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General Council Meeting Executive Summary Zoom Meeting September 24, 2020

## 1. Call to Order

General Council Chair called the meeting to order at 2:11 PM

### 2. Invocation

Chairman Lindsey Watchman gave invocation.

### 3. Ascertainment of Quorum

- X BOT Chair- Kat Brigham
- X BOT Vice Chair-Jeremy Wolf
- X BOT Secretary- Sally Kosey
- X BOT Treasurer-Sandra Sampson
- A BOT MAL-Armand Minthorn
- X BOT MAL-Corrine Sams
- X BOT MAL-Boots Pond
- PL BOT MAL-Jill-Marie Gavin

- X GC Chair-Lindsey X. Watchman
- X GC Vice Chair-Michael R Johnson
- X GC Secretary-Shawna M Shillal-Gavin
- L GC Interpreter-Thomas Morning Owl

At 2:16 PM there were thirty-seven (37) tribal members logged into the Zoom meeting and quorum established. Final tribal member attendance was forty-three (43).

### 4. Approval of Agenda

GC Chair reviewed the agenda moving 9 (c) to 9 (b), adding Special General Council October 8, 2020. Sandy Sampson made a motion to approve as amended, Boots Pond seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

# 5. Approval of Executive Summary

February 20 and September 3, 2020 Executive Summaries were presented for review. Motion by Dave Tovey to defer in order to provide GC members enough time to read through, seconded by Sally Kosey, motion carried by voice vote.

# 6. Old Business

# A. Covid-19 Incident Command Update

Reported by Ted Wright, Incident Commander. Ted gave a Covid case status update as of September 23, 2020; provided the CTUIR weekly surveillance summary and shared current standards on the Umatilla Indian Reservation (UIR). Gathering size inside and outside are both limited to 25; masks are required when social distancing isn't possible and when outside the household; social distancing remains at 6 feet between people. There is no limitation on travel however please be mindful when traveling outside a 75 mile distance. If you have tested positive for Covid-19 or have direct exposure with someone who has tested positive PLEASE QUARANTINE yourself. Finally, Dr. Wright provided the COVID-19 website which is <u>www.ctuircovid.info</u>.

After discussion, Kat Brigham made a motion to accept the update seconded by Boots Pond and the motion carried by voice vote.

### 7. New Business

## a. 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Reports

Provided by Sandy Sampson, Board of Trustees Treasurer assisted by Paul Rabb, CTUIR Finance Director.

Discussion and questions from tribal members regarding how to deal with Hamley's, energy assistance for those 60 years older receiving energy assistance and possible dividend from Arrowhead Truck Plaza February 2021.

Motion by Sally Kosey to approve report seconded by Kathleen Elliott; motion carried by voice vote.

## b. Cayuse Holdings, LLC Report

This report was presented by Billy Nerenberg, Cayuse Holdings CEO.

Extensive discussion regarding the report particularly focused on tribal member employment and plan for improvement of financial stability from Cayuse Holdings.

Motion to accept the report by Kat Brigham seconded by Dave Tovey and the motion carried by voice vote; majority for; 2 against; 1 abstain.

### c. Housing Commission Report

Housing Commission Chairman Lindsey X. Watchman provided the Housing Commission report. The Housing Commission consists of Chairman Lindsey X. Watchman, Vice Chair Louisa Allman and Members Katrina Burnside, Melinda Alexander and Tom Pierre, Sr. It is staffed by Shawna Gavin, Executive Assistant to the General Council Chairman.

The most current task being undertaken by the Housing Commission is working toward the removal of THC from the Admissions and Occupancy Policy (AOP); the commission is also working very hard at reestablishment of their role as tenant advocate including eligible appeal matters in their purview although not all appeals can be heard by the commission and have to be heard through tribal court. The commission agenda now holds a permanent placeholder for tenant concerns.

The main question that arose from the presentation was if this will be routed through the BOT as well as further discussion with the General Council and Chairman Watchman assured that this will take place.

Motion to accept the report by Sandra Sampson seconded by Kat Brigham, motion passed by voice vote.

# 7. Open Mic

- Cathy Sampson-Kruse X-603 raised the concern of climate change and the global pandemic also advocating for tribal members to provide comment to <u>www.ecology.wa.gov</u> against the Kalama Refinery Proposal in southwestern Washington.
- Eugena Stacona sent a motion through which was read by Chairman Watchman however she agreed to postpone the topic to the October 8 Special General Council meeting.
- Cathy Sampson-Kruse raised the topic of the chromebooks being purchased for students advocating for a wider range of eligibility for these. BOT Chair Kat Brigham responded.
- BOT Secretary Sally Kosey read the current Committee/Commission openings.

## 8. Announcements/Notes/Comments

a. Next meeting – October 8, 2020 will be a Special General Council and on October 15, 2020 will be the next regularly scheduled meeting.

b. CTUIR Community Improvement Committee (CCWIC) is due to have a new General Council member appointed. (Formerly A & D Committee).

c. Website migration – the newest CTUIR website will go live on September 25. This website will soon have the tribal member portal available.

d. Cay-Uma-Wa Toastmasters meet every Wednesday from 12-1 at WRC in the Birch Room

e. Wellbriety Virtual meetings each Wednesday from 4:30-6:30 PM POC is Kelsey Burns at Yellowahwk. Open for all men and women, follows 12 steps and is for all addictions not just alcohol. Meeting ID: 935 527 4389/Password: nixyaawii

## 9. Adjournment

Michael R Johnson made a motion to adjourn seconded by Sally Kosey and the meeting adjourned at 5:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Shawna M. Gavin, General Council Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_/Date