

**Karuk Tribe – Council Meeting
July 28, 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
Kristen King, Member at Large
Arch Super, Member at Large
Renee Stauffer, Member at Large
Arron “Troy” Hockaday, Member at Large

Absent:

Elizabeth Bentley, Member at Large

Arch provided a prayer for audience and Buster read the Mission Statement.

Agenda:

Renee Stauffer moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the agenda with changes, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Consent Calendar:

Arch asked that the resolution 22-R-117, be removed for discussion with reviewers.

Consent Calendar:

Arch Super moved and Michael Thom seconded to table the consent calendar, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch Super moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve the meeting minutes of June 23, 2022, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Old Business:

None at this time.

Language:

Water (Isha-haa)

Guests:

1) Anthony Ballard:

Anthony is present to seek approval of a contract for a self defense and fitness classes which is a 12-week session being held in Orleans and Happy Camp. Arch asked when the contract is due and Anthony reported that it starts in August. Arch reminded Anthony that late items need to be on time.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve procurement and authorize contract 22-C-109, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

April explained that this is a first-time learning process for Jasmine and she did the entire project from posting to reviewing and preparing for approval. She did a great job, even if the timing was cutting it close.

2) Theresa Juelch, United Way of Northern California

Theresa is present to provide a presentation to the Tribe on providing services to Happy Camp and Yreka. She is the project coordinator of United Way. She is open to thoughts and suggestions to office space in Happy Camp if the Tribe has an idea of locations that would be great. She is hoping to collaborate with the Tribe and work on projects.

Troy asked if she needs sponsorship from the Tribe? Also, he asked what assistance is coming forward with regard to the Slater Fire in Happy Camp. Theresa commented that they have funding from the Sierra Health Foundation for pandemic assistance. They will provide support to the long-term recovery effort. She is a partner with the Happy Camp Community Center but they would like to offer more assistance in the Happy Camp area as well. Along the Klamath River the tribal members come first but the Tribe is community based as well.

Arch asked what the purpose is of united way. She provided that the United way is a bridge organization to bring groups together and collaborate on ideas moving them forward.

Michael commented that it is a great idea to establish partnerships with other organizations because the Tribe receives federal funding by grants and other collaborations.

3) Melonie Niemi:

Not present.

Director Reports:

1) Bill Tripp, DNR Director:

Bill is present in Orleans to review his report. He is still working on the agenda with BOR in Happy Camp. There will be a meeting in Happy Camp on August 2nd and an agenda is being developed. Bill explained that the work that is being done with minimal funding from BOR is not adequate. Troy advised that the BOR meeting is important so he hopes that the available Council Members attend.

Renee asked when the agenda will be provided to the Council. Bill will work on this and get it out ASAP. Michael asked if Arch could attend for him because he has a Gaming Meeting.

Arch asked about the fire and fuels grant manager position and finding out if funding could be provided to fund that position. Bill did receive feedback from the funder and a modification wasn't needed and the restrictions in the position description were imposed by the Tribe. Within the next few years there will be the ability to hire people who have retired from the USFS but currently they cannot because the Federal retirement benefits do not roll from USFS to the Tribe.

Arch then commented that the farm garden in Orleans selling products has been brought up because the other areas would like items. Arch asked if that plan is required by the grant to sell produce or is that something that DNR decided to do. Bill noted that the grant was to develop systems to make it sustainable. There is a pricelist but it is donation based. The money then goes into the eco-cultural revitalization fund.

Arch Super moved and Robert Super seconded to approve Bill's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy thanked Erin for the email that was just sent and Amy Dutchke nothing that she will also be at the meeting on Tuesday.

2) Alora Sutcliffe, PR Relations:

Alora is present in Happy Camp. She has no action items. Renee asked if the newsletter has been mailed out. Alora noted that Monday is the mailout date. Arch asked about a website re-design. It's not just the appearance but the coding for it to work that is going to need developed. Alora and IT are working on this concept and they have received some proposals, which she will be presenting.

Troy asked if Alora should be at the meeting next week. Troy asked for PR to be at the meeting and briefed regarding the meeting.

Renee Stauffer moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve Alora's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

3) Darrel Aubrey, Self-Governance Director:

Darrel is present to review his report. He and the Chairman went to DC to discuss the lands legislation and other topics.

Robert Super moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve Darrel's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

He then introduced his intern. He is happy to be presented this opportunity to learn from Darrel and the Tribe. He has been able to attend some meetings which has been very informative. He will be seeking approval of a resolution at the next Health Board Meeting.

Michael asked that the intern speak up and speak with pride. He is very smart and knowledgeable and he should raise his voice, just slightly for the audience. Renee asked what school he attends. He goes to the Yreka High School. Renee announced that he did a great job at the meetings and represented the Tribe well as a Youth Worker. Troy thanked Quan for all the work he has done with the Council and Darrel.

4) Erin Hillman, Director of Operations:

Erin is present to review her report. She has been working on a few items including the ARPA budget and associated projects. Erin provided the balance of the ARPA budget. The two parcels under review for purchase are moving along which is good.

She presented agreement for 22-A-103 for appraisal services with Richard Phillis.

Arch Super moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve procurement and authorize agreement 22-A-103, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

She also updated that ATNI will be present on August 16, 2022. Erin is accepting names and addresses of persons wanting small business loans to ensure they receive information. Kristen asked about the Tishanik Farm. She would like to seek clarification on the budget for Tishanik farm and if additional funding can be used from ARPA. Erin noted that they are still taking project ideas.

Troy Hockaday moved and Robert Super seconded to approve Erin's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

5) Josh Saxon, ED:

Josh is not present. Eric is present to seek approval of resolution 22-R-138 for a grant application for Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program issued by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 22-R-138 with change, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch thanked Eric for his explanation and briefing on why it was late. It makes it easier to take action when there is a clear explanation of lateness, briefing of the project, and information from all sides.

Renee Stauffer moved and Arch Super seconded to approve Josh's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

6) Sara Spence, KTHA ED

Sara is present in Happy Camp to review her report. She has resolution 22-R-133 nominating Arch to the Southwest Region on the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (TIAC).

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 22-R-133 nominating Arch Super to sit on the HUD TIAC, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Arch Super moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve Sara's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

7) Dion Wood, TERO Director:

Dion is present to review his report. He has a few action items. There was a great ribbon-cutting ceremony for the outdoor classroom. The Summer Youth Workers are moving along and the Summer Food Programs are moving along as well. The Math & Science Camp in Happy Camp is underway and next week there will be another camp in Yreka.

Troy Hockaday moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve issuing insurance for the Happy Camp Math & Science end of the year pool party, 5 haa, 1 puuhara (Michael), 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 22-R-103, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

He will be needing funding to purchase COVID tests. There is plenty of funding in the HHS program or ARPA to fund COVID testing supplies. Dion should not have to utilize his program funds for these supplies.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Dion's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy asked if he has permission to sit down with Randy White and Jackie Nushi to seek funding for an emergency building in Happy Camp. It is a project that he would like to continue working

on. The Council advised that he can work with Tribal staff, other staff within funding guidelines, and then present options moving forward.

8) Laura Mayton, CFO:

Laura is not present, report provided.

Arch Super moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve Laura's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

9) Lester Alford, TANF ED:

Lester is present to review his report. They have been increasing client services. Even with reporting 58 clients they have increased to 60. As the pandemic continues more and more clients are seeking assistance. He is continuing the summer youth activities and supporting sporting events. When additional COVID funding was halted the original budgets were reenacted. He is looking at the possibility to increasing aid similar to how the County has recently done.

Robert asked if TANF is helping the clients with people to get homes or stabilized, preparing for ERAP to end. Lester noted that the community is having a hard time getting homes due to the local economy.

Robert Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Lester's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

10) April Attebury, Judicial Systems:

April is present to review her report. The Tribal Court facility is still pending and there was a no cost extension on the project but she has not received approval of that yet, but she hopes to get it. Renee asked if April is going to be adding a covered porch on the facility. She will have to go back and review the plans but she believed there was a covered porch/walkway included.

Her action item is to seek approval of resolution 22-R-116 which is to accept one-time funding from DOI.

Arch Super moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve resolution 22-R-116, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Renee Stauffer moved and Michael Thom seconded to approve April's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

11) Dolores Davis, Amkuuf Shop:

Troy noted that he wanted to have Dolores Davis at this meeting. The confusion is that she has been moved to reporting to the Gaming Authority but her report was provided one more time for the Council to review.

Renee Stauffer moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Dolores' report, 4 haa, 1 puuhara (Troy), 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Closed Session:

Renee Stauffer moved and Kristen King seconded to pay outstanding balances for elder's caregiver contractors #L (\$1,820) and #M (39 hours) from Third Party and explanation to follow policies and procedures moving forward, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Troy).

Arch Super moved and Michael Thom seconded to require supporting documentation related to Third Party spending, 5 haa, 1 puuhara (Troy), 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Tribal Council screened the General Counsel position and will interview the candidate in-person.

Informational: TERO Director requested consensus in providing \$29k from ARPA for retention bonuses. This will need reviewed and determine if grant funding can cover it or if allowable for ARPA childcare allocation to cover it.

Informational: Delinquent reports for Head Start years 2019 and 2020 are being worked on to bring into compliance.

Informational: Request was made to increase the Cultural Practitioner wages.

Informational: Tribal Member #FS asked that the Council review supporting tribal youth in 4-H because it would be beneficial for Native American youth to be involved and feel supported in these different forums.

Arch Super moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to provide liability insurance with waivers for the DD Memorial softball tournament, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Troy).

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to waive policy of the delinquent status for three months to obtain services for Tribal Member #IM, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve the letter to LaMalfa regarding opposition of Coquille Indian Fee to Trust Gaming Facility, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Arch Super seconded to approve joint letter with Tolowa and Karuk to Senator Alex Padilla opposing coquille Indian tribes fee to trust gaming facility in Medford, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch Super moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve letter to Feinstein's office regarding coquille, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Self-Governance Director asked about follow up on exit interviews and those occurring and also about meeting minutes being provided for review. Chairman will send a reminder to Committees that they are required to submit their monthly meeting minutes to the Council.

Informational: Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the HHS annual meeting and the option to have education and training components. Similar to the requirements of having it previously. The opportunity was nice to show appreciation but providing education is important as well.

Informational: Vice-Chairman will follow up with the septic issue at the Orleans Clinic. Tribal Member #RR and Maintenance will work on Katimiin grounds.

Robert Super – August 2nd Michael and Robert will be at the August 2nd Meeting.

Informational: Council Member Kristen King advised that mandatory attendance is needed at Yav Pa Anav otherwise wraparound services will be unsuccessful.

Robert, Arch, Troy excused.

Informational: Council Member Kristen King advised of potential issues with upcoming election.

Troy, Arch, Robert re-entered the meeting.

Informational: Tribal Member #B will return trailer issued to them during Slater Fire by August 26th, 2022.

Employee Drawing: Leslie Harrison, Jill Helweg, Rodney Grant.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the consent calendar removing the procurement/vehicle purchase to the HB Meeting, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to double the current rate for cultural practitioners of the Tribe, 3 haa, 2 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Michael). For six months and report back.

Next Meeting: August 25, 2022 at 10am in Happy Camp.

Renee Stauffer moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to adjourn at 5:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman

Recording Secretary, Barbara Snider