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General Council Meeting
Executive Summary
Nixyaawii Governance Center
February 20, 2020

1. Call to Order

General Council Chair called the meeting to order at 2:08 PM.

2. Invocation

Invocation was given by Michael R Johnson.

3. Ascertainment of Quorum

X BOT Chair- Kat Brigham
 X GC Chair-Lindsey X. Watchman
 X BOT Vice Chair-Jeremy Wolf
 X GC Vice Chair-Michael R Johnson
 PL BOT Secretary- Sally Kosey
 X GC Secretary-Shawna M Shillal-Gavin
 T BOT Treasurer-Sandra Sampson
 A GC Interpreter-Thomas Morning Owl

T BOT MAL-Armand Minthorn

X BOT MAL-Corinne Sams

X BOT MAL-Boots Pond

T BOT MAL-Jill-Marie Gavin

At 2:08 PM there were thirty-two (32) tribal members signed in and quorum established. Final tribal member attendance was fifty-three (53).

4. Approval of Agenda

GC Chairman Watchman reviewed the agenda and Kat Brigham made a motion to approve seconded by Denise Wickert. The motion carried by voice vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

5. Approval of Executive Summary

The Executive Summary of January 23, 2020 was reviewed (Leona Enright won 2 tickets for the Trailblazer game); motion to accept by Michael R Johnson, seconded Corinne Sams, motion passed by voice vote.

6. Old Business

CTUIR Youth Council Resolution

Julie Taylor brought forward the CTUIR Youth Council members who read their resolution into the record. The Youth Council read the resolution starting with the fourth (4th) Whereas.

"WHEREAS, the mission and purpose of the CTUIR Youth Leadership Council is to provide a collective voice; to empower our youth and groom them to make the transition from youth leadership to Tribal leadership; to serve as means of mobilizing and coordinating the actions of youth, other community members and organizations toward positive goals and aspirations, AND

WHEREAS, the CTUIR Youth Leadership Council conducted Community Asset Mapping in February 2019 with the purpose to gather information on, organize, and develop resources with participation from CTUIR

individuals, families, and organization in order to identify, collect and analyze assets in the CTUIR community, **AND**

WHEREAS, based upon the Community Asset Mapping conducted the Youth identified a NCAI First Kids Every Child is Sacred Collective Vision with four major components:

Health Lifestyles – Our children must have the resources they need to develop strong self-esteem and the life skills needed to usher them into adulthood. One of these resources is good health. Children who are physically and emotionally healthy are more able to play, learn, and work.

Safe and Supportive Environments – Children who have their basic needs met, including love, shelter, food, clothing, and play are children who are more likely to go on to thrive, explore, learn, and dream. Our children must be protected from unsafe environments and supported by our communities;

Successful Students – Children who are healthy, safe, and nurtured will achieve to the best of their abilities. Our children need skilled teachers, sound curricula, and family involvement so they can gain the abilities they need for present and future fulfillment;

Stable Communities – In order to invest in children and the community structures that support them, tribal governments must have options for economic development and flexibility to channel tribal and federal funds into programs that best support their members. The objective is to foster economically self-sufficient communities that can support community programs, which provide basic support for children and families, **AND**

WHEREAS, in order to begin achieving this collective vision and four components, the Youth Leadership Council identified 6 priorities so that the Board of Trustees, General Council, Tribal committees and commissions, and the CTUIR community can support, fund, and help implement these priorities, AND

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the CTUIR Youth Leadership Council approves and supports the following 6 priorities and request the General Council and Board of Trustees also support and implement these 6 priorities through programs, funding commitments, and actions:

- **Priority 1:** Develop, fund, and implement effective programs and coordinate, collaborate activities to promote drug and alcohol-free lifestyles for our youth and families of the CTUIR community.
- **Priority 2:** Develop, fund, and implement effective programs and coordinate, collaborate activities to reduce, prevent, and eliminate suicide of youth and promote and support positive mental health (acceptance, bullying, LGTBQ, MMIWG) for youth in the CTUIR community.
- **Priority 3:** Develop, fund, and implement effective programs and coordinate, collaborate activities to promote, teach, preserve, and expand CTUIR language and culture with the youth, elders, and our families.
- **Priority 4:** Develop, fund, and implement effective programs and coordinate, collaborate activities to support and improve educational achievement in our schools and improve grades, attendance, and family participation for our youth.
- **Priority 5:** Develop, fund, and implement effective programs, facilities, and coordinate, collaborate activities to promote healthy lifestyles through youth sports and fitness.

Priority 6: Develop, fund, and implement effective programs and facilities to fix, improve and expand our community parks for youth and families, **AND**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Youth Leadership Council plans to review these priorities and resolution with the appropriate committees, Law & Order Committee, The Health Commission, General Council and Board of Trustees for input, support, and pledge to help raise funds, promote, and design and plan these programs, activities, and facilities for the benefit of all of the CTUIR community, **AND**

The Youth Leadership Council requests the Indirect Rate for Youth Leadership Grants not to exceed 15%, **AND**, that said Resolution has not been modified, amended or repealed and is still in full force and effect."

After reading the resolution into the record, the youth council representatives asked the General Council for support.

Antone Minthorn X-318: I make the motion to approve this resolution for the youth but I also at some point would like to see the Board of Trustees resolution that adopts this policy and how they would implement it. That's all.

Roberta Kipp seconded the motion.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Antone Minthorn asked how the GC Officers would take the proposed policy to the Board of Trustees and have a work session with the Board and after they have looked at it made the policy changes or policy for that and then that the Board with that discussion would adopt this policy, the youth policy and indicate how they are going to implement it. These youth here are the next seven generations. We need to understand and they need to understand that, that they are going to be the leaders, they're going to be sitting up there figuring out how they're going to manage this proposal that they're making here. I want to make it understood that this is the seven generations going and that we can beat diabetes if you implement some of these policies here you will beat diabetes, that's all.

Chairman Watchman thanked Antone and stated that this information would be forwarded directly to the Executive Director and he will be taking these priorities as well as the priorities and commitments that the Board created during their retreat and he will be working in Walla Walla next two weeks when EMT goes on their retreat and they'll be looking at the feasibilities of all that the Board as well as the Youth Council have presented. He again congratulated the Youth Council on bringing the resolution forward and gifted the CTUIR Youth Council a CTUIR Flag embellished "cornhole" game set.

Sky Smith Jr Youth Council Chairman thanked the General Council for having the Youth Council present.

7. New Business

A. Census 2020

Elfrina Lubrin, Chair of 2020 Complete Count Committee. Presented power point presentation.

Through discussion it was emphasized to the General Council members that to ensure proper count of the CTUIR, make sure that the head of the household is listed as American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN). Respond "Umatilla" in the tribal affiliation portion so that all are counted as CTUIR.

Further discussion on how the homeless population will be counted and those who are difficult to find.

This was an informational report.

B. Special Election Information

Roberta Wilson, Election Commission Chair introduced the Election Commission and provided a power point presentation sharing the facts of the upcoming Special Election regarding CTUIR Boundary clause in the Constitution. Ms. Wilson further stated that this is all leading up to the vote next week on February 26, if you have any questions there's an article in the CUJ that might help with your questions. Exercise your right to vote and important to take things to GC do referendum votes, exercise our sovereignty...appreciate you being here because you are exercising your rights by coming the General Council. She thanked the General Council for allowing time to give the information.

Information only and approval not necessary.

C. Circles of Hope (CoH) 5 year Grant Report

Deb Shippentower X-580 introduced Dolores Jimerson and Denise Wickert, opened the report and then turned it over to Dolores Jimerson who completed the report.

After discussion, Dave Tovey made a motion to approve seconded by Denise Wickert motion carried by voice vote.

D. Tribal Member Proposed Resolution

Chairman Watchman outlined the process of having a concept brought to completion as a General Council topic and thanked Ross Simmons for working with the system. Ross Simmons, X-1036: summarized the proposed resolution which is available by request.

Chairman Watchman talked about conversation with Ross. "Improve communication between GC and the BOT." Some of those are being worked on internally without this just FYI.

Mary Halfmoon, Roberta Kipp and Roberta Wilson volunteered to participate on the ad hoc committee to work through the resolution and bring it forward.

Ross provided his contact information so that if other tribal members are interested in participating, to contact him. That information is: Ross Simmons phone number: email address ross103651622@gmail.com. He stated that the best way to contact him is via email.

Chairman Watchman thanked Ross for his presentation to the General Council.

Open Mic:

Antone: I'd like to hear a report on the Umatilla River Flood. Lindsey: we'll add that to the next agenda.

Roberta Kipp: would like a report from the Legislative Aid.

8. News and Notes

- a. Public Safety Records (on back table)
- b. Ticket giveaway
- c. Next Meeting March 19, 2020
- d. Language Program
- e. Bison Hunt Season Extension
- f. Title VI Parent Night Marc13

9. Adjournment

Shawna Gavin made a motion to adjourn seconded by Michael R Johnson meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Shawna M. Gavin, General Council Secretary

Approved Date: