

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INDIAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DECEMBER 10, 2016

MINUTES

I. Chairperson Denise Padgette called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

II. Secretary Nadine McNeal called the Roll:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Blue Lake Rancheria

Indian Action Council

Trinidad Rancheria

Trina Mathewson, Delegate

United Indian Health Services

Ruby Rollings, Delegate
Shirley Laos, Alternate

Yurok Tribe

Jack Mattz, Delegate

Elk Valley Rancheria

LaWanda Quinnell, Delegate

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

Denise Padgette, Delegate

Karuk Tribe of California

Wilverna Reece, Delegate

Siskiyou County Indian Association

Nadine McNeal, Delegate
Daniel Hunt, Alternate

Nor-El-Muk Band of Wintu Indians

Patrick Chapman, Delegate

Tsnungwe Council

Dena Magdaleno, Delegate
James Ammon, Alternate

Wiyot Tribe

Linda Lange, Delegate

Wintu Educational & Cultural Council

Tracy Foster-Olstad, Delegate
Tammy Lee Russell, Alternate

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Arthur Lange was recognized.

IV. APPROVE AGENDA

Mr. Mattz motioned to approve the agenda; Ms. Rollings seconded; *MOTION* carried by unanimous vote.

V. APPROVE MINUTES

Ms. Quinnell motioned to approve the minutes from December 12, 2015 Annual Membership Meeting; Ms. Magdaleno seconded; *MOTION* carried by unanimous vote.

VI. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Coltra informed the Council that according to the NCIDC Bylaws, member organizations that are non-profit corporations are required to satisfy all requirements applicable to the establishment of a nonprofit corporation under the California corporation code, maintain their non-profit status with the Franchise Tax Board, and maintain their registration with the State Attorney General.

Mr. Coltra then reviewed the analysis and recommendations of the Council Attorney, Russ Gans, sent in the letter dated December 1, 2016. As per the Council Attorney recommendations, the NCIDC sent notices to all members that were out of compliance with either the California Franchise Tax Board or the California Secretary of State, and informed them that maintaining their good standing with the State is a requirement of the Bylaws. One member entity, Siskiyou County Indian Association reported at the meeting that they were unable to regain their good standing with the State, and comply with the Bylaws of the NCIDC. The Siskiyou County Indian Association Council Member and the NCIDC Council then regretfully acknowledged that the Siskiyou County Indian Association was no longer eligible to maintain their status as an active member entity in the NCIDC as per the NCIDC bylaws, and the Siskiyou County Indian Association Council Member withdrew their participation as a member entity.

VII. COUNTY CAUCUS

Mr. Coltra reminded the membership that they should elect two delegates from each of the four counties: Trinity, Siskiyou, Del Norte and Humboldt. He said the membership delegate carries the vote for each member organization, however, if the delegate is not present and the alternate is present, then the alternate carries the vote.

The counties caucused from 10:14 a.m. to 10:34 a.m. to elect their respective council delegates.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY –*Ms. Trina Mathewson* and *Ms. Ruby Rollings* were elected as the Humboldt County Delegates.

DEL NORTE COUNTY –*Ms. Denise Padgette* and *Mr. Jack Mattz* were elected as the Del Norte County Delegates.

SISKIYOU COUNTY - *Ms. Wilverna Reece* was elected as the Siskiyou County Delegate.

TRINITY COUNTY – *Ms. Dena Magdaleno* and *Mr. Patrick Chapman* were elected as the Trinity County Delegates.

VIII. ELECTION OF “AT LARGE” COUNCIL MEMBER

Mr. Coltra let the council know that they must select two “At Large” Delegates, due to the fact that Siskiyou County only has one delegate representative.

Mr. Mattz nominated Ms. Quinnell; Ms. Rollings nominated Ms. Shirley Laos; Mr. Chapman nominated Ms. Foster-Olstad; Mr. Mattz motioned that nominations be closed; Ms. Rollings seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Coltra let the council know that Ms. Shirley Laos was unable to be nominated because she is currently Ms. Rollings alternate from United Indian Health Services.

Ms. Tracy Foster-Olstad was elected as an “At Large” Delegate.

Ms. LaWanda Quinnell was elected as an “At Large” Delegate.

IX. SEATING OF NEW COUNCIL

The 2017 Council was seated and the Council Members introduced themselves to the Membership. Mr. Coltra welcomed returning members as well as, thanked the new Council for their participation and support of NCIDC.

X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Coltra provided the Council and Membership with an overview of 2016 agency activities and projected 2017 activities:

NCIDC have moved back into the Carson Block Building. The Gift Shop, first floor offices and Conference Room were redesigned and a larger mezzanine increased office space for NCIDC employees. Finishing of the building was a major accomplishment that we are very proud of. We are working diligently to lease all of the available office and retail spaces. Discussion ensued.

Our Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program has transitioned, Mr. Coltra said, to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The WIOA emphasizes training, as

compared to the retired WIA program. WIOA continues to provide employment supports to youth and adult job seekers.

We have received the National Worker Grant (NWG) to mitigate damages caused by last summer's wildfires in Lake and Calaveras Counties. These funds allow us to hire native peoples to perform restoration work on tribal and government lands. Discussion ensued.

Through funding from California Employment Development Department, we operate the Rapid Response program, which assists tribes and individuals affected by major layoffs on reservations, such as casinos and hotels. Discussion ensued.

With funding from the California Department of Education, we operate an education center in Del Norte County; the center also manages a Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) program for youth. The TUPE program is certified through the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), however funding has decreased by approximately 20%. We have added some new staff to our center, Randy Mitchell and Teresa McQuillen. Discussion ensued.

Our work continues in tobacco prevention education, as part of a statewide advisory committee, we are working with USC on their research on tobacco use. Current attention is focused on electronic cigarettes and their effects on public health, particularly children. Native Americans smoke commercial tobacco more, per capita, than any other ethnicity.

Mr. Coltra said under our Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program, we serve 57 counties and 106 tribes throughout California. The CSBG program provides assistance with education, employment, health, travel, housing and other needs to low-income Native Americans in the state, both on and off reservations; we served over 4,000 people in 2016. We have added a new Subcontractor this year; the Southern California American Indian Resource Center, Inc. (SCAIR) has joined us to serve San Diego and Imperial counties. Discussion ensued.

In addition to our CSBG, WIA and Rapid Response programs, we administer a Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for 48 tribes in the state. We are currently waiting for our LIHEAP funding allocation. We may see a decrease of approximately 40% of our 2017 funding. Discussion ensued.

Our 35th Annual Intertribal Gathering and Elders Dinner at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds was a success. Attendance was down 15%, However we did feed approximately 1,500 people the majority being elders a traditional dinner of turkey with all the trimmings. In joining the Yurok Tribe in solidarity, we did not serve salmon at this year's dinner.

Mr. Gehr wanted to thank Tommy Wilson (Yurok Tribe Council Member) for his heart felt address to the crowd letting them know why we were not serving salmon for the first time in 35 years. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Coltra informed the council that the Gift Shop is doing much better at the Carson Block Building location. By purchasing items from members of local tribes and tribes throughout the

nation, our American Indian Art and Gift Shop assists Native artists and crafts people by providing an expanded retail market for their products. The gift shop also serves as a training center for Native participants to gain work experience and hone their skills in retail sales.

Mr. Coltra said, this year, we will be distributing approximately 864 food boxes throughout Trinity, Siskiyou, Del Norte and Humboldt Counties and provided the Council with a written schedule of where and when the food boxes will be distributed (*copies in Council packets*). Mr. Gehr updated the Council on his delivery schedule. There was some discussion.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Padgett motioned to approve the Executive Director's Report; Mr. Mattz seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

XII. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next Annual Membership Meeting was scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Quinnell motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Mattz seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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