

**Karuk Tribe – Council Meeting
August 22, 2024 – Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 10am by Chairman Attebery.

Present:

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman
Kenneth “Binx” Brink, Vice-Chairman
Scott Quinn, Secretary/Treasurer
Eli Hensher-Aubrey, Member at Large
Jennifer Goodwin, Member at Large
Arch Super, Member at Large
Arron “Troy” Hockaday, Member at Large (late)

Absent:

Kristen King, Member at Large

Prayer was provided by Arch Super and Chairman read the Mission Statement.

Agenda:

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve the agenda with changes, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Consent Calendar:

Binx Brink moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve the consent calendar as updated, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 2 pupitihara (Scott/Arch).

Meeting minutes of July 25, 2024:

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve the meeting minutes with the listed Council Caucus adjourn time at 5:50pm, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Old Business:

Arch thanked Jack for responding to his question.

Language:

I agree

Guests:

1) Happy Camp Sanitary District, Judy Waddell/Sara McAbier:

Judy is present on behalf of the Happy Camp Sanitary Board. She is currently their Chairperson.

There is an issue near the rock shop pump station in Happy Camp. They have been working with Indian Health Services for a number of years but it is taking so long and there are now concerns with power outages. The pump station needs to manually pump during power outages which is becoming cumbersome. They have met with Jack to assess the problem.

Jack commented that they met and there is a delay on a generator that can activate the pump station. Jack noted that there needs to be a generator and that will cost about \$72k-\$110k and the Tribe can use it now with assigning it to the Happy Camp Community and then own it, should another need come up. Jack believes this is an investment for the Tribe. IHS is looking at Spring of 2025 to finish the Happy Camp project.

Binx asked if there should be an employee hired to assist in this project and Jack believes that a Tribal Member can be trained to do this, but the sanitary district will need to employ someone for now.

Binx asked if there is any funding at HC Sanitary District to assist in this project. They are interested in the contract and switch to connect it and paying for that portion.

2) Crispen McAllister, Tribal Member:

Crispen is present to discuss a Canoe project. He wanted input from the Council and let folks know what it is about. In April he was asked to help out with a project that was ongoing. The project was funded by the Nature Rights Council and other agencies. He commented that he wasn't involved in removing the log from DNR and he wasn't involved. He has a contract that says the canoe is to be stored on his property. He commented how the {explicit language} did he do that. Buster asked him to watch his mouth and reminded him to be respectful.

Binx advised that the log in which is being discussed is a \$20k log and there are some misinterpretations to these comments.

Buster moved this item to closed session.

3) Marie Caldwell,

Marie introduced herself to the Tribal Council. She is the new full time Superintendent of schools. She used to work at Siskiyou Works and has now transferred. She introduced Julie Arwood who was just hired as the Community Schools Coordinator. She will be implementing the community school's framework.

She has been onsite in Happy Camp and has viewed the activity of the students and seeing them learn. She has an open-door policy. She commented that there is an advisory committee who will work to support the families.

Happy Camp High School is fully staffed. The Happy Camp Elementary School is a different district. The education department hosted an evening with the HCES meet and greet.

Julie commented that the HCES is not fully staffed and in the meantime, they will make due for the next few weeks.

Buster asked if the Community School Advisory Committee been established. Marie noted that yes, it was established last year. She will be confirming the continued membership of that group. The only requirement is that it be comprised of community reps, both schools have reps, parents, and tribal partnership.

Dion pledged the education department support and there are two staff that share a spot on the advisory committee. Buster also commented that the Council is also available to assist and provide support.

She is concerned that the HCHS is a plains Indian logo. She commented that this is being discussed with the team and she would like to talk with the school about this. There is also legislation in the State of California to make some changes and in the future she would like to maintain "Indians" for the schools mascot and name. She commented that from there they will be running a contest to design an updated logo. She will discuss this in the future with the Tribe.

Director Reports:

1) **Bill Tripp, DNR Director:**

Bill is present to review his report. There has been a weather shift for the Boise Fire. He hasn't had a chance to coordinate with the incident team yet, but he will do that soon hopefully and provide an update.

A meeting is scheduled tomorrow to go over the DNR organizational chart and position classifications. He has sent this information on to HR to obtain any feedback should there be any. He is looking forward to the conversation.

Binx Brink moved and Arch Super seconded to approve Bill's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) **Alma Paz, CFO:**

Alma is not present, report provided. Tabled to closed session.

3) **Sara Spence, KTHA ED:**

Sara is not present, report provided.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve Sara's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

4) **Dion Wood, TERO, TANF, Education, Childcare:**

Dion is present to review his report. He also distributed data from the TANF program.

There is a Head Start bus that is from 1995 and they have been requesting it to be disposed of. He is requesting to liquidate it, in order to get a new one.

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to liquidate the 1995 Head Start Bus and to submit it in the Tribes auction, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

He also thanked the Council Members who participated in the Youth Summit in Brookings. There was one parent who drove and was not pre-approved for peridium and mileage.

Binx Brink moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve Jeffery Evans peridium and mileage for his trip to Brookings OR, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Arch asked if there is a process of developing a contract and if that was done. It is a difference in contracting and being a parent.

He included travel requests for TANF staff. He would like to have TANF staff attend training to become certified in providing financial analysis, budgeting, advice, etc. Binx commented that the issue is how many are going at once and if staff can cover the offices. Tabled to closed session.

Jennifer asked about the work participation rates for TANF. Dion will find out but he did check it and it was going well. Jennifer would like to have an update.

Buster asked about CTERO CCDF budget and that being carryover funding. ACF and ANA grants require obligation and carryover, etc. The North state grant for \$6k is not expended to date. Dion will follow up on the budget as well.

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Dion's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

5) Annelle Lerner, HR Director:

Annelle is present to review her report. She is present to answer any questions. She thanked Taylor for filling in as well during their staff shortage.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve Annelle's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Buster thanked Annelle for her constant communication, it's very helpful.

6) Jack Lantz, Director of Public Works:

Jack is present to review his report. The Yreka Farm is doing well. The Head Start programs are well underway for opening.

Binx asked how long before the bridge will be built. On the 28th he will have a debriefing on why the RAISE grant was not funded. The Army Corps of Engineers said the cart is before the horse.

Jack is seeking approval of contract 24-C-228 for surveying. It will be funded through ARPA.

Arch Super moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve contract 24-C-228, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

The Tribe did receive \$25 million for a solar project. There is cost share that is required and he is confident that it will be ok. There is a celebration of the award from 5-7pm at Blue Lake. He asked available Tribal Council Members to attend.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve Jack to speak on behalf of the TERAS project, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Jack's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

7) Erin Hillman, Director of Operations:

Erin is present to review her report. She updated that there are three potential bidders for Skyline. This will be an open public bid meeting.

The Newsletter was mailed out. The next one is due September 15th and the focus of Fall will be DNR but there is a lot going on so the departments will submit articles that are available. Binx commented that Erin is doing a great job on the Newsletter.

The Health Administration building is ongoing. She has been working on purchasing a new copier for Administration. She will continue working on the Akana grant writing services.

There are four bids for CEDS which is under the EDA grant. There was one respondent for the Klamath River Resort services.

Scott asked how her performance is evaluated. Erin noted that she will look at complaints, income, expenditures, etc. Scott would like a report on that every once in a while.

Binx Brink moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve Erin's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

8) April Attebury, Judicial Systems:

April is present in Yreka to review her report. She has one action item. She would like to seek approval of resolution 24-R-134 which is a no cost application or funding. It is to receive equipment and training. Arch asked if there is a quicker way to get fingerprints completed. April noted that this particular source would be from the court side. The current background can be used for foster care, etc. At this point just the court and ICW will be included.

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve resolution 24-R-134, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve April's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

9) James Davis, Self-Governance Director:

James is not present, report provided.

Arch Super moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve James' report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Phone Votes:

1. Request to approve out of state travel for Barry Hockaday, Renee Stauffer and Debbie Whitman, August 7-9, 2024 to Chandler AZ. Passed.
2. Request to approve letter to BOR Commissioner. Passed.

Closed Session:

Binx Chairing meeting

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve resolution 24-R-137, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve resolution 24-R-138, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve resolution 24-R-139, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve resolution 24-R-140, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve resolution 24-R-141, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy arrived at 1:07pm Buster assumed Chair.

Informational: Tribal Member TN is present to discuss resume and employment request. Buster will look into it and review potential opportunities.

Informational: Tribal Member FL would like to appeal previous decision regarding ARPA assistance. Review of documents and reconciliation of first deposit shall be confirmed.

Informational: Tribal Member #CS would like to appeal previous decision regarding ARPA assistance. Decision upheld.

Informational: Tribal Member DM would like to offer the Karuk Tribe land for sale.

Informational: Tribal Member provided documents to the Council for review; draft scope of work, settlement demands, and naming of canoe ceremony families, ensured that the canoe shall be stored for use.

Informational: Tribal Member NS would like to request two hours of work a day from another program

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve IT Director to negotiate IRU agreement with Yurok Tribe, 5 haa, 1 puuhara (Troy), 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve offer to tribal employee RM \$175k, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Council Caucus: no minutes recorded.

Informational: Hybrid / Remote Meeting shall be held for the Council to review policies, agreements, expectations, etc.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve out of state travel for Shannon Rodriguez and Megan Merlin for financial certification training, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Binx).

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve \$30k from BIA compact for higher education funds, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: For additional work toward moving to a software, language should be incorporated to include liquidated damages for failure to perform contracted duties.

Arch Super moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve burial assistance for Tribal Member #071, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Darrell Hostler contribution to CRIHB for \$10k, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: letter of support for hydrogen plant and installing EV stations and power charging stations in Yreka was requested.

Next Meeting: September 26, 2024 at 10am in Orleans

**Adjourned at 6:06pm.
Respectfully Submitted,**

**Russell "Buster" Attebery, Chairman
Recording Secretary, Barbara Snider**