 p.m. Motion to go into Executive Session by Carla Timentwa, Marilyn Bowen 2nd. Motion Carried.

27. 2:58 p.m. Motion to come out of Executive Session by Kay Seven, Chantel Greene 2nd. 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 PD 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 2nd hand stuff that is not fair.
Response since purchased, we seen it does need lot of work the NMPH fitness equipment is temporarily being stored.
Gwen Carter the Tribes energy plan, grants, etc. I would like to see that information I am in favor of Solar. How did the bid process go? When these 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, and 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 what is happening to the paper?
Response we will try to our best to get up to date through our portal and paper copies.
Gayla 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?
Maryla Bowen SRBA, 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 2nd. 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 – 2 year 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 naive color on walls is an ugly green, its dirty, don’t ever see the Kamiah store 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, last two years we have had a 6% salary increase and currently still working to offset on unpaid employees.

Etta Axtell Itse’ye’ye can’t keep up, I called to order good and no cook in. Earlier hours for NP Express, those awtinwas need updated cleaned they are dirty and its sickening. If the awtinwas at Camas belongs to the state then needs to be a step put on it.

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

Carla Timeweta expressing in appreciation of 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 business concern. Happy for the purchase hill side behind casino I would like to continue the success reports.

32. Motion to accept the Excuse report by Shirley Allman, Ann McCormack 2nd. Motion Carried.

33. Call meeting to order 8:16 a.m.

34. Motion to amend agenda and insert Budget Finance Subcommittee at 1:00 pm agenda item by Shirley Allman, Carla Timeweta 2nd. Motion Carried.

Nez Perce Tribe Governmental / Executive Reports

34. Ryan Oatman, Human Resources Subcommittee Chairman read report.
35. Roberta Jose Bisbee, Nimiipuu Health Executive Director.
37. Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority Board Chairwoman, Loretta Spaulding.
38. Enrollment Officer, Rosana Greene.
Questions / Comments
Alice Spaulding & Paulette with advisory vote.

David 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. That 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 Timenwaa 2nd. Motion Carried.

Lucinda George addressing NMPH I made 16 to 71 years old and I am very grateful for services except getting new providers and having to reexplain.

Lee Bourgois 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 more, the implant policy was established February 13, 2017, probably needs amended and updated Health Board discussions 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 suggest recommendation that when our dentist leave, that our patients plan be briefed for care. After hiring process, let’s not be desperate and rehire soyapos that do not treat us well.

Marilee Burke Housing changing 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 Spauleing 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 your 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 and wait.

Julian Mathews: housing employee shortage what can we do? HMPF health board can’t be in audible.

Response: evaluation, re evaluating perc an area I need to work on, I 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 Michelle 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 to make major changes.

Has Housing had a turnover of grants for the past annum?

Gayla Gould: appreciates all the collaboration efforts between Social Services, I am grateful for in my y’un. Our been need a home to help them stay out of prison and in recovery. Wellbriety everyone is welcome where I asked.

Ellie: is the Housing Director of the Human Resources and the Finance Manager?

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

Willie: 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 go 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 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 NPTHA 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? NMTH 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, ask the hardship’s assistance, NMTH does have a fentanyl testing machine and it has been operational since November.

Etta Axtell NMTH 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 to 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 little village apartments still need contracts to start construction in spring.

41. 12:47 p.m. Motion to recess for lunch by Lisa Holt, Mary Tallbull 2nd.

42. 1:00 p.m. reconvened.

43. Motion to accept and screen panel with exception enrollment by Carla Timentwa, James Spencer 2nd. Motion Carried.

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

Derek Frank introduction, 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 7 of the Nez Perce Tribe Constitution by Derek Frank, Chantel Greene 2nd.

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.

Marc 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 extend panel by Carla Timentwa, Judy Oatman 2nd. 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 2nd 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.


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
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 ordinance to have jurisdiction for safety and not having to leave areas when working.
Response we do have limited jurisdiction but in situation 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 team am disappointed no paper report to refer to. Mr. Beckstead, we need Nights Out in Kamiah with the enforcement to get to know community. Can we get update on jail a timeline plan and if will be funding? Law enforcement response is getting better thank you! We have big 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.
Jerrod Rickman for instead we need a adequate law & order code, we have had to turn things over to Idaho County. What the point of conservation if present when can’t act due to weak law & order code? We are advised to arrest & release, has my supervisor followed up with my concerns and requests? Leotis why can’t we us our own people for dispatch, would save money instead of pay Idaho County? Instead anything you can do to strengthen code to keep our people safe and strengthening sovereignty.
Response I agreed 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 police 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 Laatís 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 Sasheeta 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-native 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 the NimiipuTc 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 13, 2022 and Whereas the funds will be used to support the NimiipuTc 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 2nd.

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 I could have provided.

Carla Timmeworth amendment fact question on budget, I would not be in favor or support with out data or survey due to fact Common results are not good.

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

Robert Kipp, I must agree with others 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. 5:20 p.m. Motion fails.
56. Order 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.

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.

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 Stickpoo 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, Weite’s 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 species, Japanese knotweed 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, if a project training programs, apprenticeships, old or young, 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, or Tier 2 members to work? Fish & Wildlife Commission we do, NPTEC plans to talk up working with the Shoshones & Umatilla 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 equipment and abiding contracts. Fiscal 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 30-year battle with Shoshone Bannock Tribe, Fish commission has brought action to NPTEC Tier 2 letter. Their encroachment has been issue, I got response form Joseph Oatman and Dave Cowings 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 soyapao with good intentions make sure Nez Perce with ties to the Wallowa homelands. Response we must stand our ground, other tribes harvesting. Response McFarland requested Tribe protocols and what is the plan going forward. The Joseph property given to the tribe, multi-use areas so 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 to the Nimipuen. Ann McCormack thank you to the Circle of Elders for the acknowledgment and approving Harry Slickpoo to further is knowledgeable abilities to teach 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 pristine snow, bathrooms open but water shut off. Also, a harvest many times roots and berries would be good size and at mussel shell if land not being put back, more education and awareness to follow up on hemlock is poison it causes renal failure, but if we can restore salmon the creek, I believe we can eradicate the hemlock. Dogbane hemp used to be where show hemlock is. All our native roots are still there, it is just the noxious weeds are chewing the.
Duane Whitefeather reinforces what our elders, Whitman provide our circle of elder’s resources and necessities to take care our area or concern.
Sandra Timentwa Umatilla say shared fishing rights, there technicians bring ice to the Umatilla fisherman. Elders share 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 qeit are getting smaller, had people are a pepelum share with me the Chief Joseph people and our relations. Multiple tribes have ties to the Wallowa Homelands, 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 2nd. 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 Paddocktly I work for the Solar Panel installation, been doing a lot of good work. Can the
Nimipuu 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 nonprofit?
Response department of energy grants, Chantel Green would know more being a part of that. I
would recommend talking to Executive Director on the Nimipuu 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 Paddocktly I work with revolusa and we do train, especially in electrical we will get to you
school and certified.

67. Motion to accept reports and excuse panel

Board & Commission Elections

68. Enterprise Board seat #1 3-year term
Carla Timewa 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 = 33
Keith Kipp Sr. = 26
Congratulations to Keith Kipp Sr.

69. Enterprise Board Seat #2 3-year term
Robert Kipp nomination of Mary Tallbull.
Mary Tallbull accepts.
Macklin Rhinenhart 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 2nd 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 of 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.
Nest Goodheart nomination of Joanna Wahobin.
Joanna Wahobin accepts.
Motion to cease nomination by Robert Kipp, Delrae Kipp 2nd motion Carried.
Calling of the house.
Counting of Ballots – Election Judges Kayla Warden, Loretta Spaulding, Melissa Guzman.
Total Votes = 41
Gayla Gould =
Sergio Islas = 16
Shannon Jackson = 17
Joanna Wahobin = 17
Runoff between Shannon Jackson and Joanna Wahobin.
Calling of the house.
Total Votes = 56
Shannon Jackson = 29
Joanna Wahobin = 26
Congratulations Shannon Jackson.
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