

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INDIAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DECEMBER 12, 2020

MINUTES

I. Chairperson Ms. Rollings called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

II. Executive Assistant Ms. Souza called the Roll:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Blue Lake Rancheria

Jace Baldosser, Delegate

Elk Valley Rancheria

John Green, Delegate

Indian Action Council

Crystal Williams, Delegate

Karuk Tribe

Wilverna Reece, Delegate

Nor-El-Muk Band of Wintu Indians

Lonyx Landry, Delegate

Quartz Valley Indian Reservation

Fred Case, Delegate

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

Leann McCallum, Delegate

Trinidad Rancheria

Trina Mathewson, Delegate

Tsnungwe Council

Dena Magdaleno, Delegate

United Indian Health Services

Ruby Rollings, Delegate

Wintu Educational & Cultural Council

Shirley Laos, Alternate

Tracy Foster-Olstad, Delegate

Yurok Tribe

Ryan Ray, Delegate

MEMBERS ABSENT

Wiyot Tribe

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Chris Byfield, Madison Flynn, Lillian Strong, Aubrey Richeson, Tamico Thomas and Rick Siegfried were recognized.

IV. APPROVE AGENDA

Mr. Landry motioned to approve the agenda; Ms. McCallum seconded; MOTION carried by unanimous vote.

V. APPROVE MINUTES

Ms. Foster-Olstad motioned to approve the Annual Membership Meeting minutes from December 14, 2019; Mr. Baldosser seconded; *MOTION* carried by unanimous vote.

VI. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Gehr 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. Gehr informed the Council that based on the most recent review of the member entities legal status, no member entities were suspended or otherwise ineligible as per the bylaws.

VII. COUNTY CAUCUS

Mr. Gehr reminded the membership that they should elect two delegates from each of the four counties: Trinity, Siskiyou, Del Norte and Humboldt. He explained that 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 to elect their respective council delegates.

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

DEL NORTE COUNTY – *Mr. Ryan Ray* and *Ms. Leann McCallum* were elected as the Del Norte County Delegates.

SISKIYOU COUNTY - *Mr. Fred Case* and *Ms. Wilverna Reece* were elected as the Siskiyou County Delegate.

TRINITY COUNTY – *Ms. Tracy Foster-Olstad* and *Mr. Lonyx Landry* were elected as the Trinity County Delegates.

Mr. Landry motioned to close the nominations for Council Delegates; Ms. Foster-Olstad seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

VIII. ELECTION OF “AT LARGE” COUNCIL MEMBER

Mr. Landry nominated Ms. Dena Magdaleno for the member at large delegate position; Ms. Foster-Olstad seconded.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Landry motioned to close the nominations for “at Large” Council Member; Mr. Baldosser seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

IX. SEATING OF NEW COUNCIL

The 2021 Council was seated and the Council Members introduced themselves to the Membership. Mr. Gehr welcomed returning members as well as, thanked the new Council for their participation and support of NCIDC.

X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Gehr provided the Council and Membership with an overview of the agency offices and our agency wide programs and activities:

Our main office is here in Humboldt County in Eureka in the Carson Block Building. The building recently underwent a historic restoration and Seismic retrofit, which was an \$11 million dollar project. It is currently owned by a consortium of tax investors and banks however, we are the master tenant’s, Technically, we don’t own the building as the building is owned by the finance partners, but by this next year we will hopefully be unwrapping the ownership of the building.

We currently have fifteen staff members in the Eureka office. We operate the bulk of our core services from our main office. Our core services include the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) which provides quality employment and training services to assist eligible individuals in finding and qualifying for meaningful employment, and to help employers find the skilled workers they need to compete and succeed in business.

We also have our Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program, which provides assistance with education, employment, health, medical travel, housing and other needs to low-income Native Americans in the State, both on and off reservations. There are traditionally two contracts that total over \$2 million; one contract is the Limited Purpose Agency (LPA) contract for \$122,000, which covers our core administrative costs. The other contract is the Set-Aside (SA) contract for \$1.9 million in funding. The Set-Aside funding is what enables us to serve 57 counties and 106 tribes throughout California thru ourselves and our subcontractors. Our subcontractors include The Californian Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. (CIMC), The Southern California American Indian Resource Center, Inc. (SCAIR), and Walking Shield, Inc. This funding comes to NCIDC because of our presence as a statewide agency and because of our status as a uniquely eligible entity under the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) program.

We have also received numerous National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) awards to mitigate damages caused by wildfires and storm damage in various counties across the state of California. These funds allow us to hire Native peoples to perform restoration work on tribal and government lands. 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.

In addition to our CSBG, WIOA and Rapid Response programs, we also administer the Low-Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for 48 Tribes in the state.

The Eureka office is also home to our American Indian Art and Gift Shop which assists Native artists and crafts people by providing an expanded retail market for their products. The gift shop also serves as a WIOA training ground for Natives to gain work experience and hone their skills in retail sales.

In addition to our regular CSBG funding this year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we received an additional \$2.7 million in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) CSBG funding. The CARES funding is for emergency service expenses directly related to the Covid-19 pandemic. We have also purchased Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and provided Covid-19 testing in the ware house of our building in order to assist and protect Native individuals and families during the pandemic.

In Del Norte County, we have a regional office in Crescent City. There are two long-time staff at this office: Ms. Brenda Lawrence and Mr. Larry Mathews who provide NDWG, WIOA employment training, and CSBG emergency services.

We also have our Del Norte Indian Education Center (DNIEC) in Crescent City which we operate with funding from the California Department of Education (CDE). The DNIEC is operated by Ms. Angela Davis and overseen by Ms. Madison Flynn the Assistant Director. The Center also manages a Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) program for youth.

Ms. Flynn discussed our new Indigenous Education Advocate (IEA) Project funded by the American Civil Liberties Union- Nor Cal (ACLU-NC) with the Council. This project was created to educate, empower and provide equity to the Native students, families and communities

to know their rights in the public school system. The ACLU recently released the “Failing Grade Report: The Stats of Neighbor Education in Humboldt County”. This report provided very dire statistics regarding the Native American education experience in Humboldt County. This report reinforced our need of an Indian Education Advocate.

We also have our Da`Luk Youth Program. We were able to bring on Mr. Vincent Feliz, Mr. Feliz formerly worked at HSU and has his Masters in Social Work (MSW) and his Associate Clinical Social Worker (ASW) but is currently working on his full Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). Under the supervision of Ms. Michelle Reiner, a licensed LCSW mental health counselor, he will be providing not only group sessions with youth but also offering one-on-one sessions in the future as well.

We have also partnered with local Tribes and Tribal agencies with funding assistance from CIMC to form the Northwestern Inter-Tribal Census Support Group which met monthly to reach and engage the Native American Community to be counted for the 2020 Census. We also hosted a 2020 Census Kick-off event, with representative from the State in attendance; it was a great success.

In Siskiyou County, we have an office in Yreka. The Yreka Office is also operated by two staff members that have been with us for a long time, Ms. Joyce Jones and Ms. Rosie Kerr. They also provide NDWG, WIOA employment training, and CSBG emergency services.

Mr. Gehr commended the NCIDC Council and staff for their commitment to making 2020 another productive year of operation. Mr. Gehr stated that he is looking forward to 2021 and the new opportunities it presents to enhance the services the NCIDC provides to Native American Indian people.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Landry motioned to approve the Executive Director’s Report; Mr. Ray seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

XII. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next Annual Membership Meeting was scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Foster-Olstad motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Magdaleno seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Trina Mathewson
Council Secretary

Prepared By:



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