

SUN'AQ TRIBE OF KODIAK

Regular Council Meeting
Sun'aq tribal conference room
October 26, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order @ 6:05 pm by Chairperson Brenda Schwantes.

Brenda Schwantes	Present
Gary Watson	Present
Madelyn Brown	Present
John Reft	Absent
Brenda Friend	Absent
Iver Malutin	Present
Eric Olsen	Present via telephone

INVOCATION

Was given by Madelyn Brown

STAFF PRESENT

Bob Polasky, CEO, Frank Peterson, Programs Director, Gerie Botz, Youth Specialist, and Dave Monture, Economic Development Director.

GUESTS

Chris Sannito, CEO of Sun'aq Tribal Enterprises, Johnson O'Malley, (JOM) Youth Group members: Samatha Heglin, Ruben Eluska, Rebecca Pruitt, Sam Tuckfield, Brandy Berg and Casey Dinnocezo. Also in attendance were Cindy Cortez and Pam Helms.

The Youth Group reported to the Council about activities they were involved in while in attendance at the AFN convention. One of their observations was that there was a great emphasis put on Natives needing to learn their own language. They wanted to encourage the Kodiak School to teach Alutiiq classes. Other topics were that the women needed to be recognized in family for their skills in "bringing something to the table" while men still had to be the key leaders and protectors.

The Youth participated in Talking Circles while discussing the increasing rate of suicides and child abuse in Alaska. They also talked about being proud of the Alutiiq blood and culture. Some of them were impressed with Lisa Murkowski who had given a speech. They attended the Elder and Youth groups. Most of them attended the Alutiiq language group and learned how to count to ten and name some body parts.

They also attended the arts and crafts show and enjoyed the Chena Hot Springs which is located 56 miles outside of Fairbanks.

There were Polynesian, Latin and Native American dancers in attendance.

The Youth Group went to Gerie's sister's house in North Pole and indulged themselves in a delicious moose stew.

The Governor Sean Parnell and Representative Don Young were speakers at the convention. Mark Begich Jr., United States Senator were also in attendance.

Frank was very proud of the Youth and their enthusiasm and thanked the Council for their support.

Gerie commented how respectful the Youth Group was and what a good job they had done. She would assist the Youth in drafting a resolution for presentation to the Kodiak School in support of implementing the Alutiiq language class into their curriculum.

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GUEST COMMENTS

Chris Sannito was happy the Tribe had received the sizable ANA grant as it would provide a great opportunity for the Tribe to "accentuate the already positive" with Sun'aq Tribal Enterprises, (STE). The Wild Source product was "native" and this authenticity was an advantageous selling point.

Chris would become an additional Sun'aq staff member November 15, 2010. He was excited to enter into this venture with the Tribe. Next year they would progress from "purchasing totes of fish to boats of fish".

Chris said STE would purchase a fish pump and ascertain some seiners in line with acquiring more product. The value added line sales would be ongoing with the Kodiak Subway and possibly Washington State Subway.

There was discussion on STK members being able to purchase the product at a reduced cost.

Chris noted that the STE still had pinks but the inventory of Sockeyes had decreased rapidly. He estimated the Sockeye product would be gone by February. The count of pinks would be sufficient to sell to Subway until the following year.

On behalf of the Tribe Bob thanked Chris for volunteering so much time. Wild Source had been purchased from Chris by the Tribe and he had stayed with the enterprise spending many hours away from his family working with Dave to facilitate the process of the Wild Source product.

Guest comments continued

Pam Helms had called the Tribal office to get information on the Child's Advocate program and wanted to meet with Frank to update her information. She was going to be attending as many Tribal Council meetings as possible in order to keep informed of what her Tribe was doing.

Chair Schwantes told Cindy that the Tribe was always in need of people to be on their committees. She encouraged Cindy to participate in joining one.

Bob expressed his appreciation by thanking Pam and Cindy for being present at the meetings and showing interest in what the Tribe was doing. He acknowledged that the Council and himself were available to answer questions about member's concerns.

Action Item

The Coastguard permit was tabled until the next meeting. It could be approved of then and Rick would be attendance at that time to explain the material to the Council.

STAFF REPORTS

Bob told the Council that the Tribe had made a great impact with the involvement of Rick and Alex in the Natural Resource Department and the Environmental Committee. (John, Gary and Eric). The ANA Environmental grant (Traditional Ecological Knowledge) had gained a positive response from the Elders that were being interviewed. He was enthused about the data base that was being built independently of Fish and Game and State biologists to protect the traditional use areas of the Tribe. Knowing their own resource availabilities would strengthen them as a Tribal government. By resolution the Tribe had claimed the Buskin River area as their subsistence use area which substantiated their relationship with the federal government.

There were 2 more subsistence users on the Federal Subsistence Board and Tribes would benefit in having those additional votes. Attending AFN and bringing these issues forward had been rewarding. Bob said the Tribe should be proud about the advocacy they had accomplished in order to protect their rights to hunt and fish.

Bob reported that the Public Law 477 training and employment program was being scrutinized by the Department of Health and Human Services and recipients of these

funds were under threat of being held accountable for separate line items instead of the funding being all in one area under a plan created by Tribes. Bob encouraged the Council to participate in these discussions whenever possible and send resolutions to Congressional Delegation and appropriate committee chairs in order to prevent this from occurring.

These were the 477 monies that were instrumental the growth of the Tribe's Economic Development.

Lyn Forcia, Division Chief of Workforce Development was on the edge of being dismissed from her job because she was fighting against this happening.

Since the Tribe has funding the federal government the new health care law might allow tribal governments and organizations access to health care insurance used by federal employees. The federal insurance was \$498.00 per employee and the Tribe's was \$1,100 which was not affordable.

It was still ambiguous who would be eligible for this plan... Tribal employees under the Public Law 93-638 Indian Self Determination Act program, or ALL employees. Also in the consideration was whether or not the plan would just cover only Indian Health Service, (IHS) eligible employees. This might not be to the Tribe's benefit to have to provide 2 different plans. Hopefully it would cover employees and their families and not be divisive of native or non natives.

Councilmember Gary Watson wanted to ensure that the Council did everything they could to support Lyn Forcia and the 477 program.

Bob would assist Councilmember Madelyn Brown with talking points to use while in attendance at NCAI.

Action Item: The appropriate resolution would be drafted in support the 477 program for Council members attending NCAI.

3. ***Motion was made by Councilmember John Reft seconded by Councilmember Eric Olsen to send an official invitation to Larry Echo Hawk to come to Kodiak. A Voice vote found ALL those in favor saying AYE. Motion passed.***

Chair Schwantes commented on issues of the Regional Subsistence Board such as the Tribe being unaware of the amount of crab that subsistence users were allowed to take being reduced. It was imperative that the Tribe had a representative on the Regional Council in order to keep abreast of such things. They could plan for this next year.

4. ***Councilmember Madelyn Brown seconded by Councilmember John Reft for the Council to have a break. A Voice vote found ALL those in favor saying AYE. Motion passed.***

Reconvened @ 7:28

Bob mentioned the Christmas party would be held at Eugene's Friday December 10th. The reception would be at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30.

Councilmember Gary Watson said James did cater to him and his staff and was entertaining although he was disappointed in the food last year. He informed the Council that his Bingo employee Diane had phone numbers for other restaurants if needed.

Councilmember John Reft was in support of Eugene's and recommended James be called and told what the concerns were last year.

Bob would take these comments into consideration when he made the decision as to where the party would be.

5. ***Motion was made by Councilmember John Reft to accept the staff reports as presented. Motion failed.***

Councilmember Gary Watson voiced some of his concerns about Tribal Id cards, the STK website and the ICWA program. Patsy and Bob answered his questions about the Tribal ID cards and website. Bob would request that Linda attend the next Council meeting to answer the ICWA questions.

Councilmember Madelyn Brown recommended that the names of staff who attended Council meetings to give reports in person be selected at the meeting before. This would give the Council time to write down the questions they wanted to review with those staff members.

Bob would request Alex to attend next months meeting with Rick.

6. ***Motion was made by Councilmember Gary Watson seconded by Councilmember Madelyn Brown to accept the reports. A Voice vote found ALL those in favor saying AYE. Motion passed.***

NEW BUSINESS

A. KIHA/Environmental Review

7. ***Motion was made by Councilmember Gary Watson seconded by Councilmember John Reft to approve the KIHA housing improvements as presented. A Voice vote found ALL those in favor saying AYE. Motion passed.***

B. US Coastguard EPA ID NO. AK9 6903 0742

Scheduled for the next months agenda

C. Approval of Enrollment Application Names

8. *Motion was made by Councilmember Gary Watson seconded by Councilmember Madelyn Brown to adopt the following Enrollment applicants into the Tribe.*

Baker, Eli G

Brown, Deanna Lerene

Brown, Billy Milton

Carlson, Daniel Kaiden

Clark 11, William Burton

Friccero, Demi Shanelle Alexanderoff

Rice, Andrew, Larkin

Gatter, Max Fisher

McGraw, Kaitlin Jade

Pate, Christene La'vele

Rice, Isabelle Annan

Rice, Zoe Elizabeth

Saja Rachelle Stallings

Cindy Sue Denato

A Voice vote found ALL those in favor saying AYE. Motion passed.

D. Report on AFN-2-1 minutes/Gary Watson

Gary was excited and very proud of Eric, John and especially Madelyn. They had the honor of meeting with Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary of Interior while attending the AFN convention. He had also met with Dan Marino and wanted to follow up because DOT could possibly help fund a dock at Anton Larsen.

They had presented the Resolution 37-2010 requiring federal agencies to consult with Alaska Native corporations on the same basis as Indian Tribes under Executive Order No. 13175 at AFN and it was ignored. He still had hope for it to be acknowledged at NCAI Convention.

Gary met with life support people who would be contacting the Tribe about free monitoring bracelets and charms for the Elders.

It was Gary's opinion that the Tribe needed to build a better relationship with Afognak Native Corporation because there were some events that had occurred during the Convention that the Tribe wasn't informed of at a local level.

E. Report on AFN-2-5 minutes /Eric Olsen

Eric Olsen had some heartbreaking realizations as he learned more about politics and how the Tribe was looked at Statewide and by the people of Kodiak Island, (not well liked). He had attended the Alaska Tribal Leaders Summit with Gary and John. There were 3 resolutions that they were involved with: ANSCA-December 18, 1971 births/tribal land status, and earmark made by Senator Stevens regarding government to government relations with Tribes and Marine Mammals.

Eric said that a Tribe in Kodiak had blindsided STK by stating that they were not supportive of the resolution 37-2010 even though they had assisted with the draft. At the convention they were also told that the marine mammal resolution was late and because of that its presentation would be considered disruptive.

The Environmental Committee members had the opportunity to invite Larry Echo Hawk to Kodiak. They explained to him about the Kodiak Runway Status, Grave yard Sites, Endangered plant species and issues relating to the Subsistence Fishing at the Buskin River Area near the airport. Larry was receptive to coming to take the tour of Kodiak.

AFN-Eric said the Corporations were in control and not the Tribes seeming to him that it was an abuse of power.

Although some parts of the convention were disappointing, Eric appreciated being able to attend with John, Madelyn and Gary and looked forward to going again.

Bob noted that sometimes Tribal sovereignty sought by certain Tribes caused divisions with Tribes.

It was Eric's opinion that the Tribe need not attend any more Tribal Summit meetings because of their lack of support to the Tribe.

F. Report on AFN-2-5 minutes /John Reft

John Reft said they worked on the Resolution to present at the Tribal Summit with Eric and after the 3 days of work they disappointedly ended up with nothing. It was his opinion that the STK was not recognized by Koniag or NVA. When they traveled to the NCAI they were treated with much more respect.

John was very appreciative of being able to meet Larry Echo Hawk. He considered him to be a man of great integrity and having him in Kodiak would give the Tribe great benefit.

G. Report on AFN-2-5 minutes /Madelyn Brown

Madelyn shared the same disappointments and agreed the Summit was a waste of time.

Action note: Code of Conduct would be on the next agenda

H. Resolution 38-2010

- 9. Motion was made by Councilmember Gary Watson seconded by Councilmember Madelyn Brown to accept Resolution 38-2010. A Voice vote found ALL those in favor saying AYE. Motion passed.**

OLD BUSINESS

None

CALENDER

EXXON work session November 4th @ 6:00 PM

COMMENTS

Madelyn called and confirmed with the person who had wanted a special meeting on Saturday and he said he didn't have to be there. She didn't see why she had to stand outside waiting when he wasn't going to show up.

Brenda agreed that when someone wanted a special meeting they should attend it.

NEXT MEETING

November 23, 2010 @ 6:00 PM

MEETING AJOURNMENT

10. Motion was made by Councilmember Eric Olsen to adjourn the meeting seconded by Chair Schwantes. A Voice vote found ALL those in favor saying AYE. Motion passed.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED THIS 10/26 day of 26th 2010



Council Chairperson



Secretary/Treasurer



Attest

MOTIONS

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