



Tribal Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2024, Wednesday, 5:15PM
PIA Conference Room

PETERSBURG INDIAN ASSOCIATION
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I. Call to Order/Roll Call - Called to order by President Debra O'Gara at 5:15 PM

Present Council:

- ☒ Debra O'Gara, President
- ☒ Nathan Lopez, Vice President
- ☒ Jaclyn Eide, Secretary
- ☒ Everett Bennett, Treasurer
- ☒ Heather Conn, Council Member - telephonically
- ☐ Jeanette Ness, Council Member
- ☐ _____, Council Member

Excused: Jeanette Ness, Council Member

Absent:

Quorum: A quorum was present.

Present Staff: Rachelle Larson, ICWA/638 Director; Jalyn Pomrenke, Housing Director; Brandon Thynes, IGAP Director; Andy Edfelt, Facilities

Excused: Lauren Barbour, Bookkeeper; David Rogers, CPA; Rebecca Lee, ARPA Director; Susan Harai, TTP Director

Absent:

II. Amendments and Approval of Agenda

- Jaclyn Eide moved to amend the agenda as presented to add item C.
Resolution to accept a BIA ICWA grant in the amount of \$31,000 and to move New Business items A, B, and C to before Reports and to divide section IV Persons to be heard related and unrelated to agenda into two separate items, IV persons to be heard related to agenda, and V persons to be heard unrelated to agenda
 - Motion carried 4-0

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Moved to approve minutes as presented for:
 - January 17, 2024 - Monthly Meeting
 - Nathan Lopez moved to approve the minutes as presented
 - Motion carried 4-0
 - January 20, 2024 - Special Meeting
 - February 1, 2024 - Special Meeting
 - February 7, 2024 - Special Meeting



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- Nathan Lopez moved to approve
the special meeting minutes as presented
 - Motion carried 4-0

IV. Persons to be heard related to the Agenda

- Brenda Louise - JOM Parent Committee
 - The JOM Parent Committee is having technology complications that resulted in not getting a written report submitted. The committee is excited to have a very good and committed parent committee who has been working very hard. The JOM budget does not reflect the amount of ideas the committee has. The committee is currently working on cleaning up the guidelines to make it easier for newcomers to seamlessly continue. The program is required to have a needs assessment, one is currently being worked on. The committee would like to have one of the Parent Committee Board members be involved in the hiring process of the next JOM Director. They have requested to have their President, Kayla Perry be the interim JOM Director in the meantime. They would also like to get an enrollment list to help complete the needs assessment.

V. Persons to be heard unrelated to the Agenda

- Ray Born - USFS District Ranger
- Sunny Rice - Alaska Seagrants

VI. Reports

- A. Finance - Lauren Barbour: Written Report included in the minutes
David Rogers/Quick Pro Accounting - excused, could not connect telephonically: Written Report included in the minutes
- B. IGAP - Brandon Thynes: Written Report included in the minutes
- C. Facilities - Andy Edfelt: Written Report included in the minutes. He is asking for approval of two quotes. One to provide heat pumps for Eagle/Raven Building. The other is for Mattingly Electric LLC. for the 705 Ira II Duplex. Will be approved if funds are available.
- D. Housing - Jalyn Pomrenke: Written Report included in the minutes. Hoping to represent PIA at the upcoming Health Fair.
- E. Roads/TTP - Susan Harai: Written Report included in the minutes
 - a. Presentation on USFS Trails and Cabins. Presented by Carin Christensen. Josie Tyler is the new USFS Recreation Director. Harvey Lake Trail and Cabin foundation is a partnership between USFS and PIA TTP Program. Jack Galaktianoff is going to team up to maintain



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the trail, and update the Harvey Lake cabin deck and foundation. The new Woodpecker Cabin is to be constructed in 2025. Upcoming cabin maintenance includes the West Point Cabin, and Harvey Lake Cabin foundation and deck. PIA has budgeted for a \$200,000 agreement to cover Harvey Lake trail maintenance for 5 years, foundation and deck work of the cabin. There is a possibility of renaming or including a traditional tribal name for certain places or landmarks.

- E. ICWA/638 - Rachelle Larson: Written Report included in the minutes. Waiting for correct numbers from BIA contacts.
- G. APRA - Debra O'Gara: Written Report included in the minutes.
- H. Acting Tribal Administrator (including JOM) - Debra O'Gara: Written report included in the minutes. Basic needs pantry started as SEARHC Healthy is Here funds. May be able to use those to continue this program. Waiting for a full proposal. Morning of March 1st there will be a meeting with David Rogers on finance.
- I. SEARHC - Everett Bennett: Written Report included in the minutes. SEARHC is focused on a program to train people to get into health care. They are planning a tour of all the communities to do presentations. They just passed a minimum wage of \$25/hour for any position they have. A Strategic Planning meeting is set for the week of March 11, if anyone has any suggestions or direction they would like to see SEARHC go, please let them know.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- A. Modification 4 to Trail Maintenance Agreement for the 2023 Cooperative Transportation Agreement
 - Jaclyn Eide moved to approve the Modification 4 to Trail Maintenance Agreement for the 2023 Cooperative Transportation Agreement between PIA TTP and the Petersburg Borough
 - Discussion
 - Motion carried 4-0
- B. Proposal to change employee payday from twice a month (on 1st and 15th) to bi-weekly, every other friday



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- Everett Bennett moved to approve
changing the employee payday from twice a month to bi-weekly
 - Motion carried 4-0

C. Resolution to accept a BIA ICWA grant in the amount of \$31,000

- Everett Bennett moved to approve the Resolution to accept a BIA
ICWA grant in the amount of \$31,000
 - Discussion. Funds are formula based and restricted. Mainly used
for salary.
 - Motion carried 4-0

IX. Comments from Council Members

X. Next Meeting

- March 20, 2024 at 5:15 PM

XI. Executive Session - Property, Personnel, Confidential matter

- Everett Bennett moved to enter executive session at 6:44 PM
 - Motion carried 4-0
- Everett Bennett moved to exit executive session at 9:56 PM
 - Motion carried 4-0

XII. Decisions, if any, following executive session

- Nathan Lopez moved to appoint Heather Conn acting JOM Director until the
next hire.
 - Motion carried 4-0

XIII. Adjourn

- Everett Bennett moved to adjourn at 10:06 PM
 - Motion carried 4-0

Minutes Approved by Council Vote

Date: March 20, 2024

As Presented [X] As Amended []



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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING Agenda

DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2024
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	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Handout</u>
I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL	<i>Chair</i>	<i>N/A</i>
II. AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA	<i>Chair</i>	<i>in packet</i>
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<i>Chair</i>	<i>at meeting</i>
A. January 17, 2024 Tribal Council Meeting		
B. January 20, 2024 Special Tribal Council Meeting		
C. February 1, 2024 Special Tribal Council Meeting		
D. February 7, 2024 Special Tribal Council Meeting		
IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD RELATED OR UNRELATED TO AGENDA	<i>Chair</i>	<i>N/A</i>
V. REPORTS		
A. Finance		
Review fourth quarter 2023 report	David Rogers/Lauren B	in packet
Update on 2022 audit preparation	Brandon Thynes	in packet
B. IGAP	Andy Edfelt	in packet
C. Facilities	Jalyn Pomrenke	in packet
D. Housing	Susan Harai	in packet
E. Roads/TTP	Carin Christensen, USFS	in packet
presentation on the USFS trails and cabins	Rochell Larson	in packet
F. ICWA/638	Debra O'Gara	in packet
G. ARPA	Debra O'Gara	in packet
H. Tribal Administrator (including JOM)	Everett Bennet	in packet
I. SEARHC		
VII. OLD BUSINESS		

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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Modification to Trail Maintenance Agreement for the
2023 Cooperative Transportation Agreement

Susan Harai

in packet

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(on the 1st and 15th) to bi-weekly, every other Friday

DO for Lauren Barbour

in packet

IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

X. NEXT MEETING – March 20, 2024 at 5:15 pm

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII. ADJOURN