

**Karuk Tribe – Council Meeting
December 15, 2022 – Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 10am by Chairman Attebery.

Present:

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman
Robert Super, Vice-Chairman
Michael Thom, Secretary/Treasurer
Jennifer Goodwin, Member at Large
Arch Super, Member at Large
Elizabeth “Liz” Bentley, Member at Large
Renee Stauffer, Member at Large
Kristen King, Member at Large

Absent:

Arron “Troy” Hockaday, Member at Large

Arch Super completed a prayer and story for the audience and Buster read the Mission Statement for the Tribe.

Agenda:

Renee Stauffer moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the agenda with changes, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Consent Calendar:

Arch did ask about the use and continued use and Arch wants to know the benefit of the Fred Pryor learning.

Arch Super moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve the consent calendar, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, pupitihara.

Minutes of November 17, 2022:

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve the meeting minutes of November 17, 2022, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Old Business:

None.

Karuk Language:

Wooda Putta Faat (I have nothing).

Guests:

Bob Borden, Wintu Tribe:

The Wintu Tribe is seeking federal recognition and would appreciate the Karuk Tribes support of their effort. They have been working on this for over 40 years and it is going before Congress now, so he would appreciate their support. Huffman is carrying the bill and most Tribes in the areas are supporting this effort.

Director Reports:

1) Bill Tripp, DNR Director:

Bill is not present, but Neva is in Orleans. Neva commented that Bill's written report is attached and there were questions about the endowment and she provided an email update of the Endowment balance, and current pending items. DNR is looking at converting the endowment into a true endowment which they hope will allow for additional donations. In order to create a true endowment, they need to have \$1.5million dollars in order to move forward with that process. She forwarded the resolution from 2016 which established the endowment fund and those are the parameters that guide it. It mentions using the funds for workforce and workforce housing. There are two grants pending that will purchase a house for workforce housing and right now there is additional discussions with a property manager who can assist in developing guidelines.

Arch Super moved and Robert Super seconded to approve Bill's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Buster then commented that there is more funding than the capacity to take advantage of. This is an issue that is widespread but he questioned if there is a way to secure a grant if they can help with expediting some reporting or Admin to work together, or to partner with Tribes to share the workload. He would like to search for ways to solve the capacity crisis so any suggestions are appreciated. Neva noted that this is being discussed with TFA as well. Robert asked to prioritize projects that need workforce so they can work on obtaining that funding first.

2) Erin Hillman, Director of Operations:

Erin is present to review her report. She continues to work on the Elders ARPA project. It seems to be going well. She has been coordinating the transfer of Anglers Hotel to the Tribe. She would like to order a seal on a metal sign, so she would like that installed. Robert asked about the old sign and if it's visible both sides. Erin noted that it is a lighted sign but she's not sure if it's as visible both directions.

Consensus: Erin will move forward with the sign project at the Karuk Klamath River Resort Inn.

The Slater Fire construction project has slowed way down and there are no new applications. There are a few being processed from the last round.

EDA CEDS has slowed down and she will pick that back up and work on it.

Erin then presented resolution 22-R-210 in support of the Marshall Plan for Tribal Nations. Renee appreciated all the information Erin sent with the resolution.

Renee Stauffer moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 22-R-210, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Buster asked about the Walking Shield project and how that is going. Sara reported that the Navy passed but maybe another branch of the armed forces would take it up. Erin noted that there is a window to spend workforce housing funding so that will need to move forward.

Arch Super moved and Robert Super seconded to approve Erin's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

3) Lester Alford, TANF ED:

Not present, no report. Tabled.

4) April Attebury, Judicial Systems:

April is present in Yreka. She has no action items but provided the Council updates. She noted that the code codification is progressing. The Tribal Court building is moving along and Bay Alarm is moving forward with their installation. They are waiting for IT to finish their portion of the project so they can move to that facility.

Arch Super moved and Robert Super seconded to approve April's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

5) Josh Saxon, ED:

Josh is present in Orleans. He apologized for his late report. He explained that a celebration of the license transfer from PacifiCorp to KRRC occurred and that was a huge progression in a project for the Tribe. Buster, Josh, Wendy and Craig attended that celebration with California and Oregon Governor's, Congressman Huffman, and with DOI present to celebrate the dam removal.

He continues to work on bids on scopes of work for dam removal. There is a lot of construction going on and he appreciates those teams for continuing their efforts; old gym, fisheries building are both wrapping up as well as Tribal Court. There is ongoing construction with the medical/dental facility in Happy Camp.

Trailer assignments are ongoing and continues. The next set of trainings is mandatory Supervisor training.

Kristen asked why the Yuroks had all their staff and Council at the dam removal signing but Karuk was only allowed to have 2 representatives. Robert noted that if the Karuk's were offered more slots then more would have attended. Josh noted that Buster received the information directly. Buster believes that the issue is that there was a dinner that was hosted the night before by the Yuroks and they stayed over and went to the meeting. Buster noted that Karuk followed the rules but no one else did. With that sort of thing there needed to be more Council Members present and representatives from Tribal Council as opposed to staff. Robert explained that this is done all the time. Buster explained that this was already known. Arch wants this on the agenda to discuss it further.

Renee Stauffer moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Josh's report, 6 haa, 1 puuhara (Michael), 0 pupitihara.

Eric then presented his items. Eric updated that on December 1, 2022 CPUC has approved the State environmental report. Just yesterday, the BIA approved the NEPA. Both the State and Federal environmental have been approved.

He presented a letter to the coastal commission and this letter will allow for permitting to be joined together and not have two different coast commissions and have it done in one application.

Arch Super moved and Robert Super seconded to approve a letter to the Coastal Commission to request permit consolidation for KRBBBI, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

His next item is a revised SF299 to Redwood National Park for easement application for KRBBBI.

Consensus: to submit the SF299 revised application.

His next item is agreement 23-A-035 which is participation agreement with the California Telehealth Network. Arch asked why the agreement is backdated to July. Eric explained that that is the fiscal year for the agreement and happens in June which didn't happen in a timely manner.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve agreement 23-A-035, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Robert asked how it's going with the Yuroks on agreements for easements for broadband. It's still the same.

Robert then discussed the water delivery issue for Orleans. Darrell updated that there was an award letter for water so there is funding. Also, Darrell has discussed alternative water filtration services in Orleans.

6) Sara Spence, KTHA ED:

Sara is present to provide a verbal report. She provided Hobbs, Strauss, Dean and Walker, LLP information.

Arch Super moved and Robert Super seconded to approve Sara's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

7) Dion Wood, TERO/Childcare:

Dion is present to review his report. The next Council Meeting will be a public hearing for the childcare plan so participation is important.

Dion updated the Council on the Youth Council and announced who they are and the new opportunity to advance into training and government. The youth is very active and prepared to participate in training. February 23-26, 2022 will be the dates for the Youth Council Conference. Robert asked how it's going with childcare and if there are any trainings coming up for people to take. Dion noted that they train individuals after the parent selects who they would like. They can compliment the services by providing training to who is identified.

Buster commented that tomorrow is the 50th anniversary for Shasta County Indian Education. Dion is going to put together youth videos and pictures of the Youth Gathering to forward on.

Arch Super moved and Liz Bentley seconded to approve Dion's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

8) Laura Mayton, CFO:

Laura is not present, report provided.

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Laura's report 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Phone Votes:

1. Request approval of resolution 22-R-202 authorizing submission of the HRSA continuation grant. Passed.
2. Request approval of commenting letter to Department of Interior requesting extension to Coquille Tribe's Trust application. Passed.

Closed Session:

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to allow Yav Pa Anav recommendation authorizing program participant for Tribal Descendant #TG, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 2 pupitihara (Robert/Renee).

Informational: Tribal Member requests assistance in surgery costs; up to \$2,860. Tabled.

Informational: Request to purchase washers/dryers was announced or requesting for continued laundry service. Executive Director advises that he is evaluating costs vs replacement and continued laundry service at this time. No machines will be sold.

Renee Stauffer moved and Robert Super seconded to approve the letter of support for the Sierra Health Foundation grant, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve burial assistance for Tribal Member #124 for \$1,000, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Request from Wintu Tribe to support their efforts to become recognized will be tabled for Executive Director to review.

Arch Super moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve the Karuk Tribes #3 bid for dam removal work, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 2 pupitihara (Liz/Arch).

Robert Super moved and Liz Bentley seconded to rescind resolution 22-R-178 and approve resolution 22-R-209, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch Super).

Robert Super moved and Arch Super seconded to approve modification (1) to contract 21-C-109, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve minimum and up to maximum and authorize Robert Super to conduct the bidding on the OR RV Park, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Robert).

Informational: issues of treatment, communication, and outcomes not being shared has caused some delays. Arch Super and Jennifer Goodwin will attend construction meeting to ensure Council's oversight is present.

Council Directive: Director of Operations shall immediately oversee the HRSA CADRE and SAP grants, position will assume project lead, and all communication will reiterate teamwork and be sent to her.

Informational: CFO advises of several non-compliant matters and sufficient staff to handle day to day operations. She is reviewing the option of another Controller position as well as contracted high-level firm to assist. Council provides consensus to continue this planning phase.

Robert Super moved and Kristen King seconded to purchase a gift for employee who is retiring, from the Council, up to \$150 in discretionary, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara

Informational: Tribal Members should be following the PRC policies, and so should the PRC department. All persons following approved policies assists in consistency. More outreach can and should be provided as well to ensure everyone knows what the policies are.

Informational: Vice-Chairman Super reported that a Tribal Member #GA continues to receive services although delinquent. This is troublesome and unfair treatment. Would like this reviewed and corrected. The person has bullying tactics on the phone.

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve agreement 23-A-033, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Renee Stauffer moved and Robert Super seconded to approve the press release on illegal water diversion, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Tribal Member #CM emailed about Donahue flat. This is not the process for Tribal Members to seek responses. Refer to the policy of the Tribe to provide an audience.

Michael Thom moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to deny the burial for non-Indian burial assistance, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Liz).

Informational: The previous recommendation to not make a public comment regarding Coquille during commenting period is questioned. Consistent with legal advice no public comment will be recorded at this time.

Next Meeting Date: January 26, 2023 at 10am in Yreka CA

Renee Stauffer moved and Arch Super seconded to adjourned 4:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman

Recording Secretary, Barbara Snider