



Tribal Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 5:00 PM
PIA Conference Room

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I. Call to Order/Roll Call - Called to order by President Carol Martinez at 5:08 PM

Present Council:

Carol Martinez, President
Nathan Lopez, Vice President
Heather Conn, Treasurer
Jaclyn Eide, Council Member - Call-in
Brandon Ware, Council Member
Adam Ware, Council Member
Jeanette Ness, Council Member

Excused: None

Absent: None

Quorum: [X] Yes [] No

Present Staff: Jalyn Pomrenke, Tribal Administrator
Hillary MacDonald, Finance Director

II. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Hillary asked to make a small change; PIA Enterprises is not on Swizznet
- Approval of amended minutes July 16th, 2025
 - Brandon moved to approve July's Minutes, Adam seconded
 - a) Motion passed 6 - 0

III. Amendments and Approval of Agenda

- Add under Reports: J. PIA Enterprises Report; Add under New Business: E. Discussion on New and Existing Totem Poles and F. Hulti Totem Pole and Canoe
- Heather moved to approve the amended agenda, Jeanette seconded
 - Motion passed 6 - 0

IV. Persons to be heard related to the Agenda

- Debra O'Gara for PIA Enterprises Board: Need one more Board Member. Would like the position filled by the September meeting and for it to be filled by a Tribal Citizen. It's almost been one year since acquisition, we will see about improvements or changes.
- Scow Bay Project: Is moving forward. Petersburg Borough is still looking for a Tribal partner. This could be an opportunity for Tribal Citizens who are looking into job training, also the location has historically been a stolen fish camp. There needs to be Tribal recognition of the area and the Tribe's use of



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the land. If PIA signs on, the Borough is able to either save money or not have to do the environmental review. PIA should request for a representative to give reports at the Borough Assembly Meetings.

V. Persons to be heard unrelated to the Agenda

- Diane Benson: Spoke about Tribal Elders and how she is interested in participating/contributing to our Tribal Library.
- Carey Case: USFS is building a new recreational cabin near Woodpecker Cove and would like the Tribe to name it. She would like to help coordinate a field trip to the site to get more feeling for a name. The name needs to be decided by the end of September/beginning of October. The USFS provides cultural trees and is currently working with Kake about trees. They can also work with PIA to identify trees for cultural use.
 - Brandon Ware: Jaclyn was wanting information about subsistence hunts-designated subsistence hunters through the USFS in Kake or Hoonah

VI. Reports

- A. Finance - Hillary MacDonald
- B. IGAP - Brandon Thynes
- C. Facilities - Any Edfelt
- D. Housing - Jalyn Pomrenke
- E. Roads/TTP - Susan Harai
 - The Hutli canoe fills with water during heavy rains. There is potential for a structure over the canoe to help with this.
- F. ICWA/638 - Rachelle Larson
- G. OVC - Annica Tomlinson
- H. TA Assistant - Stephanie Aikins
- I. Tribal Administrator - Jalyn Pomrenke
- J. PIA Enterprises Report - Nathan Lopez
 - We're coming up on one year ownership and we're starting to get some good numbers. We are good without any changes so far and will soon have ideas and changes to present. We're looking for one more Board Member. Need to set a time for the Council and Enterprises Board to have a public meeting. Highliner Car Rentals is doing amazingly well. One car broke down and needed to be shipped for repair.



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VII. Unfinished Business

A. Selection of City Creek Trail Bench for the Hutli Project

- Chose one of three: plants, marine animals, or wildlife. The benches will have the Hutliu logo and the names in Tlingit of the selection on the bench. The Hutli Story Walk is in the packet.
- Motion to approve devil's club for the bench: Heather, Jeanette Seconded
 - Motion passed 6-0

VIII. New Business

A. Approval of Change to Employee (State Mandated) Sick Leave Policy Section

- Motion to approve: Heather, Brandon Seconded
 - Motion passed 6-0

B. Approval of Resolution 2025-13 Application of FTA Transit Operations Grant \$8,960

- Motion to approve: Heather, Brandon Seconded
 - Motion passed 6-0

C. Approval of the Children's Tlingit Canoe Write-up for Sandy Beach Hutli Plaza

- Motion to approve: Heather, Brandon Seconded
 - Motion passed 6-0
 - *Amended motion to change fish camp to village site - unanimously approved*

D. Approval of the 2025-2025 Healthy is Here Budget

- Motion to approve: Heather, Brandon Seconded
 - Motion passed 6-0

E. Discussion on New and Existing Totem Poles

- Heather: Could OVC pay for the Totem Poles?
- Canoe Painting: Heather: Would like to call on Elders to see about forming a committee to outline a protocol for the new canoe. Brandon: Forming a committee and giving the decision to the Clans would be best. Nathan: Would like the canoe addressed before Celebration next year. Would like the painting and carvings to be done here in Petersburg.
- We have about \$18k available for the canoe. Could advertise for the Tribal Membership to see if anyone is interested in being on the committee.

F. Hutli Totem Pole and Canoe

- Jeanette: Are we are going to keep the totem and the canoe in our inventory? -Stephanie at Parks and REc has the understanding the PIA will be in charge of maintenance. If no decision is made, then we will capitalize them.
- Motion to to sign over Totem Pole and Canoe to the Borough: Brandon, Heather Seconded
 - Motion passed 5-1

IX. Comments from Council Members

