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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

DATE: Wednesday February 19, 2025
TIME: 5:15 p.m.
LOCATION: PIA Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting Called to order by Carol Martinez at 5:21pm
Council Members Present
Nathan Lopez
Heather Conn
Jaclyn Eide
Brandon Ware
Excused: Jeanette Ness and Adam Ware
Qorum; Yes

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Approval of Jan 13th, Special Tribal Council meeting
Moved by Brandon Ware
Second; Nathan Lopez
Yea;2 Nah; 0

III. SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBER BRANDON WARE

IV. AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA *Chair* *in packet*

MOTION: Approve Meeting Agenda as is.
Moved by Heather Conn
Second by Nathan Lopez
Yea; 4 Nah; 0

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD RELATED TO AGENDA *Chair* *N/A*

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD UNRELATED TO AGENDA *Chair* *N/A*

Update- USFS Supervisor Archeologist *Gina Esposito*
Update- USFS District Ranger *Carey Case*

Working on a cabin at wood pecker- PIA could name cabin? further discussion- Gina- introduction- 27yers archeologist usfs- review usfs projects- to ensure cultural resources are addressed and not disturbed, and if they are, what that will look like- consulting with the tribe on project review especially on archeological sites– more tribe involvement in the future.



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NL- when looking at sites and they find a tribal item- what do you do?

Gina-avoid the items- buffer around items so that there is no adverse affect- avoid historical sites- some recreation cabins are historical and go through a process when these kinds of discoveries are made.

Mary Ann Rainey- looking for information about the new canoe- where it came from- what it costs- what we're going to do with it-

Jalyn-The canoe was bought with ARPA funds and the cost was around \$40k

Debra O'Gara-first congrats to PIA on chamber of commerce award- canoes; Howkan parking lot- build a carving shed as many projects can be done on site. Could potentially be a smaller building.

Borough- scow bay haul out project- PIA partnership- even if the tribe is not involved it would be good to work with the borough to have some type of historical significance and do some educational plaques on the historical significance of the land as the borough was open to the idea when talking before.

VII. REPORTS

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|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| A. Finance | Hillary MacDonald | in packet |
| B. IGAP | Brandon Thynes | in packet |
| C. Facilities | Andy Edfelt | in packet |
| D. Housing | Jalyn Pomrenke | in TA report |
| E. Roads/TTP | Susan Harai | in packet |
| F. ICWA/638 | Rachelle Larson | in packet |
| G. TA Assistant | Stephanie Aikins | in packet |
| H. Tribal Administrator | Jalyn Pomrenke | in packet |

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Initial discussion on plans for the Howkan parking lot

Jaclyn- how many spaces for the EP building- and after determining what to build and design the parking lot over there to accommodate- family center- bowling alley- laser tag- trampoline park- pool tables shuffle board- ski ball- axe throwing- insurance issues? - paint drum rooms- should probably have a work session eventually

Portable photo booth- could be an investment-

Nathan- agreed with having a work session- invite others in the community- want more info on the hook ups for utilities in parking lot- large building for family fun- would like a work session

Jaclyn- DOJ Youth Program? could potentially fund this program.

Brandon- Loves the idea of a youth center and a carving shed-

Carol- this all pertains to the Idea forms that we need to get out. should have a work session based on what, where and who.



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B. Review and discuss plans for the children's canoe

Carol- has anyone's feelings changed towards the original idea? Should I scrap the plan and keep it? I would like to see us use it for the intent that is meant for. This does not need to be decided tonight but this will still be coming up. Initial thought would be to follow through and have it put out at Sandy Beach in the Spring. We can count to just keep bringing it back as old business until we have a feel of what we wanna use it for. Does everyone still have the same opinion?

Nathan; torn on it. Knowing that we purchased it for that much and then drill holes into it does not work for me. Instead of adapting it to the elements using it for other things. I do understand the idea and I wouldn't be against it to just finish that idea and move on, but I am still torn.

Brandon- would agree- money was spent for that intended purpose- but knowing how much we spend it will deteriorate in the rain- but would be willing to see it go to Sandy Beach to finalize the plan.

Carol- it was made to sit outside. It was not made traditionally and it was made in the traditional sense but it was changed so much it is not in the traditional sense.

Jaclyn- would love to see it at Sandy Beach- Kids are already pretending to be in a canoe without one being out there- It was intended to be put out there.

Heather- Have to agree with Jaclyn.

Nathan- Who would maintain and drill the holes?

Jalyn-Jack G

Nathan- I am in favor.

Carol- Continue with the project as planned.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and Approve Spending Budget for Opioid Settlement Funds

Heather Motioned to approve the budget with the change that the direct assistant to tribal members be at the discretion of the ICWA working and Supervisor"

Yea; 4 Na; 0

Absent 2

B. Review and Approve Change Order #2 for the Downstairs Remodel

Heather motions Brandon Discussion

Heather asked how many change orders there where

Jalyn-there were two change orders

Yea;4 Na; 0

Absent 2

C. Discuss PIA Idea Form

Jaclyn- would like to have the idea form on the website

Heather- advertised in Pilot and KFSK- potentially having a PIA website link on the Borough page- Form on the website.

Nathan- wonderful idea- how to get more tribal citizens to participate- and calling and talking to them face to face

Carol- continuing the inclusion of reaching out face to face.

Jaclyn- would love to see about bringing up the news letter-



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Heather- SMORE- newsletter structure online-

X. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Congrats to debra on their award!

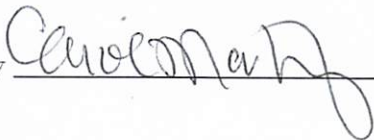
XI. NEXT MEETING:

Council meeting – March

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII. ADJOURN

Heather Conn 1st-Nathan Lopez 2nd- 7:06pm.

Minutes Approved by  Date: 2/18/26

As Presented [] As Amended []