

Minutes of Meeting
80th Annual Tribal Assembly
Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
April 15-17, 2015
Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall
Juneau, Alaska

"Our Way of Life is Our Future"

Day 1: Wednesday, April 15, 2015

The colors were posted by the Southeast Alaska Native Veterans followed by the Eagle Raven Dancers.

President Richard Peterson called the 80th annual Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska to order at 8:20 a.m., Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

President Peterson requested to have the Credentials Report done at this time to establish a quorum before proceeding.

Credentials Committee Chair Ella Bennett presented the Credentials Report. The number of delegates authorized is 137, total number registered is 110. Total number for quorum is set at 69. A quorum was declared.

M/S James Jack Sr. to accept the Credentials Report. No objection. M/C.

INVOCATION

Juneau Delegate Jerry Bennett, Sr. offered the invocation.

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

Seattle Delegate David Leask was appointed Parliamentarian without objection.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Jason Wilson and William Ware were appointed Sergeant-at-Arms without objection.

TRIBAL HOST / HOSTESS

Second Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr. introduced the Tribal Host, Herman Davis, Sr., of Sitka, Alaska who addressed the delegation. Marvin Adams, 5th Vice President, introduced the Tribal Hostess, Shirley Kendall of Anchorage, Alaska who also addressed the delegation.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

M/S Janice Hotch to suspend the rules to consider a critical and time sensitive entitled, Support of the Alaska Marine Highway Operational Funding and Replacement Vessel Funding. The Chair moved the resolution up on the agenda placing it before the President's State of the Tribe. No objection, so ordered.

M/S President Peterson to suspend the rules to allow the Ketchikan and Seattle delegation to seat their youth representatives with the delegation. No objection, so ordered.

APPOINT SESSION CHAIR

First Vice President Will Micklin was appointed and assumed the Chair without objection.

WELCOME

The following officials welcomed the delegates to Juneau:

- Governor Bill Walker, State of Alaska

M/S Gerry Hope to suspend the rules to consider resolution, *Support of the Alaska Marine Highway Operational Funding and Replacement Vessel Funding*. M/C.

M/S Gerry Hope to adopt resolution, *Support of the Alaska Marine Highway Operational Funding and Replacement Vessel Funding*. C/U.

- Merrill Sanford, City & Borough of Juneau Mayor
- Janice Hotch, Juneau T&H Community Council President
- Peter Naoroz, Alaska Native Brotherhood Grand Camp Secretary
- Freda Westman, Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp President

SWEAR IN DELEGATES

Tribal Chief Justice Debra O'Gara swore in the new Tribal Assembly delegates.

ADOPT AGENDA

M/S Gerry Hope to adopt the agenda as a guide.

M/S James Jack Sr. to amend the agenda and move the Memorial Service to 3:30 p.m. to be a part of the delegate's daily activities and hold the committee meetings around the service. No objection. M/C

ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2014

M/S Gerry Hope to adopt the minutes of April 12, 2014. No objection. M/C.

RULES OF ORDER

M/S Jacqueline Johnson-Pata to approve Standing Rules of Order as amended for use of electronic devices for voting. No objection. M/C.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Session chair William Micklin gave a brief explanation on the appointment of committees.

The session chair declared a 10 minute recess.

The meeting was called back to order at 10:08 a.m.

STATE OF THE TRIBE

President Richard Peterson provided the State of the Tribe Address.

Wrangell Delegate Sue Stevens addressed the President as a delegate and an elder encouraging him to acknowledge his staff and his mother in lieu of women taking leadership roles. President Peterson acknowledged Special Assistant to the President Grace Singh and his mother Paula Pederson, “sole” delegate for Kasaan.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

M/S Jerry Bennett to amend the agenda to establish a time for reports from SouthEast Alaska Regional Housing Authority and Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority representatives on Friday to respond to questions from delegates. Call for Division. Yes-56, Nay-53. M/C.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Chief Operating Officer Corrine Garza presented the Chief Operating Officer’s report.

M/S James Jack Sr. to accept the State of the Tribe Address and the Chief Operating Officer’s report.

M/S Gerry Hope to remove the word accept from the motion and replace with the word receive. M/C.

TLINGIT HAIDA TRIBAL BUSINESS CORPORATION (THTBC)

Chief Executive Officer Richard Rinehart provided the THTBC report.

M/S Gerry Hope to accept the THTBC report. M/C.

AFTERNOON RECESS

The morning session recessed at 1:33 p.m. for lunch.

The afternoon session was called back to order at 1:45 p.m.

WASHINGTON D.C. UPDATE

The Washington DC Update report was provided by attorney Phil Baker-Shenk of Holland & Knight.

Juneau Delegate Selena Everson called on Juneau Delegate Ella Bennett to lead the delegates in prayer for the family of Teresa Howard of Angoon who recently lost her husband.

YOUTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT

Youth Representative Brandon Mayer provided the Youth Executive Council report.

APPOINT SESSION CHAIR

Fifth Vice President Marvin Adams assumed the session chair without objection.

M/S to waive the Roll Call from the afternoon agenda due to the Credentials Committee report already completed. M/C.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Audit Committee Chair Yodean Armour addressed the delegates about the Audit Committee's work. The audit committee's recommendation is to approve or accept the report that will be presented.

Juneau Delegates Susetna King and James Jack Sr., expressed appreciation for the donations that were collected on the floor for Teresa Howard's family.

Alex Beckman, BDO USA, LLP presented and reviewed the 2014 Audit report. There were no material deficiencies or issues.

M/S Jolene Edenshaw/Laverne Wise to accept the audit report. M/C.

INTRODUCTION OF BUDGETS

M/S James Jack Sr./Helene Simpson to defer the review of the FY 2015 and FY 2016 proposed budgets to Friday, April 17, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. M/C.

M/S Jacqueline Johnson-Pata to move into the Memorial Service and then go into committee meetings. No objection. M/C.

James Jack, Sr., reported \$632 were received in donations for John Howard Sr. services. (Gunal'cheesh).

The assembly stood at ease to prepare for the Memorial Service.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service remembering loved ones who walked into the forest in 2014 was led by 2nd Vice President Robert Sanderson Jr.

Donations were made in memory of loved ones.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Session chair Marvin Adams reported that a separate packet of late submitted resolutions is being distributed for committee meetings.

The delegates broke out into committee meetings.

RECESS

The meeting recessed for the day at 4:25 p.m.