

**Karuk Tribe – Council Meeting
September 26, 2024 – Meeting Minutes**

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

Present:

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

Absent:

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman
Jennifer Goodwin, Member at Large

Council Member Super completed a prayer and Vice-Chairman Brink read the Mission Statement.

Agenda:

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the agenda with changes, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Council Caucus:

No minutes recorded.

Consent Calendar:

Erin commented that the Head Start grant has discretionary offsetting the grant. That should be disclosed to the Council as discretionary is not allowed on the consent calendar, at minimum disclosing will work.

Eli Hensher-Aubrey moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve the consent calendar, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Meeting Minutes:

Eli Hensher-Aubrey moved and Arch Super seconded to approve the meeting minutes of August 22, 2024, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Troy).

Language:

Ishyaish

Ishpook and Kishwoof

Guests:

1) Amada Lang, Paddle Waters Club:

Amada is present to seek assistance for a paddle club that will be started. They will be paddling for salmon. She is hoping to start a club and seek funding. She is hoping to receive \$2,000 annually which will cover meals and meetings, which will support the youth. She would like a flag, have the Tribe share outreach, and utilize the Tribal logo.

Paddle Tribal Waters was a great experience and they were able to meet good friends and enjoy the wilderness. The youth shared experiences and expressed their fun and learning, along with meeting new friends.

2) Jasmine Harvey, MMIP:

Jasmine is present to seek approval of contracts.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve contract 24-C-230, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

She then presented contract 24-C-232.

Eli Hensher-Aubrey moved and Kristen King seconded to approve contract 24-C-232, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

3) Maggie Peters, Tribal Member:

Maggie is present to provide a presentation. She is working for the Humboldt County Office of Education. It is a web-based curriculum. It will be TK – 12th grade. The purpose was to lift authentic voices in curriculum development. The resources will be available in 2025.

The State of California wants tribal resources listed for reference. They are hoping to have a draft in February or March, which will have links and content that features Karuk content. She commented that there is media that may not belong to the Tribe but can be used in the curriculum. If there are videos or resources that the Tribe wants included then they should let Maggie know so that the information can be licensed.

She is asking for access to the KTREX videos to assist in developing the curriculum. She would like to have DNR staff or others as appropriate to assist in review. She would like to support Karuk language as well. She would like to list the Karuk Tribes curriculum as well as a resource.

She worked with Abbi Abanthi to create licensing agreements that would protect native people more than the State of California. Even in some cases there are some assurances in who owns the material. She updated that the licensing is limited for use for the lesson specific resource.

Binx asked to have access and request individual videos or material. DNR staff agrees with including videos but they will need approval from the Council. Licensing agreements come with funding and can be paid under contract.

Director Reports:

1) Neva Gibbons, DNR Deputy Director:

Neva is present to review her report. She presented the Big Springs letters for review and approval.

Troy Hockaday moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve the Big Springs letter to Tina and Sarah, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

This will be added to the agenda to discuss at the land transfer.

Troy Hockaday moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve Neva's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) Alma Paz, CFO:

Not present, report provided.

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

Frankie Tripp provided an update on the language program and updated that the Tribe did not receive the ANA grant. Nancy Steele has offered to review the briefing and comments. She went on to communicate additional activities of the language program.

Dates have been set for Strategic Planning. Erin would like to provide assistance for grant writing services, under current contracts that the Tribe has for grant writing.

Arch commented that getting on the same page of teaching and learning would be good. Maggie added that giving access and centralizing information is huge. Include links to have outreach and consolidate where to go so there is an ease of use and access to information.

Frankie has been working with Eric and Sherezada on the website. She needs audio components. She is having a meeting on October 7th to go through material.

3) Sara Spence, KTHA ED:

Sara is present in Happy Camp to seek approval of resolution 24-R-149.

Arch Super moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve resolution 24-R-149, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

She then presented resolution 24-R-146 which approves MOA 24-A-141 granting permanent easement to the Orleans Water System.

Arch Super moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve resolution 24-R-146, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Her last action item is to seek a bulk mailing for HIP homes. She asked to have a blanket approval. The Council is not willing to have a blanket approval.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Enrollment to conduct bulk mailing for BIA HIP program, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Eli Hensher-Aubrey moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Sara's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

4) Dion Wood, TERO/TANF/Education:

Dion is present to review his report. First, he would like to seek approval of a selection criteria policy and eligibility policy for Head Start. It is updated policies.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve both policies for Head Start, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

She also requested to have a VISA for Monica XXX in Yreka. Troy would like to hear from finance on the status of limits to VISA's.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve a VISA \$1,500 for Monica (Head Start), 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

There are 31 Higher Education grants going out this year and each student will receive \$2,600 in grants.

Troy thanked Dion and the education department for receiving grant funding. He thanked him for overseeing the programs and providing support.

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

- 5) **Annelle Lerner, HR Director:**
Not present, report provided.

Arch Super moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve Annelle's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

- 6) **Jack Lantz, Director of Public Works:**

Jack is present to seek approval of modification (3) to contract 21-C-109

Scott Quinn moved and Kristen King seconded to approve modification (3) to contract 21-C-109, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

He then sought approval of resolution 24-R-160 to the EPA for \$20 million. This grant will provide services to Orleans. It includes land acquisition, etc.

Troy asked for an update on the Orleans Childcare center. The project is \$200k short but it continues to move forward. Arch commented that there was a lot of discussion in TERO on facilities and then there are obstacles in working those projects through. That is more of a TERO question.

Eli noted that they need to support people in creating a business. There is someone who is willing to train a business owner, then this is a viable and needed business. Eli commented that the scary part is how to create a business etc. Michelle explained that they're hoping to help set people up and provide support all the way, to them being successful in operating a childcare. There were no responses to the RFP.

Eli Hensher-Aubrey moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 24-R-160, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Robert Perez presented contract 24-C-245 which will be the construction contract for the eight Skyline homes. It has been signed reviewed and signed off. Troy noted that there shouldn't be change orders and timeframes.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve contract 24-C-245, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Troy Hockaday moved and Scott Quinn 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.

Arch Super moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve Erin's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

8) James Davis, Self-Governance Director:

James is present to review his report. Scott asked what the plan would be in developing that position. Scott noted that discussing a general plan update should include other Directors such as KTHA, Director of Public Works, etc. The Council will accept the meeting and identify Directors to review.

Scott Quinn moved and Kristen King seconded to approve James' report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

9) April Attebury, Judicial Systems:

April is present to review her report in Yreka.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve April's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Closed Session:

Eli Hensher-Aubrey moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 24-R-157, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 24-R-158, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Eli Hensher-Aubrey moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve resolution 24-R-159, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara (Troy is absent for vote)

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve agreement 24-A-146, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Scott Quinn moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 24-R-151 Hotel Ordinance, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 24-R-150 authoring RRC check signers, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Tribal Member CH is present to ask if a permit can still be honored for building canoes and houses (traditional). Referred to permitting process.

Informational: Financial software will be on hold until a later time. HR software will not be implemented until fully vetted, new contract with WipFli shall be implemented.

Troy Hockaday moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve releasing employee #4163 from employment effective immediately, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Tribal Member CM will provide written appeal and cite the appeal items.

Arch Super left at 2:36pm.

Eli Hensher-Aubrey moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve Dennis Donahue access to Ford's email, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve agreement 24-A-151, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 24-R-153, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve contract 24-C-156 (1), 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve canceling Beasley contract, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve FY18 CSC Claim, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve PRC policies for FY25, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve a donation of \$2,000 in discretionary to Paddle Club, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to approve open gym basketball OR, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Eli Hensher-Aubrey moved and Troy Hockaday seconded to approve insurance for OR gym use 10/19, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Next Meeting: October 24, 2024 at 10am in Yreka.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to adjourn at 2:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vice-Chairman Brink

Recording Secretary, Barbara Snider