

**Karuk Tribe – Council Meeting
May 23, 2024 – Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 10am by Vice-Chairman Brink.

Present:

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

Absent:

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman
Kristen King, Member at Large

Agenda:

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

April 18, 2024:

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve the meeting minutes of April 2024, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Eli Hensher-Aubrey).

Consent Calendar:

Arch Super moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve the consent calendar, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch Super).

Old Business:

None at this time.

Language:

Moon “Full moon”

Guests:

1) Mike Rose, GM:

Mike is present to seek approval of resolution 24-R-079 authorizing agreement 24-A-080 with PacifiCorp. This is a service line agreement for RRC.

Scott Quinn moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve resolution 24-R-079 authorizing agreement 24-A-080, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Bob asked if the power company is going to need a self-inspect letter. Mike was unsure but doesn’t believe so. Bob asked if a permit was pulled? The County doesn’t inspect because its trust land and it may need a self-inspect letter. If it’s a requirement then he will reach out to the maintenance department. Bob clarified that it is standard and is required for trust land.

Scott asked Mike to provide an update on Phase II and information related to the opening. Mike provided an update. They will open next Friday and the Gaming Commission will review opening

and the goal is to open the non-smoking section next week. The Phase II hotel phase is coming and will open the end of July or early August.

A private event for the Membership is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. There will be food, raffles and prizes and then they will open to the general public. They have not committed to a date due to construction issues that come up.

If anyone is in town he is happy to do a tour. The project is impressive and he is open to having others visit.

Troy thanked Mike for bringing back glassware to the casino floor. The patrons and the membership appreciate the matter being resolved.

Binx stepped out of the meeting briefly and Scott assumed chair.

2) Merris Obie, Child Welfare Administrator:

Merris is present to seek approval of resolution of 24-R-073 accepting funding of CDSS Tribal State Title IVE funds.

Troy Hockaday moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve resolution 24-R-073, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Troy).

Director Reports:

1) April Attebury, Judicial Systems:

April is present to review her report in Yreka. She does not have action items but her report was submitted on time.

Arch asked that she brief her report. April provided a briefing of her report including the staffing levels, programs administered, and caseload.

Binx returned and assumed Chair.

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

2) Jack Lantz, Director of Public Works:

Jack is present to review his report. Arch asked Jack for a quick summary of his report. Jack noted that his department oversees several departments. There is land acquisition, trust applications, zooms, lactation room development, sacred lands permitting process, workforce housing policies are now being developed. The Tribe is getting large but the maintenance department is not getting larger, but they are keeping up the best they can. There are several projects that will be under contract to repair several issues that have been pending for a few years. To try and get some of them resolved.

Scott noted that the geo tech services may be needed. The compaction test may be indicated. Sara noted as well that when the property is larger than the home that will be there, compaction may not be needed. The Yreka Garden project needs to be put under contract. It was identified as a need, he has built it, and now there needs to be someone to operate it. There are volunteers and socializing, and the comradery which is all good for the community.

The Anglers Hotel project is complete. A covered school bus stop in Yreka for the kids is being developed.

Scott is glad to hear how well Ashlee is doing. She is smart and a go getter. Ashlee is working on her real estate license and is now a notary.

Jack would like to seek the Council's consensus to post a RFP for the garden.

Consensus: to post an RFP.

Troy commented that the farm in Orleans was brought up at the recent ATNI Meeting and there are other Tribes that want to share the information. It will be a Karuk Community Garden. Scott would like a name, sign, etc.

Jack then presented modification (1) to contract 24-C-076. Jack would like to add more to the scope of work to increase the site of Skyline to add additional homes.

Troy Hockaday moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve modification (1) to contract 24-C-076, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jack will email the Council the properties that have recently been submitted for an opportunity for the Tribe to purchase. That way they can determine if they want to purchase them.

Eric presented three action items. They need to increase the Gaming Authority budget. The item will be referred to the Gaming Authority to pay for.

Eric then presented agreement, 24-A-055. The FCC requires location for broadband services. The FCC hired this company to track broadband access.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve agreement 24-A-055 with limited waiver of sovereign immunity, 3 haa, 1 puuhara (Troy), 1 pupitihara (Scott).

In order to obtain information, there are surveys that are needed. The modification will cover the costs for the survey. Arch commented that the modification doesn't show the total amount. Eric explained that the modification document there is a change in compensation and the scope of work that was changed. The amount of each task should be there.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve (5) to 16-C-061, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Eric then commented that the waiver for Karuk Tribe has the use for a radio frequency and can increase cell phone access on the river. The Tribe can now lease the use for cell service at this time. The entire service area was authorized. Scott went on to discuss possibly finding a grant, do a GIS exercise, and look for ways to generate revenue.

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

3) Sara Spence, KTHA ED:

Sara is present to review her report. She first presented resolution 24-R-066. This will be a resolution rescinding the previous resolution and authorizing Randy's title change.

Scott Quinn moved and Arch Super seconded to approve resolution 24-R-066, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Her next item is resolution 24-R-085 authorizing agreement 24-A-088.

Scott Quinn moved Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve resolution 24-R-085 authorizing agreement 24-A-088, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

She presented resolution 24-R-095 authorizing Arch Super to be on TIAC.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve resolution 24-R-095, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Escrow has been opened on the Tulleo Property. All construction on the projects is moving forward. Troy asked about the tree removal and if the Oak trees have to be removed on Second Street. Sara noted that not at this time.

The Yreka project is wrapping up which is the decks, siding, etc. The fuels reduction phase will include DNR. The Orleans project is moving along and the fencing is going faster than anticipated.

The solar grant has been installed and the elder units are operating. Sara will be the point of contact for DOE solar grant since Scott and Josh no longer work for the Tribe. Klamath has now announced that they cannot make their payment to continue participation in O-link. This will be monitored.

At the Planning Session the Tribe will be extending services to Tribal Members and Descendants for higher education.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Sara's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

4) Dion Wood, TERO:

Dion is present to review his report.

He noted that the Orleans Elementary School requires insurance for the summer food program. The School is requiring their cook to be used for the summer food program. Troy commented that he would like the DNR facility used. Dion noted the struggles there but the services are indicated and needed.

Troy Hockaday moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve liability insurance for the OR Elem summer food program, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

The skate pad is complete. There needs to be benches and railing installed for some safety at the park.

Troy Hockaday moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve modification (1) to contract 24-C-066, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

The TERO Strategic Planning will be 7/22. The stoles and necklaces are nice for graduates.

Troy asked Dion to find out what types of degrees then the Tribe can learn what people are studying to start early recruiting. There are some promising youth that are out there and he is excited to see the future.

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

Arch advised that someone needs to take on the Indian taco booth. Sara announced that the KYL is going to have a spay and neuter clinic.

5) Erin Hillman, Director of Operations:

Erin is present to review her report. She announced that the ARPA projects are ongoing and compliant. Erin, Binx and Scott had a meeting with the consultant at WipFli on the audit findings. Alma will likely update on that later. Erin will be sending out a list of the Tribes priorities to the Council. Scott advised that posting a contract option for an economic developer position may be an option. Erin will work on that as that may be a viable option to filling the position and work.

Scott asked that the Computer Center focus on investment and budgeting classes. With Slater Fire settlements coming in, there may need to be some support in financial management.

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

6) Annelle Lerner, HR Director:

Not present, report provided.

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

7) James Davis, Self-Governance Director:

James is present to review his report. He has now been at the Tribe for almost a year. The first year has had some struggles and successes. He has been blessed to attend the Self-Governance Conference. He focused on negotiations and feels that this compliments what he spends a lot of time work on. Parcel B lands, BOEM, etc.

The USFS MOU/Katimiin Sacred Lands Act is under review. James will forward communication with Colleen to the Tribal Council. It was advised that the MOU was submitted late and needs reviewed.

There is additional information on a monument at Medicine Lake. James recommends that the Council make a recommendation on their position for this. Scott advises that there needs to be a formal mechanism in allowing the membership to provide institutional knowledge on some sites or initiatives such as that. Huffman is scheduled to be onsite 6/20 so another conversation can be held regarding this. Troy advises that James should reach out to Pit River Tribe and engage in this discussion. Scott commented that staff to staff can happen as well, without having the Council right away.

Troy advised that almost every Tribe is against BOEM. James then presented a letter of support for Bearquiver.

Scott Quinn moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve a letter of support for Bearquiver for BIA, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

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

8) Bill Tripp, DNR Director:

Bill is present in Orleans to review his report. There is a lot going on and DNR appreciates the Tribal Council's participation in organizational restructuring discussion. He will also attend a Planning Meeting to follow up on those conversations. They are following up budgets to bring information up with data on how to implement changes.

Troy thanked DNR and especially Bill, Neva, Analisa, and others for their work on receiving \$11.5 million in funding. He has worked on this for a couple years, so he is happy to see it coming to the Tribe.

Troy Hockaday moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Bill's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

9) Alma Paz, CFO:

Alma is present to review her report. The Controller position is being posted today or early next week. The position is needed and as it will provide support to the finance department who is already overburdened.

The governmental services audit has been completed. RRC, KTHA, and the Tribes audits.

Annelle took Alma to Yreka and Orleans to meet staff. She is going to develop a spreadsheet for information sharing with Directors so they can develop budgets.

Eli Hensher-Aubrey moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve Alma's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

10) Sherezada Caballero, Public Relations Director:

Sherezada is present to review her report. She would like to discuss options on the website and using stock images. She would like to have a theme for this year's reunion. She would like to have a theme for MMIW and river, a combination of both.

Scott Quinn moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve Sherezada's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Phone Votes:

1. Request to approve burial assistance for Tribal Descendant D00083. Passed.
2. Request to approve media film regarding Lightning Complex. Passed.
3. Request to approve wildland fire program employees to attend funeral services in tribal vehicles, engines. Passed.
4. Request to approve letter to Amy Dutchke for uniformed BIA Fire Representative. Passed.
5. Request to approve resolution 24-R-170 authorizing NASA proposal. Passed.
6. Request to approve Jennifer Goodwin and Troy Hockaday speak on behalf of the Tribe at the MMIW event at COS. Passed.

7. Request to approve resolution 24-R-071 telemedicine grant. Passed.
8. Request to approve letter of support for AB2795. Passed.
9. Request to approve the Karuk Tribe comments to BOR on proposed action. Passed.

Closed Session:

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve resolution 24-R-088, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey to uphold the Council decisions regarding FL and trailer return 2 haa, 0 puuhara, 3 pupitihara (Arch, Jennifer, Troy).

Scott Quinn moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to uphold the PRC denial and pay for eye surgery for BF from Third Party, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 2 pupitihara (Arch/Troy).

Scott Quinn moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to waive policy and pay insurance (rental car) purchase from employee NB from Aan Chupaan funds, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Executive Director applicant shall not be interviewed.

Troy Hockaday moved and Arch Super seconded to update the payroll policy (layoffs), to include a week layoff the holidays will be allowed Head Start, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Scott Quinn seconded to revise the position description for hybrid option, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Scott Quinn moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve removing internal posting for the Tribe and post externally, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Employee who is applying for positions using potentially false information shall evaluate disciplinary action with HR.

Informational: Employee will not drive due to citation and Supervisor will evaluate what can be done.

Informational: PR Contractor shall submit invoices every 30 days or in compliance with contract.

Troy Hockaday moved and Arch Super seconded to repay ACF \$9,647.11 from discretionary, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 2 pupitihara (Jennifer/Arch).

Troy Hockaday moved and Arch Super seconded to approve agreement 24-A-095, 4 haa, 1 puuhara (Scott), 0 pupitihara.

Informational: CFO will evaluate an increase to the Tribes VISA credit.

Jennifer left the meeting at 4:37pm.

Troy Hockaday moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve closing costs for Beth's property, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Arch Super seconded to approve discretionary for burial assistance, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Eli Hensher-Aubrey moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve procurement and authorize contract 24-C-145, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: PAN shall be signed for KYL Coordinator.

Troy Hockaday moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve the revised Chairperson position description and PAN effective Monday, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Informational: Scott Quinn asked about a budgeting / investment class to be offered at the Computer Center. With settlements coming it would be best to offer some type of long-term information to the community.

Informational: Scott Quinn requests additional checks and balances in sole source documenting. Emma Lee will update the form for notifying the Council for sole sourcing.

Informational: KRRC Board Representative will be invited to 6/20 meeting to provide information and update to the Council.

Next Meeting Date: June 27, 2024 at 10am in Orleans.

Adjourned at 5:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth “Binx” Brink, Vice-Chairman

Recording Secretary, Barbara Snider

