



Tribal Council Special Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2024, Tuesday, 8:30 AM with
a recess, to reconvene at 1:15 PM
PIA Conference Room and Zoom

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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call** - Debra O’Gara called the meeting to order at 8:47 AM
- Debra O’Gara called meeting to order, to come out of recess at 1:21 PM

Present:

- ☒ Debra O’Gara, President
- ☒ Nathan Lopez, Vice President
- ☒ Jaclyn Eide, Secretary
- ☒ Everett Bennett, Treasurer - Via Zoom for 1:15 PM portion of meeting
- ☒ Heather Conn, Council member - Present for 8:30 AM meeting; arrived at 2:00 PM after recess
- ☒ Jeanette Ness, Council member
- ☐ _____, Council member

Excused: Everett Bennett was not involved in the 8:30 AM meeting concerning TA interviews due to conflict of interest.

Absent:

Quorum: A quorum was present for the 8:30 AM portion of the meeting

A quorum was present for the 1:15 PM reconvening of the meeting

Present Staff: Lauren Barbour, Bookkeeper, present for the 8:30 AM portion.

II. Approval of Agenda

- Jaclyn Eide amended the agenda to change section B. “Update, discussion and decision on housing subdivision opportunity and purchase of commercial property” to B. Airport Subdivision Housing Expansion, with subpart a. Resolution 24-04: Authorization of Tlingit and Haida Regional Housing Authority to Submit 2024 Indian Housing Block Grant Application and subpart b. Approval to send a joint letter with THRHA and PIA to the Petersburg Borough Manager Stephen Giesbrecht concerning the Airport Subdivision Expansion. And add section C. Purchase of commercial property.

III. Unfinished Business

- A. Personnel Matters: interviews for Tribal Administrator (TA) position
- The hiring committee presented the results of the interviews from the top candidates for the TA position. Reference checks were given and presented for the top candidate. A recommendation was given to extend an offer to the top applicant.



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- Discussion.
- Jaclyn Eide moved to accept the hiring committee's recommendation to extend an offer to the top applicant.
 - Heather Conn seconded.
 - Motion carried 4-0
- Jaclyn Eide moved to allow Debra O'Gara to negotiate start date and start wage with the applicant.
 - Heather Conn seconded.
 - Discussion.
 - Motion carried 4-0.
- Jeanette Ness moved to recess at 9:59 AM to reconvene at 1:15 PM.
 - Heather Conn seconded.
 - Motion carried 4-0

B. Airport Subdivision Housing Expansion

- Discussion.
- a. Resolution 24-04: Authorization of Tlingit and Haida Regional Housing Authority to Submit 2024 Indian Housing Block Grant Application
 - Everett Bennett moved to pass Resolution 24-04: Authorization of Tlingit and Haida Regional Housing Authority to Submit 2024 Indian Housing Block Grant Application.
 - Jeanette Ness seconded.
 - Discussion.
 - Resolution passed 4-0 with an amendment to change "city of Petersburg" to "Borough of Petersburg."
- b. Approval to send a joint letter with THRHA and PIA to the Petersburg Borough Manager Stephen Giesbrecht concerning the Airport Subdivision Expansion.
 - The letter will present a partnership between THRHA, PIA and the Borough to address the housing insecurity within the Petersburg community.
 - PIA is asking the Borough for a letter of support for this project to be included in the HUD grant application.
 - Everett Bennett moved to submit the letter with the change of spelling out the acronyms, THRHA and PIA.
 - Nathan Lopez seconded.
 - Discussion



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- Everett Bennett moved to amend this motion to remove the specific lots listed and just include "7 lots." Nathan Lopez seconded.

■ Motion carried 5-0

C. Purchase of commercial property

- Debra O'Gara updated the Council on the negotiations so far with Coastal Cold Storage.
- Everett Bennett moved to continue negotiations with the Coastal Cold Storage Building.
 - Nathan Lopez seconded.
 - Discussion.
 - Motion carried 5-0

IV. New Business

V. Executive Session

VI. Decisions, if any, following executive session

VII. Adjourn

- Nathan Lopez moved to adjourn at 2:32 PM.
 - Jeanette Ness seconded.
 - Motion carried 5-0

Minutes Approved by the PIA Council

Date: April 10, 2024

As Presented [] As Amended [X]

The minutes were amended to remove the applicant's name.