

**Karuk Tribe – Health Board Meeting
July 11, 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
Kristen King, Member at Large
Arch Super, Member at Large
Jennifer Goodwin, Member at Large
Arron “Troy” Hockaday, Member at Large (late)

Absent:

Eli Hensher-Aubrey, Member at Large

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

Agenda:

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

Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2024:

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve the meeting minutes of June 13, 2024, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Guests:

1) Sara Spence, KTHA ED:

Sara is present to seek approval of resolutions 24-R-116 which requests approval for the FY25 Indian Housing Plan.

Sara noted that the items are due before the Council Meeting.

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve resolution 24-R-116, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

She then presented resolution 24-R-117 authorizing the use of Tribal enrollment to calculate the FY25 O-Link MOA.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 24-R-117, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

She then presented agreement 24-A-111 approving the MOA for the O-Link agreeing to use enrollment data.

Binx Brink moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve agreement 24-A-111, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) Mistry Rickwalt, Department of Transportation:

Not present.

3) Emma Lee Perez, Contract Compliance:

Emma Lee is present to seek approval of the ICDBG grant under resolution 24-R-122. It will include cash match which will be transportation, TNGF, and the Tribe will still need to provide \$42k and they will seek Ford Family Foundation grant to cover that. There is some funding that Head Start needs to look into as well.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 24-R-122, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jennifer thanked Emma Lee, Tamara, and Trista for their hard work.

4) Neva Gibbens, DNR:

Not present.

5) Jack Lantz, Director of Public Works:

Jack is present to seek approval of resolution 24-R-120 authorizing agreement 24-A-116. This will be the purchase land at Hillside Road.

Binx Brink moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve resolution 24-R-120 authorizing agreement 24-A-116, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jack then noted that the maintenance department is seeking approval of procurement to purchase a utility truck.

Troy Hockaday moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve procurement and purchase vehicle for maintenance, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jack then updated that the construction projects for Orleans are underway.

The garden is now producing food and is being delivered. The garden project is going well and is efficient.

Director Reports:

1) Merris Obie, Child Welfare Operations Administrator:

Merris is present to review her report and seek approval of action items. She thanked the Council for conducting a phone vote for the purchase of vehicles.

She updated, that she has two action items for approval today Both are funding sources to for the program.

Arch Super moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve resolution 24-R-118, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

She then sought approval for resolution 24-R-115.

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve resolution 24-R-115, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Merris' report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) Ray Elliott, Director of Human Services:

Ray is present in Yreka to review his report. Business is normal and as usual. The SUD program is being reviewed in order to receive certification. SUD is going very well. Groups are operating steady but they do need additional staff.

The SAMSHA grant was turned in and he hopes to receive funding.

Arch asked about Ray and Rondi and their budgets and asked if they roll over.

Binx asked about a women's transitional house. He asked who is working on that. Ray noted that he cannot answer and refers to Rondi. Rondi noted that that is not a program HHS, that is April Attebury's program and would fall under her. Emma Lee noted that April's program was a domestic violence center and that is not a women's transitional home, those are two different homes. Binx would like to support a women's transitional home just like the men have.

Jennifer noted that Jasmine is doing a good job and demonstrating teamwork.

Binx Brink moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Ray's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch asked who will identify the women's transitional home as a project. Scott noted that the need should be assessed to determine if it should be sought. Buster noted that they need to seek the funding as well. Rondi will work on this item.

3) Cecilli Gonzalez, PHN:

Cecilli is present in Yreka to review her report. She noted that the CHR's have been excellent with their outreach. She coordinated with victim services to conduct COVID outreach and the goal is to make it to each community to provide outreach.

The Orleans diabetic luncheon is next week. The Yreka and Happy Camp diabetic luncheons have been scheduled as well.

She has been working with the youth for the Summer enrichment program. Cecilli's goal is to have diabetic luncheons monthly but that hasn't happened as of yet.

Troy arrived at 10:43am

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Cecilli's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

4) Dr. Lew, Dental Director:

Nikki is present to review the dental department report. Both clinics are running good. There are some vacancies still open and with childcare issues in Happy Camp they may continue to have a struggle with finding employees.

Jolene Knuckles is providing outreach to the youth in Yreka.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Nikki's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

5) Tonia Begrin, Orleans Clinic Manager.

Tonia is present to review her report. The month of June had AOD services being offered. Behavioral health is biweekly.

Tonia noted that the receptionist has started putting together dental files, which is a big help.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Tonia's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

6) Rondi Johnson, Health CEO:

Rondi is present to review her report. There was a provider interview and the person is being evaluated, including their background and references.

She recently attended the health conference in Temecula. She thanked Misty, Bucky, Bobby and Jack for their work to get the property paved in Happy Camp.

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Rondi's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

7) Susanna Greeno, Happy Camp Clinic Manager:

Susanna is present in Happy Camp to review her report.

The mammogram van was a success, but in the future, they hope to utilize different services that allow additional services to more community members.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Susanna's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

8) Tonya Albers, RPMS Site Manager:

Tonya is present in Yreka to review her report. She is hoping to backfill a position in the IT department.

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Tonya's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

9) Cindy Hayes, Yreka Clinic Manager:

Cindy is present in Yreka to review her report. The generator is being installed in Yreka but she is unsure what the completion date will be. The medical records department is doing their job. She is looking forward to the generator being completed and preparing for AAAHC.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve Cindy's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

10) Dr. Vasquez, Medical Director:

Dr. Vasquez is present in Yreka to review his report. He noted that the major deficiency is hiring another doctor so that he can retire.

Scott Quinn moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Dr. Vasquez's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

11) Jodi Henderson, Operations Manager:

Jodi is present to review her report. She noted that Tammy has transitioned to Yreka and will maintain her position from that location.

The FTCA has been submitted. AAAHC is scheduled to be present August 12-13, 2024. She is working to get a fire alarm system in the Orleans Clinic.

She commented that Cecilli spoke to Madrone Senior Services and they're unwilling to accommodate the Karuk Tribe with senior meals. They will have to reevaluate the program and options of services to be provided. Troy wants to have this project as a priority for services to the people.

Jodi noted that she would like to possibly put this into the new elder positions that the Council is working on. Arch asked if there was grant funding options reviewed for this service. Jodi noted that meal vouchers may be an option as well. Scott asked if the Tribe has worked on identifying a solution and using the current center in Yreka. Scott asked if there is a person that can go discuss issues with the Yreka Center to collaborate services. Binx also suggested a van to transport elders.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve Jodi's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Closed Session:

Informational: Discussion regarding Elders programs and senior nutrition. The Council requests a deadline of two weeks to ensure Yreka is drafted and moving forward as well as further development on priorities of elder's program.

Informational: Reports of employee PP not being present and away from office several times a day and week. OM will follow up.

Troy Hockaday moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve agreement 24-A-104 and 24-A-105, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Consensus: to operate under the old NDA for Colusa.

Informational: Council Members will each provide a list of items that are of value in their opinions that are valued and to also ask DNR to provide some input. Vice-Chairman asked about including an economist for some estimates as well.

Troy Hockaday moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve a donation \$2,500 in discretionary for fees related to WH, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: David Arwood II will be the Director at the next Planning.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve \$2,500 donation to CTCA Native American Days, discretionary, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve \$1,000 donation for education scholarship for NCTCA, discretionary, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Clarification sought regarding statements of authorizing phone votes. Secretary/Treasurer suggests drafting a policy on phone votes. The Council will review language and provide feedback.

Informational: Multiple reports of dress code violations occurred after notice. Those employees shall be reported to HR.

Informational: Dir. Of Operations offered to assist Chairman and Vice-Chairman with follow up on the Yreka Senior Center option.

Troy Hockaday moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve AB1272 LOS, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve an ½ page ad in the USA Today advertising, 5 haa, 1 puuhara (Jennifer), 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to authorize the Chairman to make determinations of 5 days working AL for mandatory fire evacuations, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Troy Hockaday moved and Kristen King seconded to adjourn at 3:30pm.

Next Meeting: August 8, 2024 at 10am in Yreka.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman

Recording Secretary, Barbara Snider