

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INDIAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 13, 2024**

MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Rollings called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Amanda O’Connell	Del Norte County Representative
Harold Bennett	Siskiyou County Representative
Jace Baldosser	Humboldt County Representative
Mindy Natt	Del Norte County Representative
Ruby Rollings	Humboldt County Representative
Tracy Foster-Olstad	Trinity County Representative
Jennifer Goodwin	Siskiyou County Representative
Trina Mathewson	Humboldt County Representative

Members Absent

Lonyx Landry	Trinity County Representative
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III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ms. Donna Landry, Ms. Ciara Emery, Ms. Andrea Hansen, Mr. Erik Peckar and Ms. Jaclyn Robinson were recognized as guests and welcomed by the Council.

NCIDC Staff in attendance; Ms. Madison Flynn Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Gregory Gehr Director-at-Large, Mr. Chris Byfield Chief Fiscal Officer, Ms. Aubrey Richeson Planner/Data Analyst, Mr. Thor Arwood Staff Accountant, Ms. Shannon Bresnahan HR/Bookkeeper, Ms. Joyce Jones Eastern Regional Manager, Ms. Rosie Kerr Case Manager, Mr. Vincent Feliz Da’luk Program Coordinator, Mr. Joe Davis Rapid Response Coordinator, Ms. Jasmine Griffin Youth Program Assistant, Logan White Youth Program Intern.

IV. APPROVE AGENDA

Ms. Foster-Olstad motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of a new business item titled “Ruby Rollings Scholarship Fund”; Ms. Natt seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

V. APPROVE MINUTES

Ms. Foster-Olstad motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 23, 2024; Ms. Natt seconded; Mr. Bennett abstained; **MOTION** carried.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Management Report

NCIDC uses a hybrid meeting format. The meeting is open to the public. Any person wishing to be a part of the Council meeting is welcome to come to the NCIDC Eureka office, where they would be seated in the Council Chambers.

CSBG (Community Service Block Grant) – Ms. Flynn and the Council discussed and reviewed the Expenditure/Activity Report for CSBG LPA grant number 24F-3103 through July 31, 2024, with total expenditures of \$10,372.97 (copies in Council Dropbox). This funding is utilized for our core administrative activities and supports all other programs through our official designation as a Limited Purpose Agency (LPA). There was further discussion.

Ms. Flynn and the Council discussed and reviewed the Expenditure/Activity Report for CSBG SA grant number 24F-3104 through July 31, 2024, with total expenditures of \$127,771.93 (copies in Council Dropbox). This is the pass-through funding to provide support to our Tribes and Subcontractors. There was further discussion.

Ms. Flynn and the Council also discussed and reviewed the Expenditure/Activity Report for CSBG Discretionary grant number 24F-3104 through July 31, 2024, with total expenditures of \$0.00 (copies in Council Dropbox). This funding will be utilized to support and explore our insurance issues. There was further discussion.

CA AIRRP (California American Indian Rapid Response Program) –Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed and discussed the 2023 Rapid Response Summary of Expenditures for grant code 541 sub grant agreement AA311053, through July 2024, with total expenditures of \$130,148.34 (copies in Council Dropbox). This is the 2023 Rapid response Ms. Flynn and the Council also reviewed and discussed the 2024 Rapid Response Summary of Expenditures for grant code 541 sub grant agreement AA411069, through July 2024, with total expenditures of \$7,353.39 (copies in Council Dropbox).

2022 QUEST NDWG – Ms. Flynn, Ms. Jones, Ms. Kerr and the Council reviewed and discussed the monthly report for QUEST NDWG for July 2024 (copies in Council Dropbox). Ms. Flynn, Ms. Jones, Ms. Kerr and the Council reviewed the WIOA Summary of Expenditures for Grant Code 1262 Sub grant Agreement AA311053, through July 31, 2024, with total expenditures of \$192,954.62 (copies in Council Dropbox). NCIDC has halted participant recruitment as we sort through an insurance issue. We have four eligible applicants waiting to be enrolled because we can't currently conduct program activities on Reservations/Rancherias (copies in Council Dropbox). There was further discussion.

Da'luk Youth Program – Mr. Vincent Feliz Da'luk Program Coordinator addressed the Council and discussed the Da'luk Youth Program's Basketball Wellness Series that took place on Wednesdays July 3rd- Aug 14th, as well as the successful Indigenous Education Advocate Mr. Sonny Tripp's Meaningful Consultation event with the Humboldt County Office of Education held on May 31st. Mr. Feliz also shared with the Council about the GONA (Gathering of Native Americans) event held July 30th and 31st. There was further discussion.

LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) –Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed and discussed the LIHEAP Program's funding sources allocation report which shows how much of each Tribal allocation has been expended to date (copies in Council Dropbox). There was some discussion.

Staff/Program Reports Written staff/program activity reports for Humboldt, Del Norte, and Siskiyou County were included in the Council packets for their review.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Natt motioned to approve the Executive Management's report for September 13, 2024; Mr. Bennett seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

B. Fiscal Report

Mr. Arwood and the Council reviewed and discussed the July 2024 Financial Report. During this discussion, the statement of financial position was reviewed as well as monthly statements of revenue and expenditures for NCIDC's grant contracts (copies in Council Dropbox).

There was no public comment.

Ms. Foster-Olstad motioned to approve the July 2024 Financial Report; Ms. Natt seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Carson Block – Ms. Flynn and Mr. Gehr discussed the most recent updates to the Carson Block Building; the archive case installation starts on Monday. Tenants Lost Coast Communications are also installing their antennas on the roof next week as well. There was further discussion.

Agency Insurance Update – Mr. Gehr and the Council discussed the ongoing insurance issues. We have no current updates as we continue to explore other options and will continue to keep Council updated (*copies in Council Dropbox*). There was further discussion.

There was no public comment.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. RWE & Vineyard Offshore** –Mr. Erik Peckar and Ms. Jaclyn Robinson with Vineyard Offshore, and Ms. Ciara Emery and Ms. Andrea Hansen, with RWE addressed the Council for a follow-up presentation regarding the fund that they proposed be managed by NCIDC to support tribal participation in off-shore wind and energy development discussions. The council discussed forming a working group to develop the fund's details, with the understanding that the fund will not count towards community benefit agreements and its purpose is to amplify Tribal voices. The goal is to create a working group with NCIDC to build the details of the capacity fund. The fund would not indicate support for offshore wind projects but would help Tribes engage in off-shore wind and energy development discussions. There was further discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Baldosser motioned to accept the tribal capacity funding with the clear statement of the overview that was provided:

- Tribal Nation acceptance of funds does not constitute support for offshore wind
- Focused on the 22 tribes in California and Washington that have been identified for our lease areas
- Preference is to work with a local, tribal-affiliated non-profit to administer funding
- Aiming to provide equitable access to funding through a simple application process
- Monies could be used by Tribal Nations to support meaningful engagement in offshore wind projects
- Does not count towards bid credits commitments (CBA),
- Complimentary but separate from other possible federal funding
- Monies provided by the companies could be leveraged to raise additional funding from other sources,
- Early-stage effort, and we are seeking input from Tribal Nations and other stakeholders;

Ms. Foster-Olstad seconded; Ms. Natt abstained; **MOTION** carried.

- B. Ruby Rollings Scholarship Fund** – Ms. Flynn and the Council discussed utilizing \$2,000 of the remaining funding from our North Coast Grantmakers award as the seed capital for a scholarship to be named the “Ruby Rollings Scholarship Fund” which is to recognize and honor Ms. Rollings for her many years of dedicated service to NCIDC. There was further discussion.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Foster-Olstad motioned to approve the Ruby Rollings Scholarship Fund; Ms. Mathews seconded; Ms. Goodwin voted no; **MOTION** carried.

IX. REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

There were no requests for assistance.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT / INFORMATION / THANK YOU

INFORMATION – Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed and discussed the flyer for the Wintu Educational & Cultural Council of Northern California, Inc.’s Acorn Harvest Festival. The festival takes place on Saturday, September 28th, 2024 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Young Family Ranch in Weaverville, CA. (*copies in Council Dropbox*). There was further discussion.

INFORMATION – Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed and discussed the flyer for the Official opening of Ke-mey-ek’ Place. Humboldt County’s first home key project funded by the state of California’s Department of Housing and Community Development and developed in partnership with Arcata Housing Partnership and the Yurok Indian Housing Authority. The official opening takes place on Friday, September 20th, 2024 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at 1805 4th Street in Eureka, CA. (*copies in Council Dropbox*). There was further discussion.

THANK YOU – Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed and discussed a thank you letter sent to NCIDC from Ms. Alice Lincoln-Cook on behalf of the California Indian Basket weavers Association, thanking us for our sponsorship of the 32nd Annual Basket Weavers Gathering (*copies in Council Dropbox*). There was further discussion.

THANK YOU – Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed and discussed a thank you certificate sent to NCIDC from Recovery Happens in Humboldt County, thanking NCIDC and Mr. Moffett for making Humboldt County a kinder place by participating in Recovery Happens (*copies in Council Dropbox*). There was further discussion.

THANK YOU – Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed and discussed a thank you card sent to NCIDC staff from Ms. Foster-Olstad, thanking us for all we do for Indian country (*copies in Council Dropbox*). There was further discussion.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Flynn and the Council entered into a closed Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Upon exiting the closed executive session, Ms. Rollings stated that they had made a decision regarding the personnel matter.

Ms. Natt motioned to approve the contract for the Chief Executive Officer with edits to the salary, name, and dates and the contract is to begin October 1st, 2024; Ms. Mathewson seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

XII. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 11th, 2024 @ 1:00 pm. The Council also scheduled a special meeting for Wednesday September 25th, 2024 at 3:00 pm.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Natt motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Mathewson seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Trina Mathewson
Council Secretary

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