



Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
**ADOPTED** February 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair Edward K. Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

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| Edward K. Thomas  | President                      | Present     |
| Will Micklin      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Present     |
| Rob Sanderson Jr. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Present     |
| Yodean Armour     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President | Present     |
| Richard Peterson  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President | Present     |
| Harold Houston    | 5 <sup>th</sup> Vice President | Present     |
| Lowell Halverson  | 6 <sup>th</sup> Vice President | Present     |
| Konrad Frank      | Youth Representative           | Not Present |

Also present were:

Melissa Kookesh, Recording Secretary  
Corrine Garza, Chief Operating Officer  
Theresa Belton, Chief Financial Officer  
Tana Bell, Secretary to the President  
Michael Corpuz, Juneau Delegate

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

M/S Richard Peterson / Robert Sanderson to adopt the agenda as amended by adding the Rules of Election for Tribal Assembly #7 under Tribal Assembly, after Donations Request G. United Nations and if time permits we will put H. Indirect Cost Budgets / Contract Support Costs. C/U

## **REPORTS**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Thomas would like to review of President's Job Description under Business Items. He also extended an apology to the Ketchikan Indian Community on his statement on the Rules of Election of the President's Candidacy and stands corrected. Tribal Assembly issues will be covered in this meeting. A request has been put forward regarding a panel for the candidates for President. The theme for Tribal Assembly will be adopted and from there we will have a keynote address based on this. He would appreciate having

an honor dinner, but likes to recognize those who have contributed that are still with us. Thursday nights during Tribal Assembly he and Cathy would like to have a dinner.

### **Chief Operating Officer's Report**

Chief Tribal Operating Officer provided a report to the Executive Council on the trust fund lost \$184,769 and we now have \$11,368,282; the COO and her assistant are in the process of preparing for a Strategic Plan; the 2014 indirect Cost Proposal has been submitted and will be 49.68%; Employee Retirement Plan Investment Change Options; Tribal Assembly assistance; as well as giving an update on the other departments.

### **Chief Financial Officer**

The Chief Financial Officer provided her report to the Executive Council. She gave a very preliminary report on the December 2013 – she will forward an updated report once the books are closed. She reported on the deficit; annual auditors; and the Ariett Travel database. Discussion was held on the Indirect Costs, Compact Communities and the ICWA issue and their 2013 budgets.

She reported on the general; compact: E&T, JOM, ICWA; federal; and the variance report.

### **Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority Board of Commissioners**

The Executive Council Vice Presidents held discussion on the importance of the selection of the Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) Board of Commissioner (BOC) as they receive a lot of housing complaints from our Tribal Citizens.

Robert Sanderson nominated Ella Bennett, hearing no objection, so ordered.

Richard Peterson nominated Michael Corpuz, hearing no objection, so ordered.

Robert Sanderson nominated Virginia Lawnicki, hearing no objection, so ordered.

Richard Peterson nominated Judith Mason, hearing no objection, so ordered.

Richard Peterson nominated Carol Snoddy, hearing no objection, so ordered.

Michael Corpuz, Juneau Delegate was preset to give a brief introduction on himself and would like reconsideration of his name.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Chair ruled for a 15 minute Executive Session. No objection, so ordered.

### **THRHA BOC**

Executive Council selected three Tribal Citizens to fill the THRHA BOC vacancies. The seats selected are:

2014-2017 THRHA BOC

Ella Bennett, Juneau

Michael Corpuz, Juneau

Virginia Lawnicki, Craig

M/S Richard Peterson / Robert Sanderson moved to accept to fill the three vacancies of the THRHA BOC for the 2014-2017 terms. M/C – 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Harold Houston abstained from all participation on the decisions.

### **RECESS**

The Chair ruled a ten minute recess. No objection, so ordered.

### **TRIBAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE**

#### **Rules of Order**

The Chair missed an important item in his report and it is the Tribal Assembly Rules of Order and the Memo on the Good Addresses for Determining the Number of Delegates Ruling. He then went over the report in detail that he provided in the packet.

#### **Lunch Recess**

The Chair ruled a lunch recess. No objection, so ordered.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Chair ruled an Executive Session at 12:45 pm. VP Harold Houston was excused for that Executive Session. No objection, so ordered.

### **TRIBAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE Continued**

#### **Agenda**

The Executive Council reviewed the agenda.

M/S Robert Sanderson / Will Micklin to move the Memorial Service to 1:30 pm on Friday, April 11, 2014.

#### **Rules of Election**

M/S Will Micklin / Richard Peterson to put forth a resolution to Tribal Assembly, with recommendation from the Executive Council for approval by the 2014 Tribal Assembly, that, if approved, would authorize each Community to designate one Delegate as a representative to a committee, which committee shall appoint a chair from among its members, and as its first action shall appoint a subcommittee from among its members or other Delegates or CETHITA Tribal Citizens, reporting to the committee chair, with authority to meet periodically during the forthcoming year and to consult with subject matter experts in order to analyze the issue regarding the President's Memo on the Good Addresses Rules for Determining the Number of Delegates, and to develop and submit a report with recommendations to the 2015 Tribal Assembly, and to designate the 2015 Tribal Assembly as a Constitutional Convention empowered to consider the report of the committee and to take action to amend or revise such Rules in accordance with the will of the 2015 Tribal Assembly. (committee and designation for a Constitutional Convention).  
M/C

#### **Theme**

The Executive Council voted on the following for the 2014 Tribal Assembly:

“For Our Future Generations”

### **Tribal Host & Hostess**

Harold Houston nominated Gerald Bennett. No objection, so ordered.

Richard Peterson nominated Julie Coburn. No objection, so ordered.

The nominations for Tribal Hostess and Host are closed. No objection, so ordered.

The Chaired ruled Gerald Bennett and Julie Coburn for the 2014 Tribal Assembly Tribal Host and Hostess. M/C

### **Keynote Address – Welcome Dinner**

The Keynote Address will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **President’s Lifetime Achievement Award – Honor Dinner**

The President’s Lifetime Achievement Award will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **PRESIDENT’S POSITION DESCRIPTION**

M/S Will Micklin / Richard Peterson to adopt the position description. M/C

### **Resolutions**

There were no resolutions put forth for recommendation.

### **Executive Council Travel**

The following Executive Council members will be attending National Congress of American Indians Executive Conference: Will Micklin, Robert Sanderson, Harold Houston, Yodean Armour (pending), and Konrad Frank.

### **Donation Requests**

No recommendation on the donation request from Alaska Federation of Natives Subsistence Committee

### **United Nations**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Will Micklin reported on the United Nations for Indigenous Governments and there is a World Conference on Indigenous Peoples on VAWA, Climate Change, and budgets for the state and federal governments.

M/S Lowell Halverson / Richard Peterson to support the United Nations for Indigenous Governments. M/C

### **Indirect Cost Budgets / Contract Support Costs**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Micklin reported on the Operating Budget Plan will be out next week for full payment of CSC. FY14 Budget Plan for the movement of funds; letters have been sent asking the IHS, Department of Interior, and to find the funding from other sources; the current issue of taking from other pools diminishes the base; currently we are at FY12 levels on top of sequester, budget reductions and robbing other programs. Lastly, VP Micklin touched on Map 22.

## **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

The Chair ruled the adoption of the minutes of December 20, 2013. No objection, so ordered.

The Chair ruled the adoption of the minutes of January 24, 2014. No objection, so ordered.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Chair ruled there was no need for an Executive Session.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Will Micklin state he cannot think of a higher honor than serving with the current president. Your kindness has always been appreciated and want to thank the Executive Council for the privilege of serving with you. Thank you to Melissa, Tana, and Raeanne.

Robert Sanderson wanted to thank the president for the trust he has put in him. I'm grateful for our front office and wish everyone traveling mercies.

Yodean Armour would like to save hers for the next meeting.

Richard Peterson would like to save everything for the next meeting. I respect your leadership so much and he cannot imagine the tribe without you.

Harold Houston appreciates you as our mentor and for your guidance and he values his time he has spent with you. He values where we have stood in the last three years and he appreciates him pushing us.

Lowell Halverson requests your leaving us and he'll wait on his comments for the next meeting.

President Edward K. Thomas wanted to thank everyone for coming to this meeting. The work we do is challenging and we have doubts on if it is the right thing to do. Will gave him some credit, but it is the work you do on behalf of the tribe for our people. Thank you to Will for all of the information he has shared. He had high hopes for this administration and there just seem to be so many roadblocks that have been put up and this really irritates him as a person. There is a lot of potential and we have to get past the bureaucracy and to radiate the disparities of our programs. He proposed getting the GOA office to getting this updated and gets out the facts and information on our programs. The disparity is just too great and we have been making the cuts in our organization. If we didn't make these changes our Tribal Trust Fund would be gone. This is the best Executive Council and we proved it.

## **ADJOURN**

The Chair ruled the meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM. No objection, so ordered.