



**General Council Meeting  
Executive Summary  
Via Zoom  
January 21, 2021**

**1. Call to Order**

General Council Chair called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM

**2. Invocation**

Invocation was given by Michael R. Johnson, General Council Vice Chair.

**3. Ascertainment of Quorum**

X	BOT Chair- N. Kathryn Brigham (2:36)	X	GC Chair-Lindsey X. Watchman
X	BOT Vice Chair-Jeremy Wolf	x	GC Vice Chair-Michael R Johnson
X	BOT Secretary- Sally Kosey	X	GC Secretary-Shawna M Shillal-Gavin
X	BOT Treasurer-Sandy Sampson	X	GC Interpreter-Thomas Morning Owl
pl	BOT MAL-Armand Minthorn		
X	BOT MAL-Corrine Sams		
X	BOT MAL-Boots Pond		
X	BOT MAL-Jill-Marie Gavin-Harvey		

At 2:10 PM there were forty-five (45) tribal members signed in and quorum established. Final tribal member attendance was seventy-seven (77).

**4. Approval of Agenda**

GC Chairman Watchman reviewed the agenda.

Chairman Watchman stated that the agenda would be amended by adding Donald Sampson 7 (E) Snake River Dam Removal Resolution. *Donald Sampson made a motion to approve the amended agenda seconded by Kathleen Elliott.*

*Discussion: Althea Huesties-Wolf X-1196 asked about the title and Chairman Watchman stated that the addition will be entitled "Snake River Dam Removal Resolution-Don Sampson, Walla Walla Chief." Althea Wolf asked if this had been vetted through the standard procedures such as committees/commission. Chairman Watchman responded that once the agenda item had been presented, questions would be answered.*

*Jeremy Wolf X-1184 stated that usually agenda items are put on the agenda prior within the due date for General Council to review. Was there some other process that occurred? Chairman Watchman responded that had a resolution not been drafted, this would have come up during open mic. Once the resolution has been presented, a decision will be made at that time. There will be ample opportunity to discuss once the presentation has been made.*

*Althea states that it's misleading because in the chat it says discussion and doesn't mention resolution. We have a democratic process within the tribe and that process is through General Council members who are appointed to committees and commissions and it seems like this is bypassing the very committee that is in charge of things like the energy policy*

*Donald Sampson states that GC members can bring whatever they want to the floor of the General Council. It doesn't require us to go through any of the commissions and committees; That is the forum of the General Council, that we can speak and present ideas and thoughts. That's what this is, is a resolution for consideration by the General Council membership. We do this all the time, we've been doing it ever since we've had this General Council. That's all it is, you'll be able to see the resolution, ask questions, we've been doing this basically this is a resolution of the GC asking the board to take this into consideration. If the BOT decides they want to vet this resolution through their various commissions and committees that are advisory to them, that is fine. I think that would be the process and that IS the democratic process. That's why it's being presented.*

*Chairman Watchman that's the path that I'd like to go this being my first resolution again it's us bringing it forward to the Board of Trustees; a month from now there should be movement on this topic and of course we'll bring that back. Hopefully we'll get all that tribal vetting before the Tribe makes a decision to support or not support.*

*Question called and approved by voice vote with one oppose; one abstain.*

## 5. Approval of Executive Summary

General Council Secretary Shillal-Gavin respectfully requests motion to defer Executive Summary. *Motion by Mary Halfmoon to defer to February 18, 2021; seconded by Denise Wickert; motion passed by voice vote.*

## 6. Old Business

### a. Covid-19 Update – Chuck Sams, Interim ED

Chuck Sams, III, Interim Executive Director provided an update of Covid-19 data. The report is available on the website: [CTUIR | Incident Command Center | Pendleton \(ctuir-response.info\)](#). Mr. Sams noted that the Incident Command team as well as Public Health Authority have been pleased with how CTUIR members have been protecting themselves from this extremely contagious disease by wearing masks, social distancing and not holding large gatherings. This virus is passing around this county because people are not following the directives, the guidance, or the restrictions that are in place through the State (of Oregon). We can expect these numbers to grow. Fortunately, in my discussions with the hospitals in the area to include St. Anthony's and Good Shepherd they still have capacity within their hospitals and are trying their best to get vaccines out. Regarding vaccinations, we as a tribe will be able to vaccinate 1,025 members of our community by the end of February. Yellowhawk under the leadership of Lisa Guzman has been working hard to bring more vaccines to our Tribes.

### Tribal Member Questions and Concerns:

Can you give us a brief inkling on the priority for spending as related to the pandemic with the new administration also asking if there will be any mask distributions? Mr. Sams responded that the tribe will continue with distributions complimenting DCFS Director Julie Taylor and her staff and Public Works staff that have been doing food distributions and PPE material distributions. Budget-wise we're hopeful that this next round of CARES funding that will come through will be delivered up to Indian Country, right now, the focus has been mostly on supporting Indian Health Service for health care and a little money being distributed for paycheck protection program. We will be looking at a little bit of money able to be carried forward to bring to the Board for their consideration of appropriations by next week. We're not sure of more monies coming through.

Why were some phases skipped? Initially 65 and up, then straight to 16 and up. Why did that happen? Mr. Sams responded that this would be a question for the Public Health Authority to answer and that he would get an answer to this question.

## 7. New Business

**A. Board of Trustees Vice Chair Report**

Jeremy Wolf, BOT Vice Chair provided annual report on committees/commissions he's served on as well as other work done throughout the year.

*Motion Jill-Marie Gavin; second Donald Sampson; question called and motion passed by voice vote.*

**B. Fish & Wildlife Commission Annual Report**

Jeremy Wolf, FWC Chair provided the annual report. Available upon request and posted on [www.ctuir.org](http://www.ctuir.org).

No questions entertained, *motion to accept by Pam Peterson; Mary X-785 seconded; motion passed by voice vote.*

Due to time constraints and in the interest of ensuring that the Snake River resolution presentation move forward, both Dave Tovey, CDFI Executive Director and the First Foods presenters agreed to defer to the February 18 General Council meeting.

*Motion to accept amended agenda Shawna Shillal-Gavin; seconded by Donald Sampson. Motion passed by voice vote.*

**Snake River Restoration Resolution**

Donald Sampson gave information on the proposed resolution and read into record the actions called for. The final resolution is attached to these minutes and will be posted on the website for review.

**Tribal Member Questions and Concerns:**

- Support the resolution; important to have competent staff and collaboration to implement. Response: there is adequate staff and collaborations throughout the NW Tribes.
- Correction on committees/commissions.
- Chair Brigham: Request to edit regarding "CRITFC support" clause due to the nature of our relationship with the four tribes of CRITFC.
- Vice Chair Wolf: Want for the record for everyone to understand Resolution 20-006 amendment. Read the resolves. October 19, 2020. Concerned that we have multiple resolutions; concerned with the relationships that we are fostering with the Seven Generations and the Nez Perce Tribe. Don responds that the resolution is in line with the goals. NW Tribal Salmon Alliance is in support of tribes as we move forward.

*Donald Sampson moves to approve Resolution 21-002 as amended through comments; seconded by Jill-Marie Gavin.*

*Discussion: Shawna Gavin provided correction on committees/commissions. BOT Secretary Kosey confirmed that these are correct. Jill-Marie Gavin approves amendments to motion via corrections.*

*Jeremy Wolf: Concerned about the other STC – Science and Technology Committee, the Energy Policy in particular. Don Sampson states he happy to add that.*

*Motion maker and second approve that adjustment.*

*Sally Kosey asks if the resolution will be brought through a process; that will be a BOT decision.*

*Antone Minthorn reiterates the need for competent staff to carry this resolution forward.*

*Question called for and the motion passed via Zoom Poll: Thirty-three (33) FOR; Zero (0) AGAINST; Three (3) ABSTAIN.*

**8. Open Mic:**

- Rob Peterson shared concerns related to employment policies of Arrowhead Travel Plaza.
- Antone Minthorn asked about the records stored in the old BIA Building – Teara Farrow-Ferman responded.  
(Note: further action taken after this meeting).

**9. Announcements/Notes/Comments**

**Next meeting – February 18, 2021**

**Raffle items: sweatshirts; PPE kits; woven throws.**

**Language Program Classes announced.**

**9. Adjournment**

Michael R. Johnson made a motion to adjourn seconded by Shawna Shillal-Gavin; motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Shawna M. Shillal-Gavin, General Council Secretary