



Nez Perce Tribe
General Council
Spring Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
May 1, 2, 3, 2025
Kamiah, Idaho

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HOUSE RULES

1. The General Council meeting will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order (revised) and in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Nez Perce Tribe. These rules will be used as a guide for facilitating the business of the assembly.
2. The Agenda and House Rules shall be subject to change from the floor by proper motion and vote by the assembly.
3. The Chairman shall preside over the General Council meeting. Conversations excluding the Chair are not permitted.
4. Motions and Resolutions will be in order during the three-day session. Tribal members shall provide a copy of their motion and/or resolution to the General Council Secretary. Motions and resolutions shall be presented at a time related to the topic on the agenda.
5. Questions and responses shall be made through the Chair and should be confined to the topic and/or pending motion under discussion. The Chairman has the right to intervene to maintain the integrity of questions, responses, and remarks. More time may be allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.
6. The Maker of a Resolution or Motion will have two (2) minutes to introduce the motion and two (2) minutes for rebuttal or to close. Each person in favor of or against the motion will have two (2) minutes to speak. Everyone has the right to participate in discussion if they wish before anyone may speak a second time. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Chairman. After one side exhausts its speakers, the remaining side is allowed only two additional speakers.
7. Personnel matters, i.e. hiring, firing, salary, etc., are not allowed.
8. All persons will act in a courteous, respectful, and professional manner during the course of the meeting.
9. Members have the right to "Appeal the decision of the Chairman" if they feel the Chairman decision is not what the majority wants. A simple majority sustains the decision of the Chairman.
10. Members have the right to speak. If a member is not asking a question, making a motion or a resolution, the Chairman will assume the member is making a speech. Time is valuable so each member will be limited to one such speech per General Council session with a time limit of three (3) minutes. More time may be allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.
11. Anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be requested to leave the premises.
12. The Election Judges will register Nez Perce Tribal members age 18 and older.
13. Kindly turn your cell phone off or to silent. If you need to use your cell phone to answer or make a call, please be respectful of the members of the assembly by going out to the hallway or outside to do so.
14. "Live streaming" on social media or video recording of any kind is not allowed unless authorized, i.e., counting ballots.

Agenda: Thursday, May 1, 2025

7:30 am **Registration Opens** (268 tribal members registered)

8:15 am **Call meeting to Order**

1. Begin at 8:23a
2. Opening Ceremony
3. Welcome, Flag Song and Posting of Colors
4. Prayer by Mary Jane Miles, NPTEC Chaplain
5. Memorial Reading – Wilfred Scott

9:00 am **General Council Business**

6. (8:50a) House Rules – Agenda – Minutes
 - Shirley Allman makes motion to approve House Rules.
 - Verna Taylor seconds motion
 - **Chairman:** any discussion?
 - Motion to approve house rules by Dan Kane
 - Motion carried.
7. **Chairman:** next motion is to approve agenda in the pink booklet. Heads up for one minor revision to add the Minor Trust Fund so lunch will be at 12p instead of 1145a. Entertain motion to approve.
 - Bill Picard makes motion to approve.
 - Second by Elroy Moffett.
 - **Chairman:** Discussion?
 - **Marilyn Bowen:** May 2 during Enterprise, are we are able to hear from the floor people and from the shift managers and workers? They're the ones that are shift managers and supervisors to speak directly about their concern.
 - **Chairman:** if I understand, you're requesting that shift managers and supervisors be present at the enterprise board on Saturday under the budget and finance subcommittee?
 - **Nikoli Greene:** thank you madam chair. We can have some present but there needs to be a manager on shift at all times.
 - **Chairman:** OK so not really a motion. We can make note of this.
 - **Chairman:** Liz Arthur-Attao, you may speak.
 - **Liz Arthur-Attao:** GC was handed an SRBA overview for FY 24-25, within the report there is a chart and graph which requires annual reports but because of

COVID we weren't able to. Yesterday there was an exception to provide a graph that's attached. The Tribe invested a lot of land back, so this is important. I recommend that this report be provided to the GC today.

- ☐ **Nikoli Greene:** Madam Chair is there a typo in the agenda? The schedules don't match.
 - **Secretary:** 10–15-minute break while Chairman prints off the correct GC Agenda.
 - ☐ 9:05am.
 - **Chairman (9:27a):** apologize for the confusion. Updated agenda is being passed around on yellow paper. Due to the current administration, the Federal Agencies are not able to present so after meeting with NPTEC, the Agenda was moved around. *Read's allowed revised Agenda*
 - **Quincy Ellenwood:** if we are going to take out the federal partners, there is a huge issue right now going on with right a ways and trespassing. In 2023 we sent a letter to BIA, Brian Mercier, to resolve this. We asked him to respond. There hasn't been resolution. This is a huge issue when we went through that in 2021. I was involved and we found out at that time through the IDT that there was no right-a-way and the NEPA process wasn't followed. Chairman Penney was there at the time and OLC has a copy. If federal partners won't be here, we have a huge issue. Thank you.
 - ☐ **Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Ellenwood. Again, note changes to the agenda with the understanding that the federal agency partners cannot present at this time. I need a motion to approve agenda.
 - Motion Melvin wheeler
 - Second Owen Moffett
 - **Question by Alene Powaukee:** Who answers to the federal agency partners not arriving?
 - ☐ **Chairman:** I'm going to invite our NPTEC Chairman to provide comment in that regard.
 - ☐ **NPTEC Chairman Wheeler:** we reached out several times to federal agencies and they were not able to speak to outside entities at the direction of the new administration. But we are starting to receive responses. On May 14, the BIA will be in Lapwai along with Director Mercier, and the regional director. Other agencies are coming around and several of our NPTEC partners are in communication with the federal agencies where they are receiving responses. The directive from administration was no speaking to outside entities.
 - **Chairman:** thank you. Any further comments?

- **Kay Seven:** the missing report is interesting because of the new administration. Our tribal leadership team should provide a report to the people who work for the tribe on where we are at with the agencies. Who is our policy analyst following the terminations, federal assistance programs, etc. Everything we have at the tribe is fragmented. Who is watching? This is frustrating working in our organization in fragmentation. I think if it's not at this meeting, we need to start paying attention to this important information. What is our plan to be ahead of what is going on in the current administration?
 - **NPTEC Chairman Wheeler:** thank you for the message. Within my reports today I will be specifically speaking about this and providing insight to what Ms. Seven has spoken about.
- **Mary Johnson:** good morning, 2738, there's been a lot of trespassing for years in Asahka. My brother was murdered on that land. Something needs to be done. I don't know what, but we don't know what to do with it. It's an emotional subject for me, I lost my brother there. This is important.
- **Liz Arthur-Attao:** to GC, while printing off the revised agenda, I stood up and mentioned SRBA overview. You may all want to make sure to get a copy of this. I requested the last page, there's a graph of purchases from 2011-2015 where there is an attachment with land purchases.
- **Chairman:** thank you. Any further questions? Motion is to approve agenda.
 - Question by Shirley Allman
 - Second Robert Kipp.
 - Motion Carried.
- 8. **Chairman:** Motion to approve the minutes.
 - Summary read by Secretary.
 - **Chairman:** What is the desire of the summary of the actions in the fall 2024 General Council. Do we have an approval for the Fall 2024 General Council Minutes?
 - Motion Shirley Allman
 - Second Lorenzo Ellenwood.
 - **Chairman:** Discussion? No objection? All those in favor signify by saying Aye.
 - Motion Carried
- 9. Resolutions Committee report – Alice Spaulding, Chairperson
 - **Alice Spaulding (9:51a):** good morning. I am the chairwoman, Paulette Smith is our Vice Chair, Maurita Oatman is our secretary, and Eva Higheagle is our member. Meetings 11/4, 11/6, 11/18, December cancelled, 1/24, 2/6, 3/17, 4/9, total of 6 tribal members attended our meetings. Not very many but 6. Five resolutions went to NPTEC (GRAP, financial status of NPT, tribal member

enrollment, recommended GRAP accountability, and enrollment protection from ICE). The resolutions are on the back table and the enrollment one on the ICE issue will be brought under their respective subcommittee. That's it for us. Thank you.

- **Chairman:** any questions or comments for Resolutions committee?

- ☐ **Meredith Moffett:** what is the next step forward in resolutions?

- **Alice Spaulding:** it will come under HR subcommittee, but we do have a draft at the table, so you know beforehand in case you need to prepare questions.

- ☐ **Meredith Moffett:** Thank you.

- **Chairman:** any further questions? Entertain motion to accept resolutions committee.

- ☐ Motion Ashton Picard

- ☐ Second Melvin Wheeler

- Motion Carried.

- **Chairman:** Thank you, Resolutions committee. Next item is NPTEC Chairman and Treasurer reports.

10:00 am NPTEC CHAIRMAN and TREASURER REPORTS

10. NPTEC Chairman – Shannon Wheeler

- **NPTEC Chairman Wheeler (9:57a):** thank you madam chair. Thank you, creator, for this beautiful day in this sacred place we call home in Kamiah. By being here your voice is being heard. Representing the Tribe is an honor and privilege. That work is reflected in the Chairman report. It is included in the packet. I will be speaking today from a broader overview from what's inside the report and what the federal administration has been doing. First, I'd like to send condolences to those who are coping with the loss of loved ones. We send our heartfelt prayers and to those who are suffering from illness or injury. Moment of silence please. We understand the uncertainty at this time. The tribe has been proactive in responding to each of the U.S. impacts of funding and national organization. We are pushing back actions that impede on the Nez Perce Tribe. We are well positioned to handle these challenges. I thank the staff for their hard work in this regard. Please know we will not stop working to protect our interest. On behalf of our tribe, NPTEC has been working hard along with Directors to understand what the administration has been doing. We have been working hard with Congress. It is our responsibility to ensure the NP voice is heard by U.S. especially finances, trust responsibility, treaty rights, sacred lands, co-management, MMIW, and education. On 2/25/25, we provided our first written strategies for determining the information that was coming out of D.C., although talking about it

since November. One thing we learned was it is important to have regional relationships in addition to any federal agencies that we interact along with, including the States. Following the election, the administration made changes by signing 120 Executive Orders relating to operations and management. President Trump froze funding and reduced the federal workforce. These actions had the potential to impact the Tribe in various ways. This was expedited and unlawful. The tribe had a written strategy to address this in guidelines to provide a written structure to move forward as we always have with dignity and respect for the NP people. These are efforts we have always made but were more significant due to the administrations answers. The NP role through this process is to increase interactions with federal agencies to protect membership security and citizens of the U.S. in which we reside. We will continue to have communication with tribal membership due to confusion in the media about the administration's actions (immigration, birthright, citizenship, etc.). this was an attempt to weaken the Constitution. We sit in the Constitution under article 6 which solidifies what we preserve. It is important that we communicated this. All tribal nations did not approve of what the U.S. is doing. They told us the first 45 days was chaotic, next 45 hope it calms down, after that we'll see. We've been to DC several times expressing our concerns to express our tribal treaty rights are in the Constitution which they were trying to weaken. So, when we express this and communicated it, we are trying to do the best we can to get this out. We reacted first by sending letters to Congress. They hold the power and balance. We worked with them to ensure treaty rights and our position of authority and power is recognized. We also knew we needed to maintain and cultivate relationships with the incoming federal partners, like the Secretary of Interior. They are who stand up against the federal agencies to be sure our treaty rights are honored which is why we communicated with them, and they will be in Lapwai on May 14th. We will reach out to departments for information pertaining to this. We reached out to congress and senators. We've seen good things from this like support for the CDFI. It's good we have these people who understand the tribe's position. There are statutory authorities that the federal agencies must uphold. Treaty legal binding agreements and the broader trust responsibility that the federal agencies carry out. We ceded over 30 million acres in reserving and retaining these rights. Back up a moment, our people at the time didn't understand what treaty was but we understood what we needed and what mattered the most for existence today. Even though we still have this in our culture, we preserved other things outside the world. We look different today but the core of who we are is maintained today. This is expressed in the statutory authority, whether it's in CWA, etc., these federal agencies need to understand this, and our treaty rights are what they are, and they have a broader trust responsibility tied to that

and that exists in the Constitution where it is spelled out. We will continue to express our position and show where we are in the Treaty, and that's the sovereign-to-sovereign relationship that we enjoy and live by. The NPTEC is standing by this and communicating it, demanding they come speak with us. Mr. Penney will be out to speak with EPA today, and Rachel Edwards speaking directly to HHS. This is for the people and NPTEC is looking out into this confusion and seeing that what's most important to us makes us who we are, and we will stand by this for the people. We coordinate with allies like NCAIA, ATNI, CRITFC, USFWS, OLC, nongovernmental organizations (Sierra Club), all other organizations. This coordination means something in a time like this to support the work that we do and how we continue to fight. We realize we need to protect tribal funding and plan for that. We have to look at what's happening and if we have to adjust or budget then that's what we need to do. We also will continue to develop a financial response plan. We have coordinated with NARF (Native American Rights Fund), other tribes like situated, and executive order tribes. Executive order tribes, although different, still have a federal obligation owed. Those tribes look to treaty tribes to stand up. We have the strongest treaty in this country. Other tribes look to the strength of the Nez Perce. There are tons of Executive Orders that will create a bottleneck for processing. This may be due to lack of employment in the federal agencies, so we need to prepare and ensure our avenues utilizing the government, and make sure they understand the trust responsibility is a duty when they swear to the U.S., this is their responsibility. That's where the NPT sits. We don't go to the U.S. in partnership and that's the way we go today. We said it to President Biden, thank you for reaffirming our treaty rights, which affirms the NP and their economic development. We need to get through this administration. So NPTEC, NPT, and employees are working hard to make sure things like energy sovereignty is something to us for what our future generations will face. Madam Chair, if I may take a few moments to close, I would like to share, it's NP forever, so I will share something that was in the Covenant of the Salmon, the creation story, before the birth of the NP, when the animal people were called by the Creator. I want to share what he said and close with that. We fight for life. If we forget them, they will forget us. Even though we have differences, we can at least focus on the things in common that we share as NP people. Madam chair, thank you for your time. We will have a special presentation now by Lapwai Robotics team, Keeping the Eye on Walleye.

- **Samantha Smith:** Teacher *introduction*, 8th grade robotics team co heritage award from the robotics competition (applause), they came back with an EPA award for battling effects of climate change, and they only got beat by a PR, they placed 2nd for environmental sciences, the biggest accomplishment is they had 1 month to complete the

project compared to the other teams who had months. Isaiah and his team went over and won awards, so we have some geniuses up and coming, this is a big deal, there's a table in the lobby for anyone to see. Walleyes are a serious issue, so this is a big deal. Thank you.

- **Isaiah Painter:** thank you for being here, the reason we did this is because there are opportunities aligned with the profession and we wanted everyone on board, we can't do robotics until everyone can convince the school board to create the class. This class is only for middle school after this I can't take the class there's a lot of improvement, I would love to work in.

□ **Kay Seven:** quiet in the house sergeant of arms.

- **Chairman:** thank you. Again, a round of applause for our young student. It's a good reminder of why we're here. His grandparents and greats, that's why he's here doing the good things he is. What we do as GC, we are affecting our grandchildren we will never see. And the folks who signed the treaty, that was on our behalf, and they don't see us. I appreciate we can celebrate this. With that thank you and turning it over to our treasurer.

11. NPTEC Treasurer – Ashton Picard

- **Ashton Picard (10:30a):** chairman went over federal aspects. I'd like to add the historical concepts of what our economics were is our ability to provide and predict and learn and know what will happen/occur. A great hunter is able to know the track of an animal to bring home. Same with fish and gatherers and root diggers. When we think of the ability to predict and know what patterns are, it helps economically as well. I've gone to conferences predicting interest drops, they now have no clue what's going to happen, if our President will come out in a press conference and change everything completely, will it be budget freeze? It's hard to predict but we are doing our best to stay on top of it and design a path forward. We do have the Treasurer's Report Summary. I'll read off the summary. Thank you, Madam Chair,
- **Chairman (10:37a):** Thank you, Treasurer Picard. Next, we have the SRBA investment funds by Merrill Lynch. Entertain motion to move into executive session.
 - Motion by Shirley Allman
 - Second Robert Kipp
 - Motion Carried.
 - **Robert Kipp:** can the finance manager stay as well?
 - **Chairman:** yes, the deputy executive director, the finance manager and Merrill Lynch employees can remain in the room during executive session. Oh, and the auditor guy can stay.
 - **Executive Session 10:39a**

□ **Recess for Lunch 11:57a**

- 12. SRBA Investment Funds – Merrill Lynch
- 13. Auditor's report - Bluebird CPAs
 - FY23 Nez Perce Tribe Audit
 - FY24 Nez Perce Tribe Enterprise Audit
- 14. Minor Trust Fund - Breakwater Investment Group (added 4/28/25)

12:00 pm Lunch break

1:00 pm Questions/Comments for the panel (continued)

15. **Executive Session 1:06p**

- **Chairman: motion to entertain motion to come out of executive**
 - **Motion Tony Johnson**
 - **Second Julian Mathews**
 - **Motion carried.**
- **Tony Johnson motion to accept report.**
- **Second Julian Mathews.**
 - **Motion carried.**

2:00 pm SUBCOMMITTEE / BOARD / COMMISSION REPORTS

16. *Natural Resources Subcommittee - Ferris Paisano III, Chairman*

- **Ferris Paisano III (2:38p):** Thank you everyone and our support staff back in the office. Every place is sacred for us. As chairman of Natural Resources, I am also on the board for CRITFC. This July we meet at the Casino with the NPT as chair for the next year. We are fighting over a stretch of the river in zone 6, claiming we aren't an OR, or WA tribe, and I say we aren't an ID tribe. We come from the cascades to the Rockies. We are plateau people and that's who we are. It brings me to tears how spiritually connected our leaders were. It's really important that we are one, as a general council for the NPT. My report is sitting in front of you. The support staff helped a lot. We have Mr. Smith here for environmental. We hired Joe Oatman as our fish director. We have been asking for that for a long time. This is a start. Mike Tuell and Jack Yearout are here to contest for Joe. Our NRSC is on the first and third Tuesdays. So, I'm the chair, but Mr. smith, Mr. Teasely, Mr. Oatman, and Mr. Johnson, they're the ones that guide me and help make decisions. The Nez Perce Tribe is globally recognized as a natural resource tribe, with a deep and ongoing responsibility to protect the lands, waters, and wildlife. The NRSC upholds this legacy through its work in forest management, water rights enforcement, environmental restoration, and climate resilience, ensuring that these resources endure for the benefit of future generations. Our highlights are that the fires and fuels program completed prescribed burning and

fuel treatments on 833 acres; the Bureau of Land Management donated a Type 6 wildfire engine in recognize of the Tribe's fire protection efforts; water resources received a \$2 million Columbia River Basin grant to reduce pesticide impacts; and Fisheries released 13 million hatchery juveniles for ocean migration while also assessing Sockeye reintroduction in Wallowa Lake. Ms. Allman was at a meeting in Portland for the release of sockeye. And in 2 years the sockeye will return and be taken to Wallowa Lake. I respect the leaders of the past and future. I saw Mr. Slickpoo here who was part of this and the CRITFC. Every tribe but the NPT got \$, but our leaders refused. And now it has to do with allocation of fish because we are fisherman. Our fisherman knows how to attack because we are fishermen. We develop techniques to fish because we are fisher people. We have a lot more highlights in the Spring Report, so I thank my support staff, Marsan who helped put this together and thank you everyone.

17. *Climate Change/Energy Subcommittee – Ryan Oatman, Chairman*

- **Ryan Oatman (2:59p):** Good afternoon, everyone. I am Ryan Oatman, and our subcommittee consists of me, Mr. Paisano, Ms. Rachel Edwards, and Ms. Shirley Allman. I'd like to say thank you to Liz Arthur-Attao for sitting in on meetings and Ferris to cover when I was gone, and NPTEC support staff. The climate change and energy committee lead Tribal efforts in renewable energy, climate resilience, and environmental policy to protect and sustain Nimiipuu homelands. Our subcommittee has accepted many reports from different departments within its authority and so a brief overview is Climate Change & Energy starting at the Tribal Climate Resilience Grant; Solar benefits between MT, WA, and ID; submitted grant applications: climate united next grant (300K); solar installation; wayas community center; DOE tribal energy development grant; WA DOC grant; and that's the end. Thank you for allowing me to be in this position since 2021. I'd also like to thank the elders from my first NPTEC (Lee Bourgeau, Carla Timentwa first foods teaching, and Sis Powaukee).

18. *Land Enterprise Commission - Shirley J. Allman, Chairman*

- **Shirley Allman (3:06p):** thank you for being here, I'm the subcommittee chair and I sit on the subcommittee with Mr. Oatman, Ms. Mary Jane Miles, Ms. Rachel Edwards, and Ms. Liz Arthur-Attao. We'd like to also recognize our tribal leaders and women leaders. Mary Jane Miles has served our membership for over 9 years in various capacities. If we can acknowledge and thank her for her dedication and all her time put into membership. She has been commuting daily. Please give her a round of applause. I appreciate our support staff and liaisons. The Land Enterprise Subcommittee continues to expand Tribal land

ownership and support critical development projects. Recent acquisitions include two former church properties and over \$1.1 million in trust and fee land purchases. Work is also ongoing to address housing needs, develop water infrastructure, and finalize a homesite lease policy. The horse program accomplished getting an office building placed with the horses since it is important for the horses and staff being accessible and nearby. Hopefully by next spring they will have a home. This was a vision and I'm happy it happened. Also, we have the intertribal agricultural counsel, I was the delegate with Liz as alternate. The Indian land working group included Liz, Ryan, and me. Since our last GC, there has been 14 subcommittee meetings, a lot goes into these meetings. I want to touch base on trespassing brought up earlier thank you Mr. Ellenwood. We asked the BIA for a follow up to the trespass issue. They responded that they would like to hear it from the individuals directly and not the table. So, we are waiting for more responses from the affected individuals to bring it to the table. They want to hear from the actual tribal members not through others. Also, one of the biggest accomplishments is the Methodist church ceremony. Lastly, I want to speak about a task brought to the table last fall concerning the cemeteries on the NP reservation. I wanted to mention that a draft brochure with all tribal cemeteries listed is at the back table (DRAFT ONLY). We would like to have some direction (back has contact info) about contact info for those cemeteries. We heard some are unsafe for people to enter and exit. There is a variety of concerns that came to the table. In 2019 the Cultural Resource program did a report, and I took data from that report that gave extensive info on those from Nakia Williamson, and he has updated info. If anyone can look through the brochure and let us know who to contact so we know the family members, what needs to be done and what help is needed. We will create a priority list and then work together to get those needs met. Again, this is just a draft. I'm looking forward to putting together a maintenance plan and keeping it in the radar of tribal budgets. Thank you everyone.

19. *Fish & Wildlife Commission – Erik Holt, Chairman*

- **Erik Holt (3:17p):** first of all, speaking to my mom, with Mother's Day coming up, give a round of applause to the mothers. I'm chairman of FW commission. I want to acknowledge those in mourning. I want to acknowledge my father because he was a part of the commission. Our focus is to practice sovereignty in our jurisdiction and natural resource areas. Our contact staff is Nancy McCallaster. We appreciate the help. We lost a freezer that holds ceremonial salmon, and the alarm didn't alert us. She went above and beyond moving all of the fish, so we didn't lose everything, so I want to commend her for staying after

hours. NPTEC concurred with FW recommendation of buffalo hunt that began 9/13/2024 to 4/13/25. The Commission conducted 8 orientations. The fall GC reports 5,449 buffalo which are heard to be reduced by 1,375 animals this winter. Jeremiah of the parks bison program reported that the park plans to reduce the population to a range of 3,500 to 4,000 animals using all available tools when the herd exceeds 5,200. They (IDP) have access to buffalo before we do. They are using the trapping facility and getting these buffalo and hazing by the Yellowstone National Park and using all tools at their disposal. They have a real word impact on our hunters. So, we have weekly coordination calls when these initial hazing operations took place in February when our hunters were there. I brought it to the attention of NPTEC. I got angry speaking from frustration about them imposing on our people and allowing other activities without regard for our treaty reserved rights and allowing these other factions. Other problem is the IBMPs ship to slaughter program which had 577 buffalos given under this program where the NPT only harvested 36 buffalo. I voiced these concerns while we are hunting, not knowing come February the focus was the ship to slaughter and one tribe gained them over everyone else. So, we need to start voicing our concerns. We are usually the only tribe who speaks up against them and debate against things that are necessary because they are against our treaty rights. We are the only tribe that has a 13 NF agreement to acknowledge our treaty rights, so we need to focus more on litigation. I've said it before. The Yellowstone National Park is already being taken by state of MT. We are standing back and seeing how things play out. But at the same time now that we have this Trump administration, we need to be mindful knowing we have everything up against us. That's what we're there for. I want to continue to do that the next two meetings coming up. We need to voice our Yellowstone national park concerns. Next, I want to talk about the CRITFC policy and procedures. I received calls from fishers down there for getting harassed on the daily for alternative fishing gear that we are using. Yakama Nation proposed an MOU for us to conform to the clothing regulations. The alternative fishing gear is something that the NPT thinks about, the elephant in the room, we have 30 fishers that go down there, compared to the 100s of the other Steven's Treaty tribes sent down there. They're catching more fish because of the use of the gear types. I appreciate the insight but we need more data that this gear is the reason for decline. They want the NPT to conform to these gears, and then ban them or they will be cutting us off. Spring and summer season set the zone 6 with a 30% buffer rate so we don't overharvest paper fish, so we've got a target of 70% of that to develop the quotas. Once we see the runs the staff will inform the commission as they return over the lower granite dam. Quick breakdown: Bonneville Dam had 4689; lower granite dam had 256; Clearwater- 3284; in Powell- 44; in salmon river- 4988; in South

fork- 907; and with 43 in the natural unclipped category; Tucannon river has 4 fish. Those are the numbers we are talking about where climate change is having an impact. Imnaha has 120. Keep you all updated on numbers because once hit, we are going back. The NPT fisher's meeting received good feedback. We had a motion made by Mr. Gould, supported it, took it to subcommittee, it helped reaffirm article III. Lastly, thank you to my staff, FW commissioners, wildlife staff, fisheries staff, we are the voice of the people and that's what we're here for. Thank you.

20. *Utility Board – Scherri Greene, Chairman*

- **Scherri Greene (3:41p):** My name is Scherri Greene and I'm in charge of the utility board. We will start with the sewer and water utility boards goal which is to provide clean water for our customers as well as being a reasonable rate structure that our country can afford. Our water nutrition operates and maintains water systems at north Lapwai, South Lapwai, and Kamiah. Our utility board consists of myself as the chairperson, Richard Guzman as secretary, member is Agnus Weaskus and Lucinda Simpson. Our liason is Rachel Edwards. We have 125 accounts in Lapwai and 177 in Kamiah. Now here comes the difficult part, we have past due accounts totaling \$16,716.74. We have revised our past due account door hangers and are working to get them out. Final upgrades will happen and are tested and upgraded. Priscilla sent out a list of housing customers with past due balances, but customers are threatening our workers. We are need in transfer for utilities overall. Reminder for accounts overdue: we still want to work with you. Please do not dispose of paper towels into the toilets because they are clogging. We are fortunate to be working with other groups as well. I met with housing to help patrons but also get those payments in line. We ask that people work on the payments. We know it's a tough time, but we need to be mindful of our sewer and water system. We need people working with our staff this issue of threatening our workers is really tough for them especially when it's a tribal member and we're trying to get along. Reach out we are trying to work with you. Unfortunately, there are times we have to shut it off. Thank you I appreciate your time. **Out of respect for individual privacy, please contact Scherri for specific information on past due debt numbers.**

3:45 pm

Questions/Comments for the Panel

21. **Julian Mathews (3:50p):** presents resolution and makes a motion to adopt this resolution.
- **Chairman:** is there a second?
 - Second by Mr. Elroy Moffett
 - **Chairman:** reads now therefore be it resolved: “That the NPTEC and its entities will work on researching and acquiring buffalo to be

brought to the Tribe for management and development of a Buffalo herd and provide for all necessary logistics and requirements for developing and managing a Nimiipuu Buffalo program for the benefit of the Nimiipuu.” Any questions or comments?

- **Erik Holt (3:59p):** I am for the motion. It’s for research of the feasibility of getting buffalo here. The transfer system is controlled by ITDC with a step-by-step process. Having this done, I am for it because there are benefits. We don’t have to reinvent the wheel.
 - **Chairman:** thank you
- **Kay Seven (4p):** I’m for it, but question, this is food sovereignty and why hasn’t the tribe done something already?
- **Ferris Paisano (4p):** I’m for it. We have rights on 13 National Forest. This was brought forward in the past. Allotments are removed every 10 years. My request is that the NP has the first right of refusal so if allotment comes up it should be offered to the NPT. I’m for it.
- **Gayla Gould (4:01p):** I support this motion because of grazing and invasive species control especially in our gathering areas. I’m in support of this since we’ve been buying land.
- Question by Robert Kipp.
 - Motion carried.

22. **Gwen Carter (4:03p):** 249, I have questions. I live on over the hill drive which was supposed to be connected to the sewer system. Our septic systems are drain fuse; they’re all scheduled to fail in the next couple years. It was in the plans to hook us up and it hasn’t been done. We need a new drain fuel. When Lee Bourgeau was on committee, she advocated for first foods, and we need to bring this back. Lastly, my daughter Trish and I, we got a notice about the Navajo code talkers info being taken down. This has been removed. What’s happened to Alvin Ameera, they did the DNA testing and located him, but we don’t know what will happen to him. They’re removing things we need to stand firm in our history so do we 638 the facility? How dare they remove that from the sites. I’m angry about that. Our people died for this country.

- **Erik Holt (4:07p):** I appreciate first foods. I confided in Lee a lot. We need a first foods program like the Umatilla tribe with a dynamic mission statement and the deliverables that come from that. We need something in place because our first foods are under mass destruction. The Trump administration is coming under fire and destroying our lands and habitats. I appreciate the removal stuff, and it’s something we can’t have. I’m sorry for the drain system.
- **Ryan Oatman (4:09p):** I agree we need to take care of our own. Losing our history scares me and now more than ever we need it. NPTEC needs to sit down and talk about how we will preserve our history and put it on our list as priority. It is concerning to me too, with

the current administration taking away everyone's history. I'll sit with NPTEC and make it a priority.

23. **Shannon Jackson (4:11p):** thank you for your words, Scherri, you reminded me about my water bill. One recommendation, if we can start making payments more consumer friendly like through my phone it would be so much easier. I bet you would see improvement. Just a recommendation. Let's start getting with the program and make it easier.
24. **Jerrod Rickman (4:12p):** 3094, for Ryan Oatman, MT trapping and hazing issues, has the commission at these meetings consulted with OLC about presenting a threat of a lawsuit due to their trust responsibility? And second, in regard to our fish, when we divide our cake to 50% with state, is the shobans included in with the state, or our cake? Or, incidental? Third, when I worked for water resources, I thought SRBA was for the ones who couldn't afford to do so?
 - **Erik Holt (4:14p):** yes. I talked to Mike Lopez in OLC to prepare a statement that has teeth to it to show we are serious about what we are saying. I agree with you about taking a hard land stance. We need to watch the state of MT. I definitely agree we need to have a stance. Second, the Shoban stake comes under the state quota side,
 - **Jack Yearout (4:16p):** follow up on Shoban with context because we deal with this daily, NPT says Shoban rights are undetermined and unadjudicated, so they are on state share but aren't treaty fishers. The State of Idaho helps them, so we are kind of in this place with the State of ID where it's difficult. But the NPT has consistently refused to acknowledge Shoban tribal harvest. The undetermined rights have put us in a bad spot. Our position has remained that over time. My hope is that this can be resolved.
25. **Sara Moffett (4:20p):** motion to accept the panel's report, excuse the panel, and adjourn for the day.
 - **Chairman:** we have Annie McCormack, Elroy Moffett, Gayla Gould, and Daryl wheeler. Then we will recess for the day.
26. **Annie McCormack (4:22p):** thank you Ryan for bringing up the library. An update is that we are subject to DODGE and our library and grants was terminated on 4/8, so Harry no longer has a contract with the tribe and library is temporarily closed. We are working hard, not considering this permanent, and we did file to sue to be reinstated.
27. **Elroy Moffett (4:23p):** the gentlemen who made the robot, have him make something to catch the Shobans. And to Shirley, the cemeteries, are they plotted, and family members know where their family is? I'm looking for a family member.
 - **Shirley Allman:** that's the info we need to collect. So, anyone who has info like that please contact me.
 - **Erik Holt:** my mom has detailed cemetery plots, look to her, and ask her.
28. **Gayla Gould (4:25p):** 3312, buffalo harvest requires federal agencies to consult with tribal nations. Also, MT litigation with the NF, we need to be a

part of this litigation with our own staff and funding to find the feasibility to it to pay a butcher and meat to maintain our food and take care of it.

- **Erik Holt (4:26p):** thank you I appreciate this. There's a resolution passed already with foot work to get the right people and task force to assemble. We just need to look at it from a different lens. I agree. Also, the processing of buffalo is something we need to do, so hopefully that comes to fruition. So, thank you I agree and appreciate your comments.

29. **Daryl Wheeler (4:27p):** one comment, with the land commission and issues of trespass, there were homeless people lounging in our yard, and when my nephew confronted them, they got feisty, and he stood his ground. It's been a crisis everywhere, what they call the jungle in Lapwai, we have the compound by the railroad tracks in an abandoned garage in Kamiah. This is what it's come to and it's going to get a lot worse. The other question, the abandoned unused railroad cars used going into Lapwai, it's pretty unsightly to look at. Deer will have a hard time when they come off the mountain, so was it the state or RR who abandoned these?

- **Shirley Allman (4:32p):** this has been brought to the table several times and we are trying to come up with a solution. I'm not sure Mr. Chairman if you have info about the RR but it is known, and we will continue to investigate the question to determine how we can get them removed.
 - **Erik Holt:** offer that my uncle always talks about right a ways. At CRITFC and BMSF, their liaison talks about RRs. Thank you.

30. **Chairman (4:34p):** thank you all. This is an important panel.

- **Sara Moffet:** Motion to accept report, excuse panel, recess for the day.
 - Second Julian Mathews
 - Call for vote.
 - Motion carried.

4:35 pm Recess for the day

31. Recess at 4:35p

32. Prayer by Mary Jane Miles

- Closing prayer – Mary Jane Miles, Chaplain, NPTEC

SATURDAY, MAY 03, 2025 - NPTEC GENERAL ELECTION VOTING

POLLING STATIONS: OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. CLOSE AT 3:00 P.M.

Agenda: Friday, May 2, 2025

7:30 am **Registration open** (330 tribal members registered)

8:15 am **Call meeting to Order**

33. Begin at 8:28a

- Opening prayer – Mary Jane Miles, Chaplain, NPTEC
- Announcements

8:30 am **SUBCOMMITTEE / BOARD / COMMISSION REPORTS**

34. *Law & Order/Intergovernmental Affairs, Ashton Picard, Chairman*

- **Ashton Picard (8:33a):** thank you madam chair, Introduction of members and liaisons. We had a couple of amendments with MP25-035, MP25-108, and a TERO fee amendment that did not pass. I would like to introduce Eva White, our acting LOEO who starts Monday from being Interim. Our Law and Order subcommittee meeting dates are the first and third Tuesdays. The Law & Order Subcommittee continues to oversee and support justice, enforcement, and intergovernmental functions of the Tribe, with a focus on community protection, legal advocacy, and program development. Since the last General Council, the Subcommittee has supported 6 new grants across the Law & Justice Department, including awards to the Executive Office, Tribal Police, Child Support, Judicial Services, and TERO. Two amendments to the Tribal Code were enacted, while a proposed TERO fee adjustment did not advance past public comment. The Law & Order staffing update includes 6 full-time hires, enhancing departmental capacity. Community engagement remains a priority, highlighted by a series of Family Tree Outreach events and cultural programming in partnership with Head start. Subcommittee members and liaisons continue to represent the tribe on key intergovernmental platforms such as the Idaho Council of Indian Affairs, Juvenile Justice Commission, and Gaming Commission. I commend our child support program for their outreach as well as our opioid response manager, and his outreach that he's been doing for his program which he'll speak to. I want to say thank you for the opportunity to be able to serve as law-and-order chair, and hope if there are any questions they will be asked. Thank you.

35. *Law & Justice Executive Officer - Interim Eva J. White*

- **Eva White (8:37a):** Hello everyone I'll start by introducing myself. My name is Eva White, I grew up in Lapwai, my father is Billy and

mother is Mary. I worked for the tribe as chief judge, and I am proud and honored to be here before you. I worked as an interim since November and am trying to bring things back to follow procedures. I haven't been at the office for more than a few days a week. But Peggy Vanwoerkom has done a lot of work. Our report is pretty inclusive of everything going on. And now that I'm full time I can provide more. At this point that's all I have other than what was in the report.

36. *Opioid Response Manager - Brooklyn Baptiste*

- **Brooklyn Baptiste (8:39a):** thank you for Mary Jane and her opening prayer. Sets the tone for my program. My office is located at the tribal court building and the Methodist Hall and that way the people I work with are more comfortable to visit. I appreciate the ability to be able to work for these departments. My position stems from a court case that the tribe has filed against a pharmaceutical company where we got a settlement in increments. This gives us a holistic idea to offer assistance and how to move forward with tribal opioid use and addiction prevention. I work in prevention, incarceration, and recovery and treatment. This keeps me busy. I just want to express my appreciation for these staff members: L&O, NPTEC, NMPH, tribal police chief, communication, social services, wildlife division (mentorship), healing lodge of 7 nation, CHAS health, Idaho department of corrections, surrounding jail systems, prayer circle smudging. It's a continued driven effort where we find ways to amplify new efforts to address this issue. Using our culture as a component and baseline for all the work that we do here. This is part of the abatement process. And it's still growing to be able to change and meet the needs for our people whether they're youth, adults, or behind bars. I work with our jail to implement restorative justice which is alternatives and a different method which is our culture. So, we can go into the system and connect with the people in there with a prayer circle or a sweat house so we can provide alternatives for our people who are in there. We encourage this and it's what NPTEC envisioned. It all started in the 90s when our people didn't know opioids were synthetic which is highly addictive. They pushed this on our people and those pain meds contain opioids that will get you addicted. And the pharmaceuticals knew this that's why we joined the lawsuit. I will tell you that fentanyl is the worst version, its deadly, manufactured in China, and now Mexico cartels are synthetically reducing it to make money. It's the worst drug and is now seen in other drugs to get people addicted and make money. It's dangerous and only takes one time to use the drug to overdose and die. It also only takes one time to have a discussion about it to stop it and prevent and it's terrible to see. I know people here have experienced it or know people who have died from it so that's why this program is important for the tribe. Our main purpose is to reduce by 50% in three years. Prescription by 30%. With

rehabilitative purposes with a culture component. We are on target, but the new administration declared they would make fentanyl a priority so there's funding available but because of the other budget cuts, agencies are struggling to obtain the funding. But we can move forward, the law enforcement and justice system has offered methodologies in the part that they place with state and federal agencies. It's not made here but it's coming through our community. The judge and the court also work with me on this instead of jail time. There's a jail court or healing to wellness framework, for example I joined probation on a trip to visit the Colville tribe who has a peacemakers court. We had one championed by Bernice Moffett, to support going in and out of court which give individuals mentors and school systems, but they don't do sexual or violent crime. However, they work diligently to provide that path instead of jail time. Right now, I work with juveniles in lieu of having the youth do jail time, I work with the youth as a peacemaker court and as a mentor. Some data: 10/23/-9/24 1 fentanyl death; 5 Narcan; 3 Narcan uses that saved lives. So, it's important to keep working to reduce this by 50% which we are seeing. From 10/24-12/24, 2 deaths from Narcan (3) and one life saving. We need to provide Narcan training to our community and programs. Our day labor program is stacked with Narcan. Sasheena Williams has a grant to train and provide Narcan to our community. Some things we do is enhance law enforcement efforts so our tribal police will be identified or in some cases they might not understand cultural sensitivity so they're working on improving that. The tribe just supplemented the NMPH with suboxone. That is changing and they're trying to offer at the NMPH. The ability to get that takes a transition. We will continue through public education on the mission of opioids to stop the use of following that path. Talking about a men's group: there's a large gap in the ability for men or women to come out of treatment. They don't have a place, so we have a goal of a long-term care program. Our men need a group in Lapwai and Kamiah (cancelled due to death in community). We want to draw all men together regardless of where they're from as a holistic view. Communities might be different, but our needs are the same. We need an understanding of what we need as men. A number of men showed up and the meeting was great where they expressed their needs to better the community and offer services to elders, and mentorship opportunities for the youth, and longhouse teaching to put that back in our community. This will help us build a stronger environment as men, so we are continuing to work on this but one of the main needs is a long-term patient facility, halfway house, and treatment. We will continue to work along the NPT. I just want to say thank you to all the departments I speak with (Social Services, housing, law and order, NMPH). They all deserve praise because they are doing a lot and it's a really difficult issue to handle to sit with people who are struggling or

homeless, people that you know and love. What we are doing is holistically provide efforts to individuals. It's the achievements that the tribe puts forward and it's great. To hear from our youth that our work is preventing them from committing suicide is huge. We are pulling everyone together, everyone is committed to fighting this, and changing the environment we have so our kids have a lot more to do. Our education department provides great support. I encourage help with our men's group so we can balance and support our community with. Thank you again for the NPTEC for allowing me to operate. Keep everyone in prayer. Our people are in dire need. It's tough to see them suffer and we are committed to change that. So, thank you.

37. *Chief of Police - Mark Benson*

- **Mark Benson (9:00a):** good morning, 10/1-4/3= 1241 calls; canine Monta 25 deployments; 15 narcotics (8 nontribal). Monta can track with having 2 fugitive captures this year. Our drone was used with the U.S. Marshalls when there was a violent predator living on the reservation. We used our drone and arrested this individual. For community engagement, I want my officers out in the community events, school, local and state agencies, escorts for memorial services which is unique, but we are proud and happy to do it. Grant funding purchased 5 new vehicles (received in august). Stop sticks for deflating tires, we used them helping NP county stop someone driving at a high speed. Training with grant funds and free training has been to the best of our ability (15 Trainings). This week through our liaison, we will host leadership crisis training in August. Criminal division focused on providing quality police work. We are with the internet crimes against children. We have trained officers on this to help us hunt down people going after our kids. For administration, no police department runs well without Marie Baheza and Brenda Axtell. We will hire a tribal female officer after background to hopefully have here ASAP. We also received a \$762K award. MMIP interviews are in place currently. This is a new concept, I didn't know a lot about, but have done a lot of research and training, I love this concept because they're too reactive. This database is proactive to find people at risk, get as a much information, and hopefully we will have the head start. It will be successful. We have new technology called power DIS to upload files and trainings. We have in-car cameras. With our jail coming, we will have Motorola data transfers so we can do more with our records instead of depending on the county. We have hired 7 people in the last 6 months (Kamelle B., Mathew Griffin, David Jr, Patrick, Gabriella, Sage Lonebear, Preslee Moses). Our jail is functional and ready to go. Our Spillman records system, like I said earlier we're going to have that installed. It's going to make things easier for us and make us more independent. We will have one of the most modern jails in the region, but we need to hire staff and have the

budget. We went through BIA inspection with a few things to work on but our system is ready to go. We had 2 people graduate from the corrections. Last but not least, for the first time in history we lost Officer Reuben. It was hard for us as a department. Thank you for your support for the family and for us. It was hard and the entire way from the grave site from here is to remember him far past when I'm gone. Instead of officer of the year, we thought let's call it the Reuben Award. So, we dedicated the office to the Reuben room, and that ceremony will be next week. Thank you to the community for all the support you gave us and his family.

38. *TERO Commission - Mary TallBull, Chairman*

- **Melvin Wheeler (9:11a):** Mary is absent due to deaths from family. So, I am the director, Laatis Lawrence is our client advocate, Calvin Allen is our compliance officer, and Julia Gould is our office specialist. Our vision is to have full employment for all Nez Perce tribal members in the job market on the Nez Perce Reservation and surrounding areas. I'd like to highlight our youth. We've come a long ways with our youth and I support our liaison, Ryan Oatman, who has been instrumental in helping us. And Ashton has attended our meetings. They're working hard to support us. Our Youth Apprenticeship program is being highlighted for being in the top five tribal apprenticeship programs in Idaho. We have amendments we want changed with the change of administration, there are a lot of changes, but I think we'll come out on top. We are in the for the ride. Thank you.

39. *Gaming Commission - Gabriel Bohnee, President*

- **Gabriel Bohnee (9:19a):** good morning, I serve as the president of the Gaming Commission. The Gaming Commission works with the staff through the L&O side, we oversee their activities as we regulate the gaming community. I take this role very seriously since it's a way we exercise our sovereign rights: we regulate ourselves; we don't get help; we regulate our own community. It's a vital piece in this new administration that will affect our federal programs. Gaming is our biggest profit. Darryl Reuben and Eva Higheagle sit on the commission with me. The staff are Leotis McCormack as Director; Mark Souza as Chief Compliance Officer; Alene Powauke as Internal Auditor; Ken Kipp as Gaming Agent; and Liz Minkey as Licensing Agent. We are right off NP road, but don't use the highway where there's a ditch. That's where you get your license. You apply at HR but to get the license you come to our facility to make sure you're ready to go on the floor. Our WHY: we have a compact with Idaho. We have ambitions and look to expand into Washington, that's my role to stay on top of it and look at it in a different way since it's a different state. Idaho is hands off as long as we give 5%. Washington

actually has a commission and union so in my spare time I have been researching how these things operate. We see there are findings in audits, which aren't bad, they just need correction. Nothing is perfect in the business world. We find them to take care and make sure we are in compliance. The auditors are there to remind us of and help us with reinforcement. I say that to stress this is our business we have to take care of because it provides a lot of services to our people. Every dollar and penny are scrutinized. These are dollars that we run and regulate ourselves and utilize without that threat of being over sought. Some important steps: new facility because our offices aren't supposed to be with the gaming building- we hold sensitive information, so we need to store it well and provide good customer service; as staff Leotis, Mark, Liz, and I we have to take a look to make determinations when it comes to licenses. We did an annual training that gives us a right to look at this information and making sure it's secure and confidential. Be assured here at NPT we are protecting your data and keeping it safe; our fee schedule is tasked to the director to review- we have technology needs to adapt what's online, like fingerprint capabilities. I'll finish with a fun one, we regulate class II (bingo regulated by NIGC) gaming and class III (machines with randomizing). Problems with BINGO is when third parties request to run a bingo, we need standards and regulations so we can get it out to people right away so we can regulate efficiently, and it's done in the right way without putting our license at risk. We are making sure that we have everything proper. In closing, during my day job I work in ERWM where we work with regulators. What makes it work is great and clear and transparent communication. I believe as my term in my third year I am making sure we set up those communication lines so that we are going forward because it never feels good to be audited without good and clear communication. I told our staff that we are here to offer technical assistance to make sure that things are on top, and we are here to work. I take this role importantly. Thank you.

10:30 am Questions/Comments for the Panel

40. **Eva Higheagle (9:30a):** thank you Brooklyn. I recommend getting another person in this position to help. It's a stressful position to be in for our family. There's so much we need to learn as family as far as enabling and being supportive in sobriety. I would like to make that recommendation. Please look into this. It's tough to be in the position of enabling and going through the court system, I would like to see more strict policy on if you're serving time that they are required to go through treatment or mental health where it comes from the traumas, we've dealt with. I feel that behavior health should be involved and only we can help enforce that. We need a better path forward it is up to that person to make that decision so if we can help enforce that and help that, it would be good. Thank you.

- **Ashton Picard:** thank you the work done at this point is crucial. I know we have started to look for those grants. Thank you.
 - **Brooklyn Baptiste:** thank you we are looking to expand our staff.
41. **Judy Oatman (9:38a):** good morning, sorry I missed the report, but I want to comment for the captain Benson, when do you anticipate inmates moving into the facility? It's a necessity. I'm appreciative of the hard work put into it. And a comment on the NPT's participation with the funerals. I was at my moms and heard you guys coming and my heart jumped, and I followed you all and participated, it made me cry, it was emotional, people pulled off the road with so much respect, I appreciate you doing it. And other services thank you and kudos I appreciate it and everyone on the panel. Gabe Bohnee, thank you for informing us I appreciate knowing there are people with expertise in positions to represent us. Mr. Baptiste please continue to do more I know it's hard. We are here as a community to help. Thank you.
- **Mark Benson:** the jail has a functioning building; the budgetary constraints are making it difficult. To have it run I need 12 staff but only have the budget for 6. To expedite the process, we are signing an agreement with clearwater so they're training and ready to go when we open. It's called the restorative justice center. We need the tribe to take care of the people.
 - **Judy Oatman:** so, we can't get a date? Because last GC I stood up here and told everyone it wouldn't be open. We need to see what's happening.
 - **Mark Benson:** it could be 4-6 months, but we'd have to get it approved and policies in place. But we need 12 people to run it.
 - **Brooklyn Baptiste:** thank you that's exactly what we need is support, education, and a place for our people to go. We are trying to amplify this. It's integral. We will continue to provide what we do. I appreciate it we definitely need the support.
42. **Jeanette Weaskus (9:41a):** good morning, Mr. Baptiste, I work for Nakia Williamson in the Cultural Resource Program. A few weeks ago, I got a call transfer to my desk from an inmate it IDOC, enrolled NP, and he asked me how he could get beads sent to IDOC. How can he get beads donated? He also asked for sweat lodge ailments. So, I'm speaking up for those 3 men down there who want bead donations. I reached out to Social Services, and she said she would post a flyer. So, putting this out to Brooks or anyone here to take to box up and send down to our tribal members in jail. Thank you.
- **Brooklyn Baptiste:** thank you. I appreciate that I got that same request, so we are actively stocking beads at Methodist, and I'll work with you to get those to the inmates. I appreciate that. I will meet with you to help with that effort. Anyone else, we are always in need of donations.
 - **Ashton Picard:** thank you for taking the call and following up for them. This goes hand in hand with the vitalness of incorporating our own jail so we can provide those resources directly. Our culture is

affected in rehabilitation. So being able to sweat, bead, etc., is important so thank you for following up to get this done.

43. **Georganne Morrison:** Gaming Commission, I'd like to know about our elder day regarding how we are out of compliance about using the bingo caller and where is it written when other tribes use their staff?

- **Gabriel Bohnee:** the thing is, with bingo, as long as something is written in the beginning and approved, that's fine. We can't do multiple requests without following up. If you're in bingo hall and using the hopper, it's a regulated machine for the bingo cards, there are specific cards that go to it to tell if its correct. So, we need to make sure these match ahead of time. We are trying to make this a simple process for language to develop that is our own internal code. We worry about NIGC staff being on site and us being at risk for not complying. So, Leotis is going to take forward with Mark Souza to get language that simplifies this process, so we remain in compliance. We just need to clarify and set parameters.

44. **Sara Moffett (9:55a):** concern where I live by senior citizen complex in Kamiah, we have a big cat issue up there. I looked up on the internet (2 litters right now), nobody is helping us. We have asked every department; I've talked personally to people at housing and law enforcement. My non-Indian neighbor has called Idaho legislators, etc. people are telling us to kill them. Community members say bring them to the barns. That's the most humanely thing we can do. They carry parasites, rabies, etc., people are up by the senior citizen complex without good immune systems. I'm too scared to let my grandkid out. I'm asking for traps so I can bring them to barns. Hopefully that'll help, I don't know what else will happen. Thank you.

- **Mark Benson:** I have a good relationship with animal shelters to get traps and will check on this.

45. **Robert Kipp (9:58a):** question to police, the dog situation in Lapwai is really bad. Dogs are running around, chasing people, biting our people we can't even go for walks anymore. I thought we had a dog ordinance. What's going on with this?

- **Mark Benson:** there is tribal animal ordinances. I've been talking with OLC and the prosecutor about this. They need to be improved for the safety of the tribe. We are working to make changes for animal control, we used to have one officer who worked closely with this but he's full time at the jail. I have made suggestions to NPTEC. My suggestion is for the city of Lapwai and tribe to hire an animal control officer. Have a contract with the shelters and we can get the community safe.

- **Ashton Picard:** definitely being on NPTEC and a community member, I see the dogs and the packs. It is an issue. The cats as well. We need to seek out those programs to alleviate the issue and I think we need to hold the individuals who own the animals responsible. There are dogs and cats who aren't neutered which is part of the

answer as well. So, when those opportunities arrive, we need those pet owners to come forward and take those services seriously.

- **Mark Benson:** I recently spoke with the animal Idaho rescue and it's one person in the neighborhood with the 4th litter with 44 puppies in the last year. Be good neighbors, have that talk, hold each other accountable, the LCV has plenty of animal support who will reduce costs.

46. **Anthony Johnson (10:04a):** thank you, my request is to L&O subcommittee chair about the previous comment to clarify the code, and that amendment came to process. One issue was the recognition of local law enforcement in applying the F&W code. It wasn't adopted, which is good historically. My concern is the process was to clarify but amendments were supposed to be posted for 15 days, which was married into one process. Tribal members are being approached by Idaho fish and game asking for their tribal code. So, a thought that it might be coming out but I'm requesting clarification sent to local agencies, so our fishermen are not bothered in this upcoming fishing season.

- **Ashton Picard:** I can see the confusion; I will work with our Law enforcement for clarification in our surrounding area and usual and accustomed areas (buffalo and zone 6). I'll make sure those know changes haven't been made. The conversation hasn't come back around. The entire general council needs to be together on those changes and we need to be cognitive of setting a precedent in our FW code. So, I am very hesitant to make any changes and give outside agencies ammo against our treaty. I take your suggestion and will communicate with our law enforcement to make them aware of what the actual current code is without amendment or changes.

47. **Marisa Rickman (10:09a):** I have a big cat in my property, we had a male cougar in our yard on ash avenue and recently I heard scrambling by my window and a cougar. What I want to know is why can't we defend ourselves on our land a shoot it without a fine? Why can't I protect myself on my own land?

- **Mark Benson:** for the tribal code I'm not sure, but in Idaho code, if it's a clear and present danger, you can.

48. **Daryl Wheeler (10:12a):** thank you madam chair, 2504, I'd like to offer my compliments and respect to Mr. Baptiste. I know that's a hard undertaking. My comment is that we also encourage him to educate our young people. I remember back in the 70s it was really bad with the young people with inhalants. I encourage offering education to young people on the danger of inhalants. To the panel, I'm curious about response times. It takes a while for response and what I'd like to request is placing a mini satellite office in Orofino. This would really help those concerns. I'm glad what Ms. Weaskus presented. Encourage everyone as a whole for those of family incarcerated, write them letters.

- **Brooklyn Baptiste:** thank you you're right we are working at expanding our education and community meetings. Looking to hold an

encampment and expand on that for our youth and educational opportunities for adults. But to be honest, this drug issue is never going away because we use it in our current condition. So, education is important, and I agree with you about talking with each other and writing people behind bars. I know relatives here need encouragement. It makes a huge difference in their life. All they want is to feel that they're part of our community and tribe.

- Mark Benson: regarding the presence upriver, we have made vast improvement with response time, our hiring has helped a lot with a few openings still. 2 officers minimum at all times and by the end of year we should have 3 to have one in the Orofino area.

49. **Julian Mathews (10:20a):** in the constitution, the NPT has jurisdiction over 1855 treaty land, if that's not the case, I don't get that. Constitution says within 1855 in really clear language. So, keep that in people's ear. Read the constitution. It doesn't say reservation. But to clarify, the snake river dam breaching agreement, I don't know the status of that right now. Will trump honor this? Also, the endangered species, how come OLC doesn't push to say we have jurisdiction over these animals in our treaty area?

- **Ashton Picard:** with jurisdiction, I completely agree, we should be able to have a say, it does impact our ability to harvest and practice our treaty rights. So, jurisdiction is key thank you.

50. **Jerrod Rickman (10:23a):** 3094, our law-and-order code for failure to show identification, 317(p). This is important because I get complaints every year about descendants actively hunting and fishing. But the rule if under 18 let it slide. Enforcement starts after. Which is wrong, if we allow them young, what's the point of subsequent enforcement? So that doesn't make sense. This is also important because OLC and our tribe and Chairman have a foothold and stance to call out our outside agencies for not doing their job by making sure those who hunt, and fish are enrolled NP. Our sister tribes (Spokane, Umatilla, Shoshone) are trying.

- **Ashton Picard:** thank you. We need to be cognizant of how we move forward. Sometimes checking IDs can be used against us. We want to ensure that we aren't setting precedent and standards. I appreciate your comment and response. A quick shoutout is we haven't had auditory complaints. So, I applaud the maintenance and staff.
- **Chairman Wheeler:** response to Mr. Mathews, on the agreement signed, it had provisions and off ramps in case changes arose from new administration. We do have legal off ramps for this. The BP wants to continue the agreement more in the spring and less in the summer spill due to the heat domes. Out of that, the tribe is set to potentially get 160 million.

51. **Erik Holt (10:32a):** good morning, 2708, 3 things. First, to Ms. White, the FW commission is put in a position in zone 6 where our members are harassed on a daily basis due to alternative gear. How can our court system and law and order code ensure our court understands we aren't putting regulations that will incriminate our tribal members? The interpretation at zone 6 is being sent

back to you which then becomes a harassment. Second, one huge factor is trump stopped the Columbia River treaty. I went to DC twice, what will happen. Be aware.

- **Eva White:** thank you I will make this a focus.

52. **Alene Powauke (10:36a):** good morning, more of a comment, I appreciate what Brooklyn is doing for our people. I work for the tribe, I receive communications, I don't know who is in charge, but I know I read Facebook and there are people in there that say apprehended from Kooskia. I offer using our communications department that show whoever is selling this or that, so our people understand that said person is doing this on our reservation. Tribal police put out something on Facebook, but even if it's spelt out to the NP people, maybe we can try to help and understand who is within our neighborhood who is selling.

- **Ashton Picard:** thank you, I definitely think that communication with social media is a transition that is still occurring. I personally miss the tribe's newspaper but something that's no longer present. I know that previously there was something along the lines where they weren't being posted so I think the conversation should be had. If there's a clear and current danger our people need to be made aware. But things that are settled, let them be settled. As we proceed forward, there is still a lot to learn without communications, but I appreciate your communications.

53. **Aaron Gould (10:40a):** 3075, LOEO- in our history we are criminalized as fishermen, there's a civil and criminal side, so right now fishermen are being criminalized in our own code. What does it take to turn the infractions in our own code into a civil process something that isn't criminal?

- **Eva White:** I'm starting my new position on Monday, and this is one of the things I will put on the top of my to-do list. Making amendments to the code I know is an ongoing process. I will make sure that we look into this and do what we can. That's something that will need to also be discussed with the general council. I will do what I can to make this a priority.

54. **Mildred Penney (10:44a):** is the Gaming Commission building temporary?

- **Gabriel Bohnee:** no, it's permanent. We are working to make it easier to access. We are working to get it in the GPS, so people know where to turn.

55. **Carla Timentwa (10:44a):** comments, first thank you chief of police for report would be good to hear more on the corrections facility on completion dates. Second, Kamiah office for law and order that sits vacant most of the time and as Ms. White knows a lot of funds went into the building. So, the issue of prioritizing projects, this building wasn't even on the construction projects. We invested money into those. Lastly police, I recommend you include in your plan something for officer wellness. They see a lot of traumatic events and need some way to process those feelings and emotions because they are people like us and need access to the ability to process. To Brooklyn, I appreciate your work, but we need our people in Kamiah and

Orofino who need help as well. It's hard to see them struggle and lost in trying to identify what resources are available. The resolution regarding the Shoban litigation, NPTEC took action, GC was requested to do the same. What is being enforced? He has a right to be here under the constitution so what are we doing? We need to be aware as Mr. Picard mentioned, it's a clear and present danger against our treaty rights. Thank you.

- **Mark Benson:** jail comes down to staffing, officer wellness is a big issue and I'm glad you mention this. I'm working on finding funds for an officer wellness app. We have made officer wellness a priority and are actively working on it.
- **Brooklyn Baptiste:** thank you for your comments. We do work in all of the communities. We did a survey for an assessment of Orofino and Kamiah. We will continue to expand our efforts and see what we can do. Housing is working on tiny homes they took that from the Executive office, and they are doing a great job at improving this. My intent is to offer more cultural access and work and find a place for sweat lodges. Thank you.
- **Ashton Picard:** regarding the NPTEC's action and recommendation for GC to do the same, I'm upset about our tribal member.

56. **Chairman:** excuse me Mr. Picard, before we go further into NPTEC's action and recommendation, I entertain a motion to accept the report, excuse the panel, and move into executive session as a general council. That way the council can discuss this matter confidentially.

- Motion Marilyn Bowen
- Second Scherri Greene.
- Motion carried.

57. Entertain a motion to go into executive session for the NPTEC's action and recommendation?

- Eva Higheagle motions
- Second Shirley Allman
 - Motion carried.

58. **Executive Session 11:00a**

- **(12:37p) Meredith Moffett Motion to come out of Executive Session and break for lunch.**
 - **Second by Aaron Gould.**

11:45 am Lunch Break

1:00 pm

Back to Order

59. **Chairman (1:47p):** We have a motion up on the projector which reads: "Motion that the Nez Perce Tribe General Council shall, due to a conflict of interest, immediately restrict Mr. Derek Red Arrow a/k/a Mr. Derek Red Arrow Frank (an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe who is providing

legal representation to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes on claims adverse to the Nez Perce Tribe's Treaty-reserved rights) from access to any confidential and sensitive information that he would otherwise be privy to as an enrolled member of the Tribe, relating to the Nez Perce Tribe and its Treaty-reserved fishing rights." So, at this point, we entertain someone to make a motion, a second, and then Mr. Frank will be awarded due process and have an opportunity to speak.

- Motion Sam Brisbois
- Second Shirley Allman

60. **Chairman:** Is Mr. Frank present? Can someone get Mr. Frank and if he hasn't signed in with a badge, he'll need to do that first.

61. **Derek Red Arrow Frank (1:57p):** well, I guess now everyone knows my name. This is really hard. My name is Derek Red Arrow Frank 3868, my family is from here. My father is Alfred frank, Mother Ella frank. Auntie is Mary Beth frank. When I decided to be an attorney, I thought what can I do for Indian country? I'm going to be a treaty attorney. I have the honor of representing over 98 tribes from here to FL. With that a case came across my desk 6 months ago about protecting fish and making sure fish made it to their streams. However, it came with me representing Shoshone Bannock. I spoke to elders asking the right thing to do. In my heart after sweating for months straight, I came to the conclusion that the fish are best priority and tribes should work together and stand together strong using all of our treaty rights to make sure we do what we care about. I have that spirit in my heart and soul. However, I did not know the hurt that was going to come from the tribe. I didn't know the feelings of betrayal. I didn't foresee it would get to this point. So, I apologize from my heart. However, it's been told to me by people here that being Nimiipuu comes first and is it worth it. Quite frankly I apologize, but with that I'll tell you I have recused myself from this case. I will not file. We have a draft complaint but after conversations, I feel the hurt. The thing I ask in the future is to come to me. If you know me, I'm a good person. I care about you. This motion and these things written about the case are wrong. That's not what matters. What matters is what hurts here. I am one of you even if you don't like me. Do know that we are here together. So yes, as of today I am done with this case.

- **NPTEC Chairman Wheeler (2:03p):** it takes a lot of courage to know that what you're doing in your life, coming before the people, and saying now he understands something he didn't understand before. He didn't understand the fights we talk about, the fights of our fishermen, he also mentioned the relationship to life itself and the relationship to the land where our true relationship is. To be able to understand and feel that your people are hurt because of the actions of our enemy, is a better understanding of the people and understand that he does do good work. I have had lunch with him. I know he put his place where it should be. But when adverse to who we are in our beliefs, that information that comes from us comes from our heart and strategies cannot be exposed to other tribes. Understand the feelings of

the people here and those who can't be here. We will wait to see that you've removed yourself from this meet and confer and possible litigation that may be in the future.

- **Julian Mathews (2:07p):** when we opposed dam breaching the tribe was against this. It's interesting to see the way we view things. They could've targeted any of us for what we didn't go along with. But now everyone is for it. The general council, this comes down to fish. How many fish will be left for anyone to divide? That's what we need to look at the overall. Rather than arguing about other amounts. I'm 67, I want to make sure there's fish for the kids.
- **Eva Higheagle (2:09p):** I am for the motion. This is minimal considering Mr. Frank's actions. This is minimal based on the conflict of interest for even considering. To be honest he should've come to NPTEC. We don't need to go to him. He had all of that opportunity and until it was open. This should stand until we can receive that he has stepped down. We need documentation and proof that you're no longer representing. I feel bad for both tribes. You're providing an injustice for both tribes. So, I am for this motion. The motion speaks to the conflict of interest.
- **Erik Holt (2:11p):** Derek, it's commendable that you come in here before all of us to share your words. One thing I still find is you know that you're the only one who has the tribal treaty right to speak towards. I know there are ways to minimize conflicts of interest, or an NDA after leaving the tribe. There is an exit plan when you leave the tribe and then 10 years later, you're against us. But I do commend you for apologizing to all of us. When I was younger, I watched what the Shobans did to our people. So, I'm confused by your actions. I hope you do recuse yourself. I'm leaving right now to get salmon for our people. That was hurtful to our part. I respect you for coming in front of us. But at the same time, you knew the issues that were in place. So, I would like it documented so we can move forward. Shobans are our traitors. I have friends but I tell them straight up this is our territory.
- **Elroy Moffett (2:14p):** as I said earlier, being family, knowing your family history, this hurt me. It still does. It also makes me proud that you are able to come in front of us and being able to say your peace. I think that was important is that you're not just letting it slide. We aren't going to let it slide or fester. When you do that, that's when you get into problems as the community. For me, I just still feel in my heart that family is the most important so for me to come up here and being able to face you, it brings me pride because your great grandmother and my grandmother were sisters. That's how close we are. Just like Erik said, I'd like to see it in writing. We do not forget that once we see it, I think you'll improve a lot of things. Thank you.
- **Lori Picard (2:17p):** thank you, I support the motion because I feel that it's both ways, just as Mr. Frank said. We feel you should've come to us. And I am thankful and glad that you have recused yourself from

this case as you have stated. I also ask as your friend Rob Roy Smith, who was paid by the NPT and worked for the NPT, that he'll recuse himself too. Will your law firm withdraw? That is what we would like especially with Rob working for the tribe and being paid by the NPT. We will not know if you are working on the case or not if Rob and your firm is still on the case. We won't know if you're working on it or not. Only you will know. Mr. Red Arrow, you still have access to tribal info, I speak love and respect to people here, our passion for our rights reserved by our ancestors, and it has been powerful and good and is needed, and a sleeping giant has awoke. That's a good thing. Lastly, Derek, we hope you encourage and push Rob Roy Smith, former employee of the NPT to withdraw from this case. Actions speak louder than words.

- **Anthony Johnson (2:20p):** thank you, I guess to begin, I would like to say in the interim until we have what people desire (documentation), I support the motion. But also, a correction that came from my elder who told me when you give your word you keep it. I believe in you now. But a lot of history is being relived in my heart here. It goes back to a lot of people I thought of my uncle. When I was young and complaining, he said do something about it. This was rapid river time. We kept them in GC for 6 days. A lot of good people who lived and fought rapid river for our rights. It came to my heart again. So, I thank you, but I also thank that we united around a cause. I feel we have been dying from a thousand cuts. So, a united people are strong people.
- **Anthony Capetillo:** it's time for you to make good on your word. We know you can do it. Come do it for us. We have issues all over the place. Let's start doing it. Disenrollment is too harsh. We need it in writing what you told them, what they had access to, get it all on the table. Thank you.
- **Samuel Brisbois (2:25):** old story today, pre-1855, that big bluff across from white bird hill. There was a skull there. A long time ago a Nez Perce man was out looking for warriors. The Shobans threw a young NP boy off the cliff but there was so much moss on the rocks that the young boy lived. He stayed in the rocks and ran down the hill to let the people know they were coming. So, they knew they were coming and hid the women and children and when the Shobans came they were captured. They cried the entire time. NP spared them but took them to Weiser and told them if they ever come back, we'll kill you off. These are our enemies. Those are our fish. That's our salmon. Thank you.
- **Alice Spaulding (2:27p):** thank you madam chair. 2444. My grandpa Wallace Wheeler took us to Southfork and rapid river. So, to protect that and my mom was one of those. We watched our mom with the cops with guns, pull her out of that river and arrest her because she

was fighting for our rights. So, I'm sorry Derek, but I'm for this motion because I'd like to see your recusal in writing.

- **Jerrod Rickman (2:29p):** 3094, I respect you for admitting your faults and saying in front of everyone you'll recuse. But as of right now I'm for the motion. You said when you were up here that you spoke to elders. But you didn't mention anyone here that you could've talked to here at home. You could've talked to people here. I understand you're trying to do good, but that's a slap in my face. I don't play NP, I don't do fish or hunt for social media, this is how I live. I'm not for disenrollment. It's up to us to teach you so you understand. Thank you.
- **Kerma Greene (2:30p):** if the tribe wants the other attorney to recuse himself, then maybe NPTEC and OLC need to send a letter to the firm. NPTEC has the authority to do that. It's not his job. For future safeguard, we can write in your contracts that you'll never go against the tribe in any matter. This goes for everyone. So maybe we need to change that and amend the resolution. Chairman I'm watching you if you go against the tribe, I'll embarrass you in front of everyone. Thank you.
 - **NPTEC Chairman Wheeler:** there is a letter that has already been sent to the firm.
- **Tonia Garcia:** attorneys have a responsibility. I can't imagine going to law school and considering a case against my treaty rights. There's a big difference. Program fights are very different than our treaty rights. We don't mess around with those. He has a responsibility to disclose these things. This is a conflict of interest. With lawyers you always want everything in writing.
- **Dennis Paul (2:35p):** good afternoon, I am honored to be here, I have a few things about this motion. That should be a decision made by the people. Not by one person. Abide by our treaty rights I have abided by the sports fishing license when I returned from Vietnam. I have a lifetime fishing permit out of CA. And the ones setting up the stupid laws, when I started fishing, they had size limits on these fish. So as a body, you folks make the rules and regulations who encroach upon our stepping grounds. Nobody should come in here and say they want to fish on our property. Am I correct? That's all I got to say. You're the voting power. Stay within your rights and don't let anyone encroach.
- **Scherri Greene (2:38p):** 1964, one thing that we do in zone 6, I look at our people, I spoke to other elders and people who were fighting for their treaty rights. Other elders, my parents, I look at this article that I see, and a time in the 60s our folks were down in the Columbia before it was rapid river. Working on the Boldt decision. I remember. He went against the tribe because the tribe didn't back him. It was Jess Greene v. state of Oregon not the NPT. Everybody benefits. I hear people say I come from nontreaty. Are we going to disown people who say that? We can't help that people go off the reservation and do

things for other tribes. They don't have control they're like us they are working. So, are we going to get mad at our tribal members? This disenrollment. What do you want to do? We have issues with mismanagement.

- **Mary Jane Miles (2:42p):** thank you for apologizing it has been a sad day for me because I remember rapid, Sililo falls, Columbia River and Grandma Liz testifying. I remember all of them fighting for our fish and our treaty. It hurts me to see the generation gap between the young and the old. Because I'm getting off of NPTEC. There's a gap between you and me. I had to talk with all of my elders because I hung around them. My grandma put me to sleep telling me the legends. We are lacking that in important issues like this. My mom was married to Levi Frank, and he was killed. So, you are family to me, and I just feel that general council was learning more and more about the misunderstandings that we have. Ignoring misunderstandings. I'm glad you saw the hurt that the tribe went through. Because my heart hurts. I was shedding tears because of the issue. I think what this does is draws us closer and knowing that this is part of the problem. I'd like to throw my smart phone away and go back to the good old days. I've been taught by great people who took me down to fish on the Columbia because I had to learn more. I had to know more. So, thank you for your talk and I am conflicted right now about what we need to do. What the Nimiipuu needs to do to be one.

62. **Chairman:** call for question.

- Motion carried.

63. **Chairman:** thank you Derek for coming in front of the General Council. Thank you.

- **Derek Red Arrow Frank:** I respect the decision; I will send the letter of me recusing myself tonight to both these individuals. Thank you.
 - Letter from Mr. Frank has been posted on the Tribal Portal website and mailed out to membership.

2:45 pm

SUBCOMMITTEE / BOARD / COMMISSION REPORTS

64. *Human Resources Subcommittee – Rachel Edwards, Chairman*

- **Chairman:** I'd like to introduce the Lapwai Youth Leadership Team for raising \$33K on their own with community support by doing baked food sales, halftime shots at basketball games, and lunches/breakfast fundraisers. They did all of this on their own. Huge thank you to Micah Bisbee, she's doing a wonderful job thank you for what you do for our kids.
- **Rachel Edwards (2:57p):** Thank you to everyone who serves on this subcommittee, liaisons, reporting programs, and employees. Enrollment is an issue that we do need to address, and we realize how important this is. There's also issues about our enrollment cards and unfortunately, we have an older system that doesn't allow us to take

pictures and put them in our system. This is outside the budget. It's important to all of us. I'd like you all to review the reports on pages 8-9 and I can cover any questions and answers about anything outside of that.

65. *NMPH Executive Director – Roberta Bisbee*

- **Roberta Bisbee (3:00p):** Good afternoon, I get excited for GC because it's an opportunity to hear and be evaluated of our services and for an opportunity for improvement. I'm always willing to meet with a tribal member or patient. Our mission is to provide quality healthcare and be culturally sensitive in a confidential setting. Our goal is to offer quality care service that's culturally responsive, proactive, and exceeds patient expectations. I don't know if anybody's been through accreditation before at NMPH, but it is definitely scary. We had two surveyors that came on site, and they meet with patients if they want to meet with them and discuss maybe a diagnosis, maybe they wanted to discuss the worst experience possible with us, or maybe they want to share that they didn't get the care that they felt they deserved. Our continuity of care is a big issue right now because of our lack of providers and us having to get contracted with locums is an issue right now especially here in Kamiah. So, we had accreditation on April 14th and 15th and that's where the surveyors come in and they evaluate our program, they evaluate all of our policies and procedures. They also check compliance with policies, they evaluate and check if we aren't doing everything we're supposed to be doing according to what's in the policy. They even evaluate if we don't have a policy and where we should have a policy. They meet with patients, they'll watch and observe the check in process of a patient, if you're providing your patient rights information, they will check with medical records, they will check with dental, they will check with all of the areas. There are 214 categories surveyed across 16 areas of patient care and administration at NMPH. We achieved full compliance in 184 categories of 214 that are fully compliant, so we are not compliant in some of our areas in our categories. There was a new standard that was implemented regarding anesthesia. So that one hit about 7 different compliance areas because we didn't have a full anesthesia policy. I answered the question thinking we were a hospital, as 50, whereas it should have been 70 because we have the oral anesthesia. So, that was an error that came up and we have to correct that by developing their policy and expand the policy so it's meeting the criteria. So, we did get hit in the anesthesia section. They also evaluated our behavioral health charts, care management, and coordination. They looked at all our credentialing and privileging documents. Dr. Wilson worked really hard in getting our compliance up with July Woodward. We bring all of our actions to the HR subcommittee for approval. We have 30 days to respond to our findings. We have to correct these. We successfully

completed our Lab survey so congrats to our lab team. Vacancies is an issue, we brought on two locums, one had an emergency, and the other is assisting our staff right now with 6 providers. Right now, it's very competitive. We hired a dentist and hygienist. But again, it is very competitive, so we are offering sign on bonuses. Dr. Eichler originally applied for the Kamiah dentist, but he declined the full-time position because he couldn't find a home here in real estate. But he agreed to fill Kamiah until we get someone here in the area. We have 6 completed applications because it's been vacant since 2021. We've advertised everywhere we possibly can, and we also reached out to colleges. We are currently advertising for a mid-level provider and the medical director position. For 2024, we are still seeing the same amount of patients for medical visits. Our 3rd party revenue had record revenue collections. We Have Ailia Wilson here as our patient advocate, she said if anybody would like to give a patient comment she's brought the paperwork here today. The assisted living facility is not end of life care as I have shared. It's assisted living, 16 bed. The items that still need completed are water hook ups with the city and getting an engineer on site to get this going. Next, our Human Resources has continued efforts to recruit. We have 50% NP, 41% non-enrolled, 9% other tribes. For medical, we implement the comprehensive weight loss program. We had compliance with the Ozempic, so we brought forward this policy for those committed to show the success with the program (including BH). I'm proud of our medical staff, they get a retreat because they shared what's working in the clinic, they had good turnout and feedback from the staff, and that has been the first thing for many. We also had full safety and risk review. COVID is back around. Don't go to work sick. National Guard will be onsite May 12-21. Our Finance department had a reorganization because our 3rd party revenue within dental, medical, and pharmacy. I'm happy with this new reorganization for Sergio Islas, as CFO, with direct contact and supervision. We are getting better reports and information. Sergio doesn't allow me any room for ideas so he's good at what he does. He compliments me well. FY25 focus is on the assisted living facility support. Proposed budget cuts are at over 900 million. I am available if anyone has any questions and thank you.

66. *NPTHA Board – Richard Arthur, Chairman*

- **Richard Arthur (3:54p):** Thank you Madam Chair and Secretary Hayes. Good afternoon everyone. I am Richard Arthur. I'm completing my 20th year on the board; my term is up this fall and I hope I get your support. I have a Brief report today. On behalf of housing, thank you for continued support. It's an honor to serve. We acquired the thunderbird property, and it will be demolished until we acquire grants to fill it. The bottom will be retail shops, and the above

for rental spaces. We acquired the Adeline court housing site where the tiny homes are. They will be moved a couple blocks behind main street. For the little village property, we completed our EIS with a technical trainer to train staff on environmental studies. We have supported partnership with Nimiipuu Fund. Jonelle has taken a part in housing issues that will benefit our reservation. We work with social services to expand supportive services. We work with the veterans program and their director. One key success is our move towards digitizing our records for grants. This is a huge step forward for transparency and efficiency. Our main budget is 1.5 for the Indian housing block grant. We collaborated in the financial reality fair ran by Phyllis George. I'll introduce our ED, Doug Marconi, he is a NP tribal member. He previously served as housing for Colville and YN. He worked in law enforcement and has extensive work in TERO.

67. *NPTHA Executive Director – Douglas Marconi*

- **Douglas Marconi (4:04p):** thank you all for selecting me and giving me an opportunity to come home. It's a great honor to work with leadership. We are dealing with a lot of programs. I'm humbled to be back and working for my own people. We do a housing plan every year. At the end we make a performance plan to tell us what we did over the past year. We are 100% tribal staffed. This speaks to the value of what we do as an organization and as a housing authority. Everything is in your book. Richard covered the development projects: koots koots little village will have five fourplexes and they are two story units. We will move forward and just cleared EIS. Once ratified by NPTEC, we'll get funds. If we can get a contractor, although this will be a risky time because contractors might not be willing to procure costs because of the rising interests and tariff information. We'll do it anyway. Hopefully one day we can build our own account. Adeline court will have the tiny homes. For thunderbird, we will put a survey out to see what the assembly likes but we need to be sure the property is clear of any contamination. We are looking for grants for demolition. We have a strategic plan for our board, we are not safe, this is critical information. The federal budgets were released and proposed cutting tribal funds amounting to \$650 million out of the housing lot grant. We have D.C. working with us right now to make our way to capitol hill so we are working both sides of the isle to let both legislative leaderships know how critical budget cuts would be if not authorized again. We don't need a target on our back. We have friends in congress. We also met with region 10. I have discretion. For example, the healing wellness court. I support this. K-4 grade winners: Andrea Axtell 1st; jasmine Samariipa 2nd; Ayowen 3rd. 5-8th winners: Kellen moody 1st; Janice Oatman 2nd; Alewa Wilson 3rd. If placed regionally, they get taken to the annual conference. PIT Count for 2025, take a look at the document to help us decide what projects we

are looking for whether its apartments for elders, veterans, etc. Lastly, we have been meeting with executives of the tribe. We came up with some ideas and will find ways to get more things done. We have great opportunities for first time homebuyers. It will be called skilled workers to explore how we create. Thank you.

68. *Senior Citizens Advisory Board – Marilyn Bowen*

- **Marilyn Bowen (3:25p):** We serve as an advisory to NPTEC and provide services to seniors. Our responsibility is to serve in an advisory capacity. This board is not a governing body we only work as advisors. We listen to concerns, address it with liaisons, have meetings with NPTEC, and present concerns to them. To go through review, 9/10 special meeting at CRC to propose plans for elder of year presentations- limited contact to family and signatures, (male of year was the late Jimmy Spencer), at that point he was a patient at Cascadia in Lewiston, we visited him, and filmed his award presentation. He shared a lot about his feelings and how he got his Indian name. It was very emotional to listen to where he came from, so we filmed it and showed it at the presentation. We also had a presentation at the CRC for Rosa Yearout. Many of our elders are no longer here and our Tribe went through a lot of losses. Our senior advisory boards are briefed on these concerns. We note our concerns to our liaisons which we are thankful to have Mary jane and Liz Arthur-Attao. In our October meeting, Shana Padilla did a presentation on Alzheimer's in Indian country for a grant to improve screenings and have a health plan. NMPH will also learn how to identify. We raised our age from 62 to 70 years. Elder of the year forms will be updated (community service, cultural awareness, mentorship in community). Must be enrolled to nominate over 55, with enrollment number, with name and signature. Nominations will be up by mid-May and ballot boxes will be at each senior site. The board also received concerns and requests from 2 elders in Kamiah and Lapwai about snow piles. The snowplows plowed our people into their driveways so that was a concern from several members having to shovel their way out. Several people expressed appreciation of the plowing as well. The seniors noted that there are no handrails. We still have the cat problem that we've heard all about. Residents have to chase them away when they try entering into their residences. November meeting was handed out for NICOLA conference. 10/3 special meeting for budget modifications where updates and concerns were given. Our regular meeting is in December, and we were told employees are being threatened, police reports made, to learn later the paperwork wasn't received from police. Had to make report again. A January meeting on Indian education and department of wisdom keepers was held. The report was submitted, and we passed out flyers. An elder who was injured riding appaloosa was reported. In Our February meeting we discussed policies and procedures where

people still were concerned with snowplows and their driveways. No meeting in March because chairman Weaskus was recovering from surgery, and I was going to report the quarterly report and meeting, but I had 2 deaths in my family one after the other, so I wasn't able to plan for the meetings and didn't have much time to do that. I personally am aware of the lack of providers at NMPH. What is triage what does that mean? We need a better explanation of this. On our April meeting, we went further on with amendments of the constitution and bylaws for the seniors and will get them drafted out and present in May. Elders were concerned about events at CRC who need transportation to the building when handicap spots are filled. In September, the board will hold elections. We are looking forward to talking to baby elders, male and female. Thank you Suzie for her many years for serving as chairman.

69. *Youth Advisory Board – Joyce McFarland*

- **Joyce McFarland (3:43p):** I am Joyce McFarland, and I am honored to be here. So, to begin this program, we investigated research to see what a youth advisory board could look like and got approved. Highlights: 145 youth attend meetings at 6 schools where we listen to their priorities and what they need and then we gather support for them; leadership training in March bringing together youth; we will be starting a book club on yellow wolf (May to June virtually); and we are developing a strategic plan. We want the youth to have their voice elevated, speak up, and advocate for them, build up their leadership and relationship to their culture. This was beautiful for even kids going to school off the reservation where they could talk about their families and where they come from. Some issues and concerns were education, prevention of alcohol and drugs, finance, activities, jobs, values continuing NP Way of life, respect and being a good role model. Priorities: Clarkston said treaties are their most important tribal right. Kooskia wants a presentation by OLC and to have a career fair at CV. They see great things in Lapwai, but not in Kamiah or Kooskia. That's a great input. In Kamiah, they want a cultural component. Working with language program to offer. In Lapwai, to understand tribal rights, enrollment, and usual and accustomed area with sovereignty. They also want a cooking class. In Lewiston, they want a presentation on alcohol and drugs, and they'll go on a visit to u of I next week. Orofino wants to learn how to make fry bread and have a sale. At cultural camp we talked about sovereignty and related it to freedom. Some said we need to do a treaty summit, since they belong to us and so we all want input. There is a survey out on this project. We are trying to connect our young people, come talk to me if anything interests you! I am wearing purple today for Xavier Guillory for making it to the NFL to play with the Baltimore Ravens. Our NP tribal members are fantastic, that's big. Our young people struggle and it's

hard, every one step forward you get pushed back 10. It's amazing what he did, he wears the NP flag with pride. Thank you on behalf of my sister for all the prayers for him. Thank you.

3:00 pm Questions/Comments for the Panel

70. **Dr. Hailey Wilson (4:26p):** To the Senior Advisory Board's questions- we are so short-staffed, I really appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we navigate coverage. Triage means you can either come in or call and there will be a nurse on the other end to try and address your issues that you're having that day. They will help you understand if you need a med refill, if you should be seen immediately (referral provided), or if you can wait. Again, want to acknowledge the difficulty that it has been for those of us that have provided care at NMPH.
71. **Georganne Morrison (4:29):** I'd like to address the senior advisory board with a suggestion, in electing a new board, I would like if you could include all tribal 6 participants. I feel they should be informed.
72. **Jerrod Rickman (4:30p):** 3094, good to see you back home uncle. You're hard to get ahold of. Quick questions. If all goes as planned with development for Lapwai, how long after that do you foresee a development for the Kamiah area in terms of housing? Second, the senior assisted living center, when will that be up and running and will it be big enough to address needs of elders and those who are older?
- **Douglas Marconi:** what's important is some folks have filled out survey information. We need to see what the needs are in the community, we just don't know of the needs and then funding set aside. If we can develop a pattern of working with Nimiipuu Fund more or scatter sites, that's really desirable. We have a 184 program that we want to work with, and banks want us to take a risk. That's one way to maximize an opportunity.
 - **Richard Arthur:** Kamiah has 1-2 units available for rent, and 3 units in river view, and a home we purchased that is getting ready for possible rent or homeownership. We are looking for permanent support of housing and traditional housing. That's what is really needed which will help accomplish and benefit the scope of work.
 - **Roberta Bisbee:** we have Leslie Smith assisting with application for the Assisted Living Facility. Policies are drafted, and then we need a work session with NPTEC for the assisted living facility. The cost of the senior to be live there is risky because they take their social security. It's developed as off reservation which takes a portion of their social security so that's a touchy situation with our own people so that's a decision higher than me to make and compare the costs. Also waiting for water hookup. There is no application out yet, but once it does we will do introductions. At least out 3 months.

73. **Meredith Moffett (4:38p):** Roberta, is it possible for Kamiah to get an exercise class or fitness equipment? Housing, why was my father having to mow his own grass?
- **Roberta Bisbee:** touchy topic due to funding to fix up the fitness center, there's difference of opinions. The safety part requires inspection and health of facility. Main issue is the funding and where to get it from. Our special diabetes grant had to decrease. I don't feel it's safe to open or walk off the stairs. It needs to be re-evaluated. Again, a higher than me situation but something we can talk about further and bring back.
 - **Richard Arthur:** apologize up in Kamiah we don't have a full-time worker. He moved on. Our staff mowed it the other day and hopefully they'll be up here more.
74. **Alice Spaulding (4:42p):** 2444, I don't have any issue with NMPH but today my child had an appointment, went there, and was told we have no nurses to take your stitch out since they were all here. So, when she got here, the Kamiah clinic and the nurse came out to help her. But just upset about this, she had an appointment, and it wasn't done.
- **Roberta Bisbee:** duly noted, there should be staff at the work site at all times so I will follow up with that. I was there so I am confused but will follow up.
75. **Laura Lozon (4:44):** worked at clinic in Kamiah for over 20 years, retired 8, since then I've seen many problems in Lapwai and Kamiah as we lose our providers. I heard the providers who try to apply are told not to because of our reputation. This isn't good. We've lost good doctors due to how they were treated. So, I would like to see the NMPH board reinstated so we can have policies addressed and rules followed. If we have to work to get that rolling again, I'm more than happy to work with the Resolutions Committee. My thoughts.
- **Rachel Edwards:** thank you for concern. I know the dissolution is a concern to a lot of members. There has been an action to bring it back. Not against it but will work with Resolutions Committee.
76. **Gloria Greene (4:47p):** that was actually my concern that the NMPH Board needed to be reinstated because there have been a lot of issues coming up that should be addressed and that's the only entity of the tribe that doesn't have a checks and balances for a lot of different reasons. That is a concern and has been. This needs to be back in place and bring our NMPH back up to standards because people are complaining about the service. It's difficult to get in. I've been trying to make an appointment and leave message after message without a return call. There are problems still and I think we need to reinstate the board. Also, if you drive through dumbo flats, that's a housing project that is just asking for fire. That is a big fire hazard. Lawns aren't mowed, those homes have been paid for, but I think something needs to be done or we'll lose a housing project. You can't even see some of the fences because of the weeds. Take a run out there and you'll see.

- **Richard Arthur:** that is more of a covenants issue. Once conveyed, that's an issue brought up with the tribe after they obtained a lease over the property. Tribe needs to make that a part of their policy.
- **Roberta Bisbee:** I will follow up with the appointments. And the board, I don't share whether I support or don't. So, if that's the decision is to bring it back, I respect that.
 - Gloria Greene: thank you. A suggestion is to designate the day labor for them to help clean up those homes. Clear the entrances of the cemeteries. We clean 7 and I don't have access to the roads.

77. **Jonelle Yearout (4:56p):** 3186, this is a sensitive topic for me. Detox treatment: when someone is ready to go in, we need to be ready and there for them. I had to pick up a family member in Spokane, when I called they said they have to come to Lapwai. The timing of that is hard for someone in detox. I commend the NMPH staff for keeping those motivated to fill out the work. But there's no treatment program to keep them willing to go into detox, medication, etc., because of the response time and the transportation regarding when they can get in. This is a short window of time, when they cry for help, we need to be there. Addiction is a process so I appreciate the help, but if NMPH can provide that medication in between this would help. I'm eager to see the assisted living center come to fruition. Make sure our departments can connect when elder abuse is happening. In the nimiipuu fund annual report, do the scan for data. Please look.

- **Roberta Bisbee:** thank you, for your detox medication comment, I would like to ask Dr. Wilson to provide the explanation of a policy we are creating for the suboxone. We haven't had it at NMPH, it will be new, but there will be a policy for it and how we will implement it. And elder abuse is something we document and are mandatory reporters.
- **Dr. Wilson:** I appreciate how difficult these situations are. Many family members suffer with addiction. I was disheartened that we weren't already offering suboxone. There aren't restrictions on suboxone. I was disheartened it wasn't covered by PRC. Detox is tricky because it can be fatal or deadly depending on what they're detoxing from so as a provider, I would feel better providing medication that can bridge them into treatment. I don't know about other providers. Communication is a barrier and we had zero policy on this. But if that's a barrier, it's something we can look at, and training our providers. Suboxone is for opioid users. We have it in our pharmacy. As of two days ago I was the only one providing this. But with Sellner back, she can prescribe. The relapse rate is 90%. We aren't saving lives for the long-term. I appreciate your comments and we are working to bridge this barrier.

78. **Vonda Bybee (5:05p):** I used to be the community health director, so I'd like to applaud Joyce to see what she has done. I have issues with NMPH because I am a 4-stage cancer patient. I have housing issues as well. Housing: renting

as a high risk elder, it cost me money to go to my treatment, I had to stay up in CDA 27 days straight, I get behind on bills. There isn't policy that addresses hardship with rental payments. Rent doubled without consideration. No contact. We got threatening letters, and comments. There is no understanding. It has turned into a predatory program for people. If you get behind it gets worse.

- **Douglas Marconi:** I will make an effort to come visit. There isn't a lot of policy for hardship cases, and we can always modify and amend. I will see you very soon.

79. **Daryl Wheeler (5:12p):** two brief concerns with NMPH, it concerns me when I'm there for an appointment and I'm sitting in the exam room waiting, and I can hear them talking to the patients in full detail what they're talking about in regard to their condition. I don't know if there's a way to make the walls soundproof. I know there's a sign but a lot of the times it always been talked about but there needs to be professional and courteous sensitivity. Regarding the fitness center in Kamiah, it was quite a few years that I was able to go there and workout 4-5 days a week. During those times, I got my blood sugar down without the use of insulin. I just want to add to the comment that day labor can go over now and clean up and move out things at the fitness center.

- **Roberta Bisbee:** so, day labor is a good idea. We got the agreement with them, but then once we got it worked out, day labor became unavailable. Regarding the walls, I will definitely talk with facility managers about soundproof and being mindful of their courteous and confidential communications.

80. **Shirley Allman:** make a motion to accept and excuse and recess for the day.

- **Chairman:** hear from Lucinda George and then we will recess.

81. **Lucinda George (5:18p):** housing, I have worries about sundown heights and the location because my great grandson doesn't need to walk home and get hit with a car. I've seen women coming down the hill with baby carriages. We put kids up there. If there ball goes over the hill it goes all the way down to agency.

- **Richard Arthur:** under advisement

82. **Chairman: (5:20p):** entertain Shirley Allman's motion to excuse the panel, accept the report, and recess for the day.

- Second by Meredith Moffett
- Motion carried.

4:15 pm Recess for the day

83. Closing prayer – Mary Jane Miles, Chaplain, NPTEC (5:22p).

SATURDAY, MAY 03, 2025 - NPTEC GENERAL ELECTION VOTING
POLLING STATIONS: OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. CLOSE AT 3:00 P.M

Agenda: Saturday, May 3, 2025

8:00 a.m. Registration open

8:45 am Call meeting to Order

84. (9:12a) Begin our day with a prayer.

85. Opening prayer – Mary Jane Miles, Chaplain, NPTEC

86. Announcements

- Chairman: reads aloud agenda at 9:16a
 - *GENERAL ELECTION POLLING STATIONS*
 - *OPEN AT 7:00 A.M.*
 - *CLOSE AT 3:00 P.M.*

9:00 am Subcommittee / Board / Commission Reports

87. *Budget & Finance Subcommittee – Ashton Picard, Chairman*

- **Ashton Picard (9:17a):** good morning, thank you everyone for being here. All 9 NPTEC members sit on the budget and finance subcommittee which is held every first and third Wednesday. This Subcommittee oversees tribal financial planning, investment strategies, and funding decisions to support essential services, education, infrastructure, and long-term economic stability. The NPT remains deeply committed to the success of our tribal students. In recognition of the rising cost of higher education, the tribal scholarship and higher education scholarship award amounts were increased for the 2024-2025 academic year. We are honored to support our future leaders and ensure that financial barriers do not stand in the way of their academic and person growth. Since the fall, the subcommittee has also worked closely with multiple departments and boards including NMPH, Enterprises, Executive Direction, Finance, Technology, and Transportation. The subcommittee reviewed and approved 24 donations and sponsorships totaling \$35,000. I want to conclude by saying it was a learning experience working on this subcommittee. A lot of different things come forward, requests and decisions to be made on the expenditure of different budgets for the tribe. It was an honor to serve as the chair and I look forward to any capacity that I serve moving forward. I want to applaud the decisions we made for our youth and collegiate individuals.

88. *Government Executive Director (Interim) – Danae Wilson*

- **Danae Wilson (9:24a):** the ED report is in the report booklet, so I won't go over the accomplishments that are all in this book. I've heard several times now that departments and programs submit the same

information over and over. This isn't true. The departments and programs work hard to submit material. Some managers send in a booklet of their own and we have to condense them down. One thing I mention is all managers do quarterly reports, bi-annual reports, and reporting to their compliance agencies. So, I want to make sure everyone is aware that they are sent to the executive office and if you want more data we are happy to share the data with you. Reports are readily available, and we have a significant amount of data that we are happy to share. Some things to talk about, keeping up with this administration, in my first 30 days, it has been meeting after meeting after meeting. I met with all executives so we could have one on ones. We talked about what we are collaborating on and what things we can do better. If there's an issue to solve together, let's work together. All executives have been helpful and willing to work together. I am trying hard to meet one on one with the executives as much as possible. We took an action for traditional housing placed by the Methodist church in the yard side, but we want to get our population that needs that housing off the highway for safety concerns and right now, at the jungle along the highway is extremely dangerous. So, we have identified 2 locations one that is in the works on bever grade behind the public smokers and another at the bottom of bever grade across the street from the current law enforcement office. We haven't vetted the lower location as much as the higher. We had an opportunity to meet with finance and Janet, the deputy ED, to talk about the budgeting process which we will hear about. We had a significant amount of debriefs (ongoing ED, programs, and what are the department and programs working on). So, I've had several managers come in and update me on what they are working on. There are a lot of advisories and groups that the ED sits on (land acquisition- majority have a purpose to benefit the tribe like consolidation, agriculture, future development, it isn't any one person it's an entire group that NPTEC sits on about 20-25 people who make those recommendations; SRBA implementation team- this is broken into sections because a lot of people are involved on these meetings, including both finance and NPTEC; construction management- I take ownership of the handout, if you want to see the full packet email me and I will send it out, it is substantial and the status and amount is significant, including Aaron miles for cultural studies that have to be done on those projects so those updates are substantial; holding company- disciplinary with several executives on it; Nimiipuu energy- has a lot of different rules and regulations that they're developing, we have vacant positions looking to fill, information will be produced from the holding company; finance has done outstanding on the audit of programs and departments). Strategic plan, there's a misconception. Everyone is diligent about it; the dates were unrealistic because its worked on a concerted effort and pace and none of them included where the funds

are coming from. So, some aren't funded or assigned to a department, so we have to work together. There are meetings that occur. Janet updated the SharePoint site to match what the working group has already made progress on so there are significant strides in what's happening with the strategic plan. The site was reorganized, included cyber security plan for the NPT, which requires a significant amount of data which is massive. It not only is the government data, but the tribes so how can we protect and maintain our data sovereignty. Beyond that, for every subcommittee meeting, a change or any action coming out of Executive session will specifically say what pillar it's addressing. We see this as a progress report and making progress on a regular basis. This may create longer actions, but we want to make sure what pillar it addresses. The construction update, I forgot to answer that Chantelle Souther has been hired and she will be helping organize all of the data and making sure the data is readily available. One other thing, our most recent application for funding for the Lapwai governance center through IRT which is a DOD military training opportunity and will start this summer in coordination with the National Guard. they'll come in and do all the dirt work for construction projects which is the largest expense. They'll do the bridge work that we need done. That will be a significant cost savings with the tribe. This would be fully funded. To wrap up, I want to talk about budgeting process. You'll hear more from our finance manager. You'll hear we have financial issues to overcome. The federal government entered into a sequestration. We can budget our way out of those as we did before. In our contingency planning we will be doing that same thing. In indirect, the tribe perceives the determined formula. This is split into three: approved indirect rate; lump sum negotiation; there's a simplified method. This means that NPT has to consider some things we haven't done in the past which is specific cost pools. Indirect needs to be thought of in those terms: what is the funding pool and who is paying into it. It's not a dollar-to-dollar recovery. So, I think it's important that we think about indirect as a recovery and where a program doesn't pay it or reduce, they get the same amount of services that the grant pays out and receives. We aren't calculating that which will appear as a deficit, but they should be budgeted for and documented. We need to do sequestration and calculate the savings. So, if you look at the website, they don't say how much sequestration paid off date. So, we need to make sure we calculate all expenses and apply them.

89. *Government Finance Manager – Elizabeth Bohnee*

- **Elizabeth Bohnee (9:46a):** welcome. I have a presentation and handout which will go over closer to what our gaming allocation budget is.
 - **Motion to go into executive session at (9:47a) Robert Kipp**

- ☐ Shirley Allman second
- ☐ Motion carried at 9:48a
- ☐ Jackie McArthur and Janet can remain in executive session.

90. Boys & Girls Club - Isaac Sisto, Executive Director

91. Boys & Girls Club Board –

- (11:36a) Dallon Wheeler makes motion to come out of executive session.
- Second Elroy Moffet
- Motion carried.

11:40 am Questions/Comments for the Panel

92. **Elliot Moffett (11:37a):** I have a resolution regarding a budget. This is a reflection of priorities. I looked at the budget with \$187K for this fiscal year. And I kept thinking about that because we have an organizational chart. It shows GC is on top. So, what does that mean? It means that in our instance that NPTEC can override everything that we've done in GC. For some reason they have put NPTEC over GC. That concerns me because we don't have checks and balances or separation of powers. They select budgets and they can eliminate boards like the NMPH Board. We need an interim NMPH Board. We don't have this in place. *Reads Resolution* "Now, therefore it be resolved that the General Council does hereby reestablish the Nimiipuu Health Board by the election of five (5) General Council members, in good standing, to organize the Health Board Utilizing all available resources, including past policies and procedures."

- **Chairman (11:41a):** Motion has been made to adopt resolution as read by Mr. Moffett.
 - Second Vonda Bybee
- **Chairman:** clarification, we would elect at this GC an interim NMPH board until Fall GC? And reporting would be to GC?
 - **Elliot Moffet:** yes
- **Chairman:** motion is to adopt the resolution. Do we have any discussion?
 - **Sergio Islas:** 3706, question is, NMPH presented yesterday so what does this resolution have to do with the budget?
 - ☐ **Elliot Moffett:** this is about our budget and finance committee. That's what we said. That budgets reflect priorities and if we aren't interested in making health a priority. But if we want to make our healthcare a priority then we better be working on it. Where are we on our vaccinations? There's no public health. The reason for this is we have a budget, and budget and finance are responsible. So, it's within the constitution.
 - ☐ **Chairman:** this resolution is out of order due to house rules #4. This would've been in order under the HR

subcommittee. This doesn't preclude you from presenting the same resolution to subcommittee. However, House Rule #4 reads "Motions and Resolutions shall be presented at a time related to the topic on the agenda."

- **Elliot Moffett:** I challenge the ruling of the chair and we should put that before the GC.

□ **Chairman:** thank you Mr. Moffett. The motion is whether the chair's decision in determining that this motion is not in order at this time was correct?

- **Robert Kipp:** I guess for clarification; we voted on the house rules already. Why are we voting again?

□ **Chairman:** a member is challenging the decision of the chair. Which was that the resolution was out of order. so, we are going to vote on the challenge. So, either you agree or don't agree that the resolution was out of order. Yes= agree that resolution presented by Mr. Moffett was out of order; No= disagree that the resolution presented by Mr. Moffett was out of order.

- **Hand vote required.**

- Yes= 54
- No= 35
- Total= 89
- **Decision stands that the motion to adopt this resolution is out of order at this time. Again, this does not preclude the resolution and it can be brought to NPTEC.**

93. **Alexis Walker (12:01p):** I have a resolution for this committee, and it will be pulled up with a QR code. It's for SRBA which closes on 5/7. With current policy, we need an accounting of the SRBA expenditures. We aren't getting any community initiatives that we are spending now. Requirement of 90 days to go through this policy. Requesting the GC vote on this to require holding these meetings.

- **Allen Slickpoo:** resolution is out of order. It takes a referendum to take a NPTEC action.

- **Alexis Walker:** Madam Chair, if I can, I would like to withdraw my Resolution and bring it to NPTEC instead.

- **Chairman:** Ms. walker will present it to the NPTEC table. If we are done with this panel, I'd like to entertain a motion to accept the report and excuse panel.

- Motion made by Shirley Allman.
 - Second by Natahnee Spencer.

□ Motion carried. (12:10p).

12:00 pm Lunch Break

94. Back from lunch at 1:23p

95. **Chairman:** I'd like to congratulate the Lapwai girls golf team. We have 3 girls that are district champs and will be going to state. I will now turn it over to Mr. Nikoli Greene

1:15 pm SUBCOMMITTEE / BOARD / COMMISSION REPORTS

96. *Budget & Finance Subcommittee – Ashton Picard, Chairman*

97. *Enterprise Executive Officer – Nikoli Greene)*

- **Nikoli Greene (1:24p):** Before we get started, we'd like to thank Mary Jane Miles for her years of service at NPTEC and her work on this panel. Sometimes we didn't always agree but we appreciate your experience and how honest and respectful you've been. Now onto leadership: one new hire in our sales management, and Fawn Domebo for Nez Perce express team. Vision: is to create exceptional experiences with hospitality. Our mission is to be the economic indicator that sustains growth and stability for our communities. Our strategic plan has pillars for recruitment and for learning team effectiveness in strategy, business practices, customer growth, market share, and then financial performance. A few suggestions is that people on the game floor have to have customer service. We can do training and classes but a lot of the time its personality and the foundation that allows us to thrive. We have to identify a standard. This allows us to expand and develop new business and financial performance. We've talked over the years about finding the people for the right job and it's really personality too for what we do for hospitality and having an outgoing personality on the floor. After hearing from complaints in the comments or suggestions, it's important to connect people on the gaming floor to have great customer service as outgoing. We can retrain it and we can do classes with a lot of the time. This is the foundation of our organization and having a strong base allows the enterprise to thrive. For process strategy, this is what we have to be great at identifying and developing standards and metrics while holding our organization accountable. For customer growth, this allows our business to expand while developing new business and understanding our customer expectations. For financial performance, this is a result of our ability to execute these other pillars. So, we currently have 281 employees. We're focused on creating a positive culture within the enterprise we want to be the employer of choice. We have 15 employees with 25 plus years of service, 25 employees with 20 plus years, and 69 employees with 10 plus years. Overall, we have 39% of our employees who have been with enterprise for 10 plus years and will continue to be a focus. Next is gaming data: from 3,000 jackpots with our highest being \$77,000.

We have 1700 new club members and 5300 active players. The Red Wolf golf club: 2017 appraisal done with a 1.5 million value; in 2018, the tribe entered negotiations; in 2019, the Tribe purchased the golf course for \$650K; in 2020, we all had the pandemic experience which impacted us for two golf seasons when we had restrictions on people being on the course. One person per cart and groups could only have 3-4 people. It impacted the tribe overall. In 2021, Washington passed minimum wage to go up every year based on inflation compared to 50 cents every year. Additionally in 2021, we had a kitchen remodel and maintenance equipment purchased for 500K. We had to invest in \$500K back within first 5 years. In 2022, it was our first full year of normal operation and at that time, we started gaming studies for fee to trust process. In 2023, we completed the feasibility study and EIS, which was later accepted by the BIA in 2024. After hearing concerns at GC, we restructured our team over there and eliminated some positions and here we are moving forward with management. Recap: over \$1.5 million dollars in the appraisal, we acquired the course for \$650K, we had a minimum of \$500K for reinvestment within the first 5 years, and so in total, we're a little over \$1.1 million. If we keep the golf course and approve operations, it's heavily zoned, so the other option is a park. However, it wasn't an in-depth site. Instead, we reached out to CRC to see what it would be to have a third-party company operate the site. So, we approved a 5-year contract with CourseCo., which was founded in 1989 from CA. With that, five years, CourseCo. is the only employee. The team that's down there will become employees with CourseCo. We own the place, but they will provide recommendations and run the golf course. The net will be over 1million (390K) loss, with year 5 at 1.5 million (82K loss), but 41K profit before year 5. Working with CourseCo., they operate Bryden canyon. And then they were part of the team who operates WSU golf course. If we were to hire a superintendent at the golf course, we would be paying them \$95K. With CourseCo., we get an entire team with experience and expertise to manage golf courses to private and non-private. We get access to the entire team. The end goal for Red Wolf is to have a casino and operate gaming that we are unable to do in ID. We can't do sports betting or tables in ID, so that's our goal at Red Wolf. Part of the analysis is a cash flow of projections if we did their route (150 machines, tables, sports betting, etc.). Year 1 3.5 million and year 5, 3.7 million. I know it's difficult right now, we have tried to find solutions. We have this management company where we can address the losses. I'm confident in this. WA has a compact with the ability to lease gaming machines which we could also generate income from. Moving on, Zims hot springs is moving forward with RV expansion. RVs on the right and tiny homes on the left with the swimming pool and main building. On the left, we have tiny homes and are working with Ann McCormack. The RV Park is

breaking ground this summer. There's only hot water, so when we met with the engineers they thought they could drill. However, because of highwater table they can't. So, we had to pay a specialist to identify the water source and an area where we could get cold water. So, we are getting closer and have identified a space. But the specialist was spendy. Business operations: targeted industry (successful within our region- manufacturing, individual business models, returning to traditional homelands, developing larger sites, enterprise, geographical area, enterprise site). Projects: hotel expansion, Nimiipuu farms, NP express expansion and adding diesel, RW fee to trust application we have to provide concept drawings to have an accurate EIS. Last GC I announced we hired Cory Roof for green house operations near the gaming commission office (leafy greens, lettuce, and mushrooms). This has to be established for at least 3-4 years to be identified as a true farm. We purchased the diagonal straight building in Clarkston, WA. The goal is between 12-16 months for fee to trust application. This location, once we achieve trust status, we can operate any business in WA. So, we want to find a business where we have an advantage over the businesses in the area, that way the tribe can have additional revenues. CRC expansion: we want to become the #1 entertainment for the LCV, right now it's only adults, we want to add additional hotels rooms, meeting space, and family amenities (spa, bowling, cultural exhibit and arcade and food court and a floor expansion/distillery). This is what we want to work towards. Now we plan how to get there. What do we need to accomplish to be sure our teams have an advantage? Upcoming concerts. Restaurant specials. Thank you.

98. *Enterprise Finance Manager – Thomas Rickman III*

- (1:59p) move into executive session.
 - Motion Robert Kipp
 - Second Trish Goodheart
 - Mr. Green requests his staff remain.
 - Motion carried.

99. *Enterprise Board – Keith Kipp, Chairman*

- Yielded presentation time to Nikoli Greene.

100. *Nimiipuu Community Development Fund – Executive Director, Jonelle Yearout*

2:30 pm Questions/Comments for the Panel

101. (2:49p) move out of executive session by Jon Mathews

- Second by Trish Goodheart

102. **Jon Mathews (2:50p):** I'd like to present a resolution. Thank you for the information on the golf course losses. I support golf I think it's great. I think

it's best to transition to a casino there and take the 800K loss set aside, 100K for golf, and move forward like that. That would include kids from all three communities. The golf course is an environmental hazard from what's dumped in it affecting the river and groundwater. NOAA talks about this in the Snake River and the quality of water degrading affecting our fish. We have to walk the walk if we are going to talk. CRITFC would be appalled. It's a loser and will continue to lose. The ED said it will lose and so did NPTEC. Let's transition to something else. This isn't right for our people. But thank you. I want transparency and accountability. This affects our government services all of these losses. *Reads Resolution*. Motion to adopt this resolution. We need something to stop the losses at the enterprises. The other thing is that it acquires the updating of the GRAP and it's on the second page of the second paragraph and NPTEC is directed to update the graph and take necessary steps to update it by 8/25. I think it's solid and stops NPTEC from being able to spend or add money to economic development because 15% is netted.

- Second by Kerma Greene

- **Chairman:** questions or comments?

- **Kerma Greene:** I agree with Jon because this is something I've been saying for the last how many years. We are always losing money and yet we continue to do the same thing over and over. Why would we do that. Then we look at our sister tribes and that used to be us and now it's not. That's pretty sad. So, I'm for this motion if we aren't making money then we need to shut it down and find something else instead of keeping investing in things that don't make us money and that's what our enterprises are supposed to do and they're not.

- **Thomas Rickman:** Clarification, the GRAP is only applied to 2 casinos so nongaming losses from other enterprises do not impact the GRAP at all. These are two separate audits so they wouldn't be impacted by a nongaming entity.

- **Carla Timentwa:** I oppose this motion with all due respect because I listened to a really good report by the enterprise officer. I believe that the venture with red wolf is headed in the right direction with good study and efforts where it will be positive and profitable. I remember in 96 when Dave Penney was on gaming commission he was looking at getting a steamboat so we could gamble in WA because he understood there's more money to be made so I think what the people are aiming towards is getting to a more profitable place. I believe in investing in land. We heard how important our culture is and it's all tied back to our land. We need to build our young people up who are building a future. Yes there is a risk every day, but I see these young people are bringing something positive for us. We had non-Indians lead us down where we

lost money now we have our own and support. Not opposed to the individual but we all have a vision. So, I support the direction and am in opposition to the motion.

103. **Chairman:** any other comments?

- **NPTEC Chairman Wheeler:** opposition to this resolution today because I believe the enterprise is continuing to do their homework and improve the status of the economic viability of red wolf and opportunities to the future. Also, the negative numbers are an issue but also a report card for these gentlemen to make the improvement and changes as seen in their report. I also realize that the intrinsic values of this property are more than just a number. This resolution isn't the full report and number tied to the language and our spirit. That is who we are and recognizing our land. I appreciate the understanding that there's something greater in play here than just the number. Our former attorney Doug Nash said our treaty is the greatest, and over the last 50 years the purchase of the golf club was the greatest decision not because of the money but because of the value that it will bring for future generations. Securing this for our future is most important and that's what they see and that's why I'm in opposition. I know this team will make this work.
- **Gloria Greene:** thank you, I hate to keep harping on this, but I know the enterprises are trying to make money but right now we have purchased a lot of other parts on the rez that are sitting idle. We have an RV park in Orofino that has been dead for years. We purchased the mill in Kamiah and its sitting idle. We have land out of Orofino where they were going to build a hotel that is sitting idle. We have Orofino store that is sitting there from 2016 and now it's a parking lot. We are losing hundreds of thousands. We spent a lot of money on that and its sitting idle. If we are going to use it for a parking lot we don't even gain what we spent. So, we have a lot of property out there doing nothing for us. Before we consider spending money on building nice things I think we should utilize what we purchased in the past and show that we can make money on those properties. They're just sitting idle there and there's no reason for it. So, I have to support this resolution and I hope we can move forward with properties in the past before we spend money right now we need to consider the budgets and what the president is doing. Spending our funds when it's a chance is a maybe and isn't guaranteed.
- **Roberta Bisbee (3:10p):** I'm against the resolution because I was on council when we adopted the GRAP, and I appreciate Ms. Walker's proposal on evaluating the GRAP to get the full story of the GRAP and how it's been spent and providing the report to tribal membership. There are other revenue sources losing money not just the golf course. I'm against this and so there is so much into it. Of course I want accountability, but this isn't addressing what needs to change.

104. **Chairman:** comments? Ok Mr. Mathews you have 2 minutes to close.

- **Jon Mathews:** The resolution is redoing the GRAP and making parameters of how much we can spend on economic development. We have millions of that income where 15% goes to economic development. Which NPTEC and enterprise received. So, what this does is getting the 15% ourselves. This limits it to 15%, and \$1.5 million in losses that are netted instead of getting \$1.5 they get \$400K that way there is an incentive to stop the losses. Right now, there isn't any. We need internal control and a parameter to stop the losses. Nothing against golf. We just need to stop the losses. We have to redo the GRAP how we want it. It was done in 2011 that's 14 years ago we have to redo it.
105. **Chairman:** recognize the call for question. Motion to adopt resolution as presented by Mr. Mathews. All those in favor say Ay. All those opposed say No.
- Motion failed.
106. **Chairman:** Any more comments or discussion or I will entertain the motion to excuse the panel?
- **Marilyn Bowen:** 1705, I go to the casino and this morning there was confusion at the counter and people were ordering their meal and I was waiting and apparently there was a discount to elders and the clerk knew nothing about it. So, she was confused and didn't know how to do the discount. So, the manager came out on the floor, and he said yeah that's right but didn't show her how to do it, so he refunded the tribal member and then I did my order. She was getting flustered and trying to find my discount and she was taking a long time and a line formed I told her forget it. Well then I felt bad because of confusion and a tribal member asked for manager to show employees how to do it. I guess it's an electronic issue. So, anyway I walked out, and manager was sitting on the tv so that's concerns going on at casino that all managers need to be aware of.
 - **Dan Kane:** I apologize for that. I'm not aware but marketing director said they did give 50% off coupons I don't know what happened, but I'll look into it.
 - **Stella Samaripa:** who is Zim? Why are we having Zims as Zim and can we change this to a different one to where it's our language and it's our place. Then with Zims, when its closed, how long will that take? Jonelle, will we see a bank in the future if that's a possibility I saw it in the survey and that would be amazing I know it's possible.
 - **Nikoli Greene:** Stella we talked about rebranding, and we went with the logo designed by Silan Moses, for RV we have more Nez Perce names, and those discussions are on the table as we move forward. I'm not sure who Zim is. RV shouldn't take so long and won't have closure for the pool itself. As we get further into planning, that is still in discussion, but won't be closure.

- **Jonelle Yearout:** we have planned for 2026 to look at assisting the tribe for a depository institution. We have partners interested when I cold call. Potentially with our business incubator but we are happy to do a feasibility study. It's on our radar.
 - **Stella Samaripa:** I think we should still change Zims. It's not ours it's just a name. other people ask who is Zim. You want tourist. Not a traditional name. How are we engaging with our people at Zims? I don't hear enough about it so it would be awesome to get our kids down there. So just little recommendation.
- **Kay Seven:** enterprise question, did I see that nimiipuu energy is not under enterprise? Is it still in development? They aren't even running. I want insight on what the current and future picture looks like for nimiipuu energy.
 - **Nikoli Greene:** right now, it is not under enterprise the logo is just there. It's still under the NPT and holding company and the enterprise is just assisting with finance and accounting. Specifically generated revenues, but right now it's all grants and managed by the tribe.
- **Mary Jane Oatman:** thank you, I want to apologize to the GC and you guys on enterprise I hosted an amazing event at our golf course and when I planned it, I didn't think to put it during general council. I wanted to report out that it is a big move. This is a 7 generations move. Whatever land back that we are working on. Buying the land and knowing we have it is a big thing for our people. They can be bio friendly that we could turn around from an environmental hazard into a world class. I say that because we can lead into global leaders because people are already contacting about plant medicine. We have golfers travel in, leech lake, prairie island, wind river, and I would say 50 guest were first time to homeland, including dogg face, going viral for being on our homelands. I apologize but a special thank you Dr. Hartwig who came and listened to heal through trauma through plant medicine. So, thank you for enterprises for being great hospitality. We did have to get moved. Thank you!
 - **Nikoli Greene:** Thank you Mary Jane I appreciate you holding your event and sounded like it was a great turnout. It gets overlooked with the people we can bring in to our community. Thank you for holding your event and look forward to the next.
- **Chairman:** any questions or comments.
 - **Allen Slickpoo:** few comments, CRC powwow has enough judges and MCs and floor managers to have our own tribal members rather than hire people from elsewhere. I'd like to see the head staff be all tribal members since we are the host.

Second comment is if the enterprise would consider having a powwow up in Kamiah because in 95 is where gaming first started this is our aboriginal homelands. Is it feasible named itsyeye just like CRC. This is where our people originated and where our gaming first began.

- **Nikoli Greene:** thank you I will share with powwow committee, and I don't know but we are trying to get people to attend based on head staff, but we have had discussions. As far as a Kamiah powwow, I haven't been a part of these discussions. I'll be taking your ideas into consideration.
- **Chairman (3:37p):** I'd like to entertain Danae Wilson's motion to accept report and excuse panel.
 - Second by Annie McCormack.
 - motion carried.
- **Chairman:** With that, I'd like to thank the assembly we are ahead of schedule. We will wait for the ballots (3:38p).

3:45 pm Dinner Break

The NPT Election Ordinance, Section 6-10-15(a) provides that "the tallying of ballots shall commence upon arrival at the General Council meeting."

5:00 p.m. ELECTION JUDGES – GENERAL ELECTION VOTE TALLY

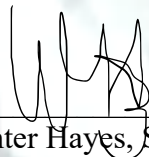
107. **Begin at 5:05pm**
- **Seat 1 (Total=713; Invalid=6)**
 - **Jesse Leighton 358**
 - **Elizabeth Arthur-Attao 349**
 - **Congratulations Jesse Leighton**
 - **Seat 2 (Total=712; Invalid=3)**
 - **Shannon Wheeler 379**
 - **Alexis Walker 330**
 - **Congratulations Shannon Wheeler**
 - **Seat 3 (Total= 712; Invalid=6)**
 - **Quintin Ellenwood 281**
 - **Aaron Gould 425**
 - **Congratulations Aaron Gould**
 - **Election Judge notated that when counting seat 3, there were two (2) ballots from seat 1 (one for Jesse Leighton and one for Elizabeth Arthur-Attao). Correction was made at 7:15pm from 357→ 358 for Leighton and 348 → 349 for Arthur-Attao.**

7:30 p.m. Adjourn May 2025 Spring General Council meeting.

108. Entertain a motion to adjourn the NPT GC Spring May 2025

- Motion Liz Arthur-Attao
- Second Dallon Wheeler
- Motion carried.
- Adjourned at 7:39p.
- 109. Benediction - NPTEC Chaplain
- 110. Retire the Colors – Drum
- 111. Swearing in at 7:51pm
 - NPTEC Reorganization at 7:55pm.
 - Aaron Gould nominates Mr. Wheeler as Chairman.
 - Mr. Wheeler accepts.
 - Mr. Picard makes a motion to cease, and Mr. Wheeler becomes Chairman by acclamation.
 - Second Mr. Paisano
 - Motion carried.
 - Mr. Chairman call meeting to order at 7:57pm.

On behalf of the Nez Perce Tribe Council,
qe'ciyew'yew', safe travels and Happy Mother's Day.



Winter Hayes, Secretary



Jennifer Oatman, Chair

SAVE THE DATE
Fall General Council Meeting
September 25, 26, & 27, 2025
Wa-a'yas Community Center
Kamiah, Idaho

1	Allen II, Clendon	51	Burke, Lalonni	101	Greene, Nikoli
2	Allen III, William	52	Burke, Liz	102	Greene, Scherri
3	Allen, Sheldon	53	Burke, Marilee	103	Greene, Solara
4	Allman, Shirley	54	Capetillo, Anthony	104	Greene, Solo P.
5	Amerman, Carolyn	55	Carter-Goodheart, Patricia	105	Greene, Stacia
6	Arthur-Attao, Elizabeth	56	Carter, Gwendolyn	106	Harris, Loraine
7	Arthur, Jennifer	57	Coomer, Alexis	107	Harrison, Vina
8	Arthur, Priscilla	58	Coomer, Jaiden	108	Hayes, Winter
9	Arthur, Lauren	59	Coomer, Mikhila	109	Heavy Runner, Patricia
10	Arthur, Ralph	60	Cuevas-Jimenez, Natalia	110	Henry, Jena
11	Arthur, Richard	61	Curry Sr., Jesse	111	Henry, Joshua
12	Arthur, Santia	62	Davis, Nikki	112	Higheagle, Chanel
13	Arthur, William	63	Domebo, Alexio	113	Higheagle, Delores
14	Attao, Catherine	64	Domebo, Carla	114	Higheagle, Dominic
15	Attao, Joseph	65	Downey, Antoinette	115	Higheagle, Eva
16	Aubertin, Nikesa	66	Draper, Gary	116	Higheagle, Nicole
17	Axtell, Brenda	67	Eagle Shadow, Jarvis	117	Holt, Alyssa
18	Axtell, Dora	68	Edwards, Rachel	118	Holt, Erik
19	Axtell, Etta	69	Ellenwood Jr., Raymond	119	Hovinghoff, Janel
20	Baheza, Marie	70	Ellenwood Sr., Clarence	120	Hyde, Trianna
21	Bailey, Marcella	71	Ellenwood, Althea	121	Islas, Loretta
22	Baptiste, Alexis	72	Ellenwood, Chantal	122	Islas, Loretta (daughter)
23	Baptiste, Brooklyn	73	Ellenwood, Charlotte	123	Islas, Sandra
24	Baptiste, Lance	74	Ellenwood, Diana	124	Islas, Sergio
25	Barros, Michael	75	Ellenwood, Kiyana	125	Jackson, Leah
26	Bear, Anita	76	Ellenwood, Lorenzo	126	Jackson, Shannon
27	Bear, David	77	Ellenwood, Quintin	127	Johnnie Jr., Raphael
28	Bear, Michael	78	Eneas, Pamela	128	Johnson, Anthony
29	Berry, Melissa	79	Eneas-Bryant, Kimberly	129	Johnson, Cheryl
30	Bisbee Jr., Michael	80	Enick, Wilma	130	Johnson, Gloria
31	Bisbee, Micah	81	Estrada, Deanna	131	Johnson, Mary
32	Bisbee, Pauline	82	Everett, Deborah	132	Johnson, Verna
33	Blackeagle, Janet	83	Fisher, Barbara	133	Johnson, Vicki
34	Blackeagle, Mildred	84	Freouf, Shanelle	134	Jose-Bisbee, Roberta
35	Blackeagle, Philip	85	Frank, Derek	135	Joye-Wells, Sallie
36	Blackeagle, Trae	86	Garcia, Orlando	136	Kane, Daniel
37	Bohanan, Joanne	87	Garcia, Tonia	137	Kash Kash, Eric
38	Bohnee, Carmalita	88	George, Phyllis	138	Kash Kash, Stacey
39	Bohnee, Christopher	89	Glideman, Jessica	139	Kessler, Raphael
40	Bohnee, Gabriel	90	Goodheart, Dayne	140	King, Melissa
41	Bourgeau Jr., Kenneth	91	Gould, Aaron	141	Kipp Sr., Keith
42	Bourgeau, Theodore	92	Gould, Gayla	142	Kipp, Jesse
43	Bowen, Marilyn	93	Gould, Lauren	143	Kipp, Del Rae
44	Brisbois, Samuel	94	Greene, Aqua	144	Kipp, Jessie
45	Brocheau, Anthony	95	Greene, Chantel	145	Kipp, Kenneth
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48	Brown, Hattie	98	Greene, July	148	La Prairie, Cheree
49	Bulltail Jr, Robert	99	Greene, Kerma	149	Lawrence, Bruce
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151	Lawyer, Bret	201	Oatman, Lois	251	Seubert, Vivian
152	Lawyer, Byron	202	Oatman, Martha	252	Seven, Harlene
153	Le Cornu, Yvonne	203	Oatman, Maurita	253	Sherman, Jaishaun
154	Lehman, Rebecca	204	Oatman, Melissa	254	Sherwood, Kenneth
155	Leighton, Jesse	205	Oatman, Ryan	255	Simler, Deborah
156	Lopez, Amanda	206	Oatman, Stephanie	256	Simpson, Lucinda
157	Lopez, Carter	207	Osburn, Vonda	257	Simpson, Merrell
158	Lozon, Laura	208	Oyenque, Jalessa	258	Slickpoo Jr., Allen
159	Lussoro, Christie	209	Pablo, Sonya	259	Smith Jr., Woodrow
160	Major, Raymond	210	Paddlety IV, James	260	Smith, Anthony
161	Marconi Sr., Douglas	211	Paddlety, Phara	261	Smith, Paulette
162	Matthews II, Julian	212	Paisano III, Ferris	262	Smith, Samantha
163	Matthews, Jonathan	213	Paul, Dennis	263	Sobotta, Angel
164	McAllaster, Nancy	214	Paul, Gla	264	Sobotta, Georgia
165	McAtty, April	215	Paul, Warren	265	Sobotta, Payton
166	McAtty, Cecilia	216	Payne, Joseph	266	Sobotta, Robert
167	McAtty, Jane	217	Penney, David	267	Souther, Chantelle
168	McConville, Delbert	218	Penney, Loretta	268	Spaulding Jr., Daniel
169	McCormack, Ann	219	Penney, Mildred	269	Spaulding Sr., Daniel
170	McFarland, Joyce	220	Penney, Phyllis	270	Spaulding, Alice
171	Miles Sr., Aaron	221	Penney, Samantha	271	Spaulding, Betsy
172	Miles, Mary Jane	222	Penney, Samuel	272	Spaulding, Loretta
173	Miller, Betty	223	Perez, O'Shae	273	Spaulding, Ronda
174	Mitchell Jr., Leland	224	Picard, Antoinette	274	Stanton, Renee
175	Mitchell, Sylvia	225	Picard, Ashton	275	St. Paul, Kylie
176	Moffett, Elliott	226	Picard, Bill	276	Steffy Jr., David
177	Moffett, Elroy	227	Picard, Lori	277	Steffy Sr., David
178	Moffett, Meredith	228	Pierre, Roxanne	278	Steffy, Emali
179	Moffett, Michaeli	229	Powaukee, Alene	279	Steffy, Kaleigh
180	Moffett, Sara	230	Rabago, Claudine	280	Stewart, June
181	Moffett, Scott	231	Reuben, Arika	281	Stone, Timothy
182	Moffett, Sharon	232	Reuben, Carey	282	Strombeck, John
183	Moffett, Von	233	Reuben, Charles	283	Strombeck, Victoria
184	Moliga, Soa'Ali'l	234	Reuben, Gary	284	Sublett, Gary
185	Moliga, Taricia	235	Reuben, Verna	285	Tall Bull, Alex
186	Moliga, Tuiaana	236	Reynolds, Natahnee	286	Tall Bull, Mary
187	Montelongo, Cara	237	Rickman Jr., Kim	287	Taylor Jr., Emmit
188	Montelongo, Junaluska	238	Rickman, Jerrod	288	Taylor Sr., Emmit
189	Moody, Jeanette	239	Rickman, Lelanda	289	Taylor, Daneta
190	Morrison, Georganne	240	Rickman, Leslie	290	Taylor, Kathy
191	Moses, Candace	241	Rickman, Marisa	291	Taylor, Mary
192	Moses, Sapsis	242	Rinehart, Macklin	292	Taylor, Monica
193	Nahsonhoya, Christine	243	Sammaripa, Stella	293	Taylor, Verna
194	Nahsonhoya, Sally	244	Sampson, Artrette	294	Thompson, Chole
195	Nahsonhoya, Timothy	245	Samuels-Allen, Sonya	295	Timentwa, Carla
196	Oatman Tom, Danice	246	Scabbyrobe, Katherine	296	Tuell, Michael
197	Oatman, Ashley	247	Scott Sr., Wilfred	297	Twohatchet, Deborah
198	Oatman, Jay	248	Scott, Jeffrey	298	Vantrease, Daniel
199	Oatman, Jennifer	249	Scott, Louis	299	Vantrease, Janette
200	Oatman, Judy	250	Scott, Virginia	300	Vanwoerkom, Peggy

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302	Wahobin, Joanna
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342	Wilson, Rock
343	Wilson, Roland
344	Wisdom, Heewekse
345	Wright, Edna
346	Yearout, Abraham
347	Yearout, Jack
348	Yearout, Jonelle

Development of Buffalo in Nimiipuu country and Bison Management program"

GC-SP25-01

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

Whereas, the Nez Perce Tribe has been working on protecting the inhabitants and species that have been an important part of our Treaty of 1855 and Usual and Accustomed Places historically prior to the Westward migration; and

Whereas, the boundaries of the Treaty of 1855 and Usual and accustomed areas where we hunt, fish and gather has been impacted by states that have been controlling and decimating the fish, wolf, grizzly and buffalo populations; and

Whereas, the Nez Perce Tribe has been attempting to work on ensuring that the Treaty of 1855 and Usual and accustomed areas are left in a better condition for future generations to hunt, fish and gather for the Nimiipuu and others; and

Whereas, the Nez Perce (Nimiipuu) people have, prior to the westward expansion been able to live and travel to hunt, fish and gather within the Usual and Accustomed areas that provide for our subsistence; and

Whereas, Historically there was enough abundance of buffalo and other four leggeds that allowed us to continue our culture and way of life by providing the first foods that we have traditionally utilized; and

Whereas, one of our main "first foods" was buffalo that we hunted in our Usual and Accustomed areas; and

Whereas, many other tribes have set up their own Buffalo programs to provide for their people, elders and youth to have buffalo available for their subsistence; and

Whereas, the Nimiipuu wish to continue our ties and connection with the iconic Buffalo to ensure their survival as part of our culture and history; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the NPTEC and its entities will work on researching and acquiring buffalo to be brought to the Tribe for management and development of a Buffalo herd and provide for all necessary logistics and requirements for developing and managing a Nimiipuu Buffalo program for the benefit of the Nimiipuu; and

Be It Further Resolved That the Nez Perce Tribal programs and departments will look at current lands available for a buffalo herd placement and will determine the suitability of lands within our Tribal lands or US Forest Service lands; and

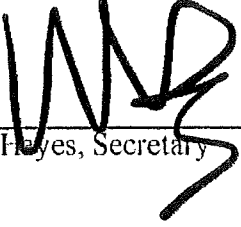
Be It Further Resolved That the NPTEC and its departments shall provide a review and analysis of developing a Buffalo herd and program within our reservation or Treaty land at the Sept 2025 General Council; and

Be It Further Resolved That, the Nez Perce Tribe General Council Chairman and Secretary will be authorized to take action as needed to present and implement this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

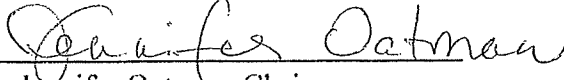
The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Nez Perce Tribe General Council meeting in Regular Session, May 1-3, 2025, in Kamiah, Idaho, and a quorum of its Members being present and voting.

By:



Winter Hayes, Secretary

ATTEST:



Jennifer Oatman, Chairman

NOTICE

NEZ PERCE TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GENERAL ELECTIONS RESULTS

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

<u>Seat 1</u>	<u>Seat 2</u>	<u>Seat 3</u>
Jesse Leighton – 358	*Shannon Wheeler - 379	Quintin Ellenwood - 281
*Elizabeth Arthur-Attao – 349	Alexis Walker - 330	Aaron Gould - 425
INVALID - 6	INVALID - 3	INVALID - 6

**Total Absentee Request: 108
713/712**

Total Absentee Returned: 80

Total Votes:

*** Per Election Ordinance, §6-10-17 Declaring the Winners, (b) The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for a particular position shall be declared the winner of that General Election position. This would be by majority vote. (amended 11/13/07)*

For further information or if you have any questions, please contact General Council Election Judges at contact information below or email at electionjudges@nezperce.org.

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