

**Karuk Tribe – Council Meeting
May 23, 2019 – Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 10am by Chairman Attebery.

Present:

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman
Robert Super, Vice-Chairman
Michael Thom, Secretary/Treasurer
Wilverna “Verna” Reece, Member at Large
Kristen King, Member at Large
Charron “Sonny” Davis, Member at Large
Arch Super, Member at Large (late)
Alvis “Bud” Johnson, Member at Large

Absent:

Renee Stauffer, Member at Large (excused)

Prayer was done by Sonny Davis and Buster read the Mission Statement.

Agenda:

Robert Super moved and Bud Johnson seconded to approve the agenda with changes, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Consent Calendar:

Michael Thom moved and Verna Reece seconded to approve the consent calendar, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Minutes from April 25, 2019:

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the minutes, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 2 pupitihara (Michael Thom and Arch Super).

Language:

Kyfaat asoo (stop arguing).

Guests:

1) Toz Soto, Fisheries Biologist:

Toz is present to seek approval of modification (2) to agreement 18-A-142 with KRRC. It is to have the Tribes fisheries staff do studies for pre dam removal work. This is the first doing studies above the dam and there will be work done below the dam as well.

Robert Super moved and Sonny Davis seconded to approve modification (2) to agreement 18-A-142, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) Vickie Simmons, HR Director:

Vickie is present to seek approval of position descriptions for Pat Hobbs. Arch would like to have items in the packets in advance to allow the Council time to review.

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the Mental Health Internal Koo Vura Yee Ship Position description, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara (Sonny absent for vote).

She then presented the Human Services Office Manager for Pat's program. Arch asked for supervisor experience in the positions if the position is going to supervise.

Arch Super moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve the Office Manager position description, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Vickie then provided updated Internship Program guidelines that were developed by Josh, Vickie, Dion and Barbara. She currently has 10 applicants that need screened. Arch would like to review it so he asked how soon it needs approved. Vickie would like to Grandfather some interns because they were allowed in without following guidelines. The Council will review them and approved them as soon as possible.

Director Reports:

1) Scott Quinn, Director of Land Management:

Scott is present by video-conferencing. He first presented resolution 19-R-057 for the Dredge Road property and agreement for the purchase. The resolution has confirmation of executive officers. It will be updated to allow for Michael to sign the resolution. The agreement is 19-A-067. There was a previous discussion about the signature page and dual signature requirements but it will be discussed at a later time.

Arch Super moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve resolution 19-R-057, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch Super moved and Sonny Davis seconded to approve agreement 19-A-067, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Scott also noted in his report he needs an official opinion from the Tribal Council to the Title Company regarding the constitution and notations of no pending cases in Tribal Court regarding the WME. Scott noted that they need a formal attorney letter to the Title Company. He will assign it to the contracted land attorney if Loretta doesn't return soon.

Scott has followed up on the Leasing Code and it should be published in the Federal Register once it is approved.

He provided some comments to the Huffman bill for the Carceri Fix. Arch asked if land issues go through the judicial system. The Tribal court doesn't do land issues but the Title Company wants this in writing.

Michael asked about timing regarding the City of Yreka comments. Once a letter is submitted to the BIA and comments then it will still move forward. If the City wishes to still appeal they can within 5 years. They haven't formally appealed the property into trust but if they do they have that right.

Arch Super moved and Bud Johnson seconded to approve Scott's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) April Attebury, Judicial Systems:

April is present to review her report. She has a few action items. Her first item is an agreement 19-A-065. Eric has reviewed the agreement and provided information on the canon purchase and maintenance agreement.

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve agreement 19-A-065, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Laura advised to make sure the cost doesn't jump up after so many copies, because that happened with another copier agreement previously.

April presented the Domestic Violence Transitional Housing House Manager position description.

Michael Thom moved and Arch Super seconded to approve the Domestic Violence Transitional Housing Program Manager Position description, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

She then presented another position description.

Arch Super moved and Sonny Davis seconded to approve the Pikyav DV Services Program Coordinator position description, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

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

3) Leaf Hillman, DNR Director:

Leaf is not present, report provided. There is no report from the Director but the other staff did submit them.

Michael Thom moved and Robert Super seconded to table the DNR report to closed session, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

4) Misty Rickwalt, Director of Transportation:

Misty is present by video conferencing to provide her report. She updated the Council that the parking lot facility at the DNR remodel is moving along. The Yreka Wellness Parking facility is still in the design phase but moving forward.

She has not had heard back from KNF on her projects, so she is going to continue talking with them. She is working on the very first Tribal Maintenance Plan in the State or possibly the Nation.

Michael asked about the roads inventory and previous discussions on the road in front of KTHA. Michael noted that that road is still not repaired and he asked that that road be identified for repairs. Misty reported that she and Josh met with Matt Bray and he said that that road is so bad and is on Misty's inventory. They are hoping to work with the City on that stretch of road.

Buster asked about the Jacob's Way parking facility. Buster noted that it is pretty close to Head Start and Sara noted that they will be included in the planning for the parking lot.

Verna Reece moved and Bud Johnson seconded to approve Misty's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

5) Josh Saxon, ED:

Josh is present to review his report. The City of Yreka doesn't have funding for the road previously discussed but they are spending money on roads that are getting ready to fail and roads that have completed failed aren't getting funding priority.

He then provided his monthly summary. All staff is very busy. There have been several letters submitted in support of moving items such as the Carceri fix. The County suggests having a Tribal Advisory Committee on SMGA but there is going to be a development of a MOU on communication. Advisory Boards are just advisory so the Tribe is still attempting to get a seat at the table for decision making.

KRRBI is on track and invoicing is to be submitted. The invoicing was done and it was a lot of work by Eric and Dianne. On May 10th the KRRBI project was publicly opened for challenges, but if not challenged then it can move forward. The Tribe is still waiting for feedback from CPUC on the invoicing approvals. Eric then asked to be on the Planning Meeting next week to provide a more in depth overview.

Josh is still working with the lobbyist on Cap & Trade funding. They continue to have Council to Council Meetings.

They need to continue to discuss a Tribal Court and identifying a location for their new facility. DNR remodel will need closed session discussion.

The Gaming Presentations took place in each community. Dion noted that it was nice that the Council was available to participate in public meetings. Josh also commented that the Tribe is evaluating having an annual Membership Meeting the day before the Reunion. Arch would like to have information gathering from the Membership at the Reunion to plan for next Reunion membership meeting.

Kristen asked where Josh's staff reports are. Emma Lee reported that she did not get her report in on time and she will admit that. She did provide a verbal update to the Council on her department activity. She briefed the Council on the HUD review that is upcoming, grant funding that was obtained, closing CSD, and working with the staff to get items processed and through the system.

The Education Coordinator resigned and there will be some ideas on a revised position description. Eric provided agreement 19-A-069 with GeoLinks for broadband for the clinics. This will provide better service for the Orleans Clinic.

Robert Super moved and Sonny Davis seconded to approve agreement 19-A-069, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

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

6) Lester Alford, TANF Director:

Lester is not present. The MOU for the food program is still under review. There are several issues with the MOU's and the people working on the food program. It should be prepared for the planning meeting next week.

Kristen asked for information on the Yreka office move. Lester has set his deadline as July 1st.

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

7) Sara Spence, KTHA ED:

Sara is present to review her report. There are no action items. The quarterly meeting has been set. The O-Link agreement had a net gain of \$100k. Orleans land acquisitions have issues and they will move forward with the RV Park for housing units.

The American poster contest winner was Isabella Gomez of Happy Camp.

The competitive block grant NOFA was released on May 7, 2019. They will be eligible to apply for \$5million. They have a contracted grant writer for KTHA.

Kristen asked about the fencing proposal. Sara noted that they won't know if they are awarded toward the end of the year.

There will be six summer youth workers and two temporary landscaping employees. Sonny thanked Sara for additional lighting in Yreka KTHA.

Michael asked if the youth workers could be dispatched to the elder units as a priority. Sara noted that yes, along the roads and elders yards will be prioritized.

Buster asked about a follow up on fire retardant options. Sara is trying to coordinate the presentation but the person has not gotten back to her.

Buster then reported that the TNGF is going to be available in 2020. The panel is currently made of up Chairman but they aren't experts in the field and she was mentioned as a representative for housing.

Verna Reece moved and Sonny Davis seconded to approve Sara's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

8) Dion Wood, TERO/Childcare:

Dion is present to review his report. He has no action items but he provided updates. He noted that they are starting a job with Caltrans and the Yurok Tribe, which is Indian Preference.

There are 17 youth in HC, and 18 in OR, in Yreka there are 22 applicants and only 8 slots. There are not enough sites for the youth. There are placements needed. Sara and Dion will work on different placements and if the Tribe could partner with different agencies to put them to work.

Dion met with Humboldt County childcare provider agency. Dion will continue the collaboration with the Changing Tides to bring more services to the Orleans community.

In Happy Camp there was review of the modular for a childcare for the Tribe. Dion is hoping to be able to open a center in Happy Camp early summer next year.

Arch asked if there is any fuels reduction abilities. Arch asked to schedule the youth at the Tribal reunion as well.

Michael Thom moved and Robert Super seconded to approve the TERO/Childcare report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

9) Laura Mayton, CFO:

Laura is present to review her report. She provided an update on the training that is going to be provided to the staff. She will look into employees who don't follow policies and send that list to

the Supervisors to ensure they strongly encourage their staff who are struggling to attend. They have also evaluated “cheat sheets” for employees who have VISA’s or go on travel, for example. Some material to make following policies easier could possibly be developed.

She then updated the Council on the casino refinancing. It appears that Wells Fargo would like to refinance. There may need to be discussions in the mis-understanding of interest but that will be reviewed at a later time to fully understand the direction for the Tribe.

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

10) Karen Derry, KCDC:

Not present, report provided.

Michael has the ED position description.

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the KCDC ED position description, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Bylaws have been approved at the Planning Session but those will be reviewed at the next quarterly meeting.

Arch Super moved and Bud Johnson seconded to approve Karen’s report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Phone Votes:

1. Request to approve one week’s lodging from Third Party, for TM. Passed.
2. Request approval of resolution 19-R-037, First Nationals Development Institute grant proposal. Passed.
3. Request to approve one week’s lodging from Third Party, for TM. Passed.
4. Request approval of funding support from the THPO office. Passed.
5. Request approval of lobbying agreement for Fire & Fuels Reduction funding. Passed.
6. Request approval of resolution 19-R-021, Child & Family Services/TANF grant proposal. Passed.
7. Request approval of resolution 19-R-028, ANA SEDS continuation grant application. Passed.

Closed Session:

Arch Super, Robert Super and Josh Saxon to excused from the meeting.

Informational: discussion topic(s) from Tribal Member #MD was provided.

Arch Super, Robert Super and Josh Saxon entered the meeting.

Informational: Tribal Member #CT was present to provide a presentation on possible training plan and to also express frustration with processing of paperwork and timeliness of response.

Arch Super moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve Dale Thom Memorial Insurance softball tournament, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Michael Thom moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the press release for the salmon run with edits provided by the Chairman if he has any, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch Super).

Kristen King moved and Verna Reece seconded to approve the Internship Program guidelines and grandfather the two three youth in, until the four years is met, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch Super).

Verna Reece moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve \$6k from discretionary for DNR HVAC, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch Super). Barbara advised to work toward shortfall.

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve DNR's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara. Josh will work with DNR on division directors providing reports and possible reprimand for not complying with the Council request for reports.

Robert Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve employee's request to keep his old phone, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Robert Super moved and Sonny Davis seconded to approve 2 and 3 for up to one year for employee request, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: ED requests contract for Administrative Executive support for ED, Chairman and Vice-Chairman. More information to be provided.

Arch Super moved and Verna Reece seconded to approve evaluating TFA to finalize pick interest at what was believed to be agreed upon, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch Super moved and Verna Reece seconded to adjourn at 4:20pm, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Next Meeting: June 27, 2019 at 10am in Orleans.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell Attebery, Chairman

Recording Secretary, Barbara Snider