

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INDIAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 25, 2022

MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Rollings called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Amanda O'Connell
Evette Lewis
Jace Baldosser
Lonyx Landry
Ruby Rollings
Ryan Ray
Trina Mathewson
Wilverna Reece

Del Norte County Representative
Siskiyou County Representative
Humboldt County Representative
Trinity County Representative
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Del Norte County Representative
Humboldt County Representative
Siskiyou County Representative

Members Absent

Tracy Foster-Olstad

Trinity County Representative

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Council welcomed Carolyn Smith, a former employee and consultant for NCIDC.

IV. APPROVE AGENDA

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

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) Planning/Brain Storming** – Mr. Gehr, Ms. Richeson and the Council reviewed and discussed the CZI Grant Status Report, the agency's planning document for the various projects being funded by the CZI grant. Ms. Richeson designed the planning document to be updated throughout the various stages to show the progress of the projects (*copies in Council packets*). One of the projects is to design and build the display cases for the NCIDC's basket and Native art

collection. This will allow us to house the collection in the front of the gift shop, which will draw business into the shop. We have asked Ms. Smith who has a doctorate from UC Berkeley with a specialty in Museum Anthropology to be a consultant for this project. Ms. Smith discussed with the council how she will be assisting in separating the not for sale archive collection from the main gift shop inventory and creating a separate inventory management system for the archiving of NCIDC's extensive Native art and basket collection. The Council discussed the various CZI projects at length and decided that the establishment of an American Indian student scholarship program would require the Council to form a scholarship committee in order to develop the policies and procedures of the program. The Council members that volunteered to form the CZI scholarship committee were, Ms. Rollings, Mr. Landry, Mr. Ray and Ms. McConnell. The CZI Scholarship committee scheduled their first meeting for Friday April 1st at 10:00 am. There was further discussion.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Lewis motioned to approve the recommendations and updates to the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) Grant Status Report; Ms. Verna seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

B. Presentation of Agency Audit for 2020 – Mr. Alex Tabaldo CPA from Grant Bennett Associates (GBA) joined the meeting via Zoom and reviewed with the Council the 2020 Audited Financial Statements and Supplementary Information Report. Mr. Tabaldo discussed the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activities, Statement of Functional Expense, Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and other statements and schedules from the report. Mr. Tabaldo reported to the Council that GBA issued an unmodified report for FY 2020 with no findings and that NCIDC continues to be a low-risk auditee. The Council was given an opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Tabaldo in regards to the audit report and audit process (*copies in Council packets*). There was further discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Baldosser motioned to approve the 2020 Financial Audit; Mr. Ray seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

C. Megafire NDWG 3rd Increment – Mr. Gehr, Mr. Byfield and the Council discussed the ongoing difficulties of operating a large NDWG program during the pandemic and the numerous challenges NCIDC has had managing the Megafires contract in Butte County. Due to the ongoing challenge of finding vaccinated and eligible participants, the grant has

continued to expend its allocations slowly even as the more acute phase of the pandemic begins to recede. This project incurred numerous setbacks since the onset of the pandemic as Butte County has remained one of the counties in the state with high infection rates for COVID-19. As such, our crews were shut down repeatedly as they dealt with possible exposures and health orders to quarantine due to participants testing positive for COVID-19. After considering these factors, combined with the approaching 12/31/22 end date, the Council and Mr. Gehr decided it would be prudent to return the third increments of both Megafires NDWG components in order to allow for the funds to be transferred to other project operators in Megafires NDWG. There was further discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Baldosser motioned to approve the reallocation of the 3rd increment of Megafire NDWG funding; Mr. Landry seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT/INFORMATION

Information – Ms. Flynn shared the Da'luk Youth Program flyer for the upcoming event; the Native Youth Basketball Clinic with Bronson Koenig is scheduled to be held on Saturday April 16 from 10am to 5pm at The Bear River Recreation Center, Loleta, CA for youth ages 12 and up. (*copies in Council packets*). There was further discussion.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Reece motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Ray seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Council Secretary

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