

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INDIAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**DECEMBER 8, 2018**

***MINUTES***

**I.** Chairperson Ruby Rollings called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**II.** Secretary Trina Mathewson called the Roll:

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Trinidad Rancheria

Trina Mathewson, Delegate

United Indian Health Services

Ruby Rollings, Delegate

Yurok Tribe

Mindy Natt, Delegate

Elk Valley Rancheria

LaWanda Quinnell, Delegate

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

Denise Padgette, Delegate

Karuk Tribe of California

Wilverna Reece, Delegate

Wintu Educational & Cultural Council

Tracy Foster-Olstad, Delegate

Nor-El-Muk Band of Wintu Indians

Lonyx Landry, Delegate

John Hayward, Alternate

Tsnungwe Council

Dena Magdaleno, Delegate

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Blue Lake Rancheria

Indian Action Council

Wiyot Tribe

### III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Fred and Dolly Case, Joyce Jones, Rosie Kerr, Misty Case, Kathie Hamilton-Gentry, Chris Byfield, John Hayward, Rick Siegfried, and Wendy Kull were recognized.

### IV. APPROVE AGENDA

Ms. Padgette motioned to approve the agenda; Ms. Mathewson seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

### V. APPROVE MINUTES

Ms. Quinnell motioned to approve the minutes from December 10, 2016 Annual Membership Meeting; Ms. Magdaleno seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

### VI. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Gehr informed the Council that according to the NCIDC Bylaws, member organizations that are non-profit corporations are required to satisfy all requirements applicable to the establishment of a nonprofit corporation under the California corporation code, maintain their non-profit status with the Franchise Tax Board, and maintain their registration with the State Attorney General. Mr. Gehr informed the council that based on the most recent review of the member entities legal status, no member entities were suspended or otherwise ineligible as per the bylaws.

### VII. COUNTY CAUCUS

Mr. Gehr reminded the membership that they should elect two delegates from each of the four counties: Trinity, Siskiyou, Del Norte and Humboldt. He said the membership delegate carries the vote for each member organization, however, if the delegate is not present and the alternate is present, then the alternate carries the vote.

The counties caucused from 10:17 a.m. to 10:57 a.m. to elect their respective council delegates.

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY** – *Ms. Trina Mathewson* and *Ms. Ruby Rollings* were elected as the Humboldt County Delegates.

**DEL NORTE COUNTY** – *Ms. Denise Padgette* and *Ms. LaWanda Quinnell* were elected as the Del Norte County Delegates.

**SISKIYOU COUNTY** - *Ms. Wilverna Reece* was elected as the Siskiyou County Delegate.

TRINITY COUNTY – *Ms. Dena Magdaleno* and *Ms. Tracy Foster-Olstad* were elected as the Trinity County Delegates.

## VIII. ELECTION OF “AT LARGE” COUNCIL MEMBER

Mr. Gehr let the council know that according to the bylaws they must select two “At Large” Delegates, due to the fact that Siskiyou County only has one delegate representative.

Ms. Padgett nominated Ms. Mindy Natt and Mr. Lonyx Landry for the two-member at large delegate positions; Ms. Quinnell motioned that nominations be closed; Ms. Magdaleno seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

*Ms. Mindy Natt was elected as an “At Large” Delegate.*

*Mr. Lonyx Landry was elected as an “At Large” Delegate.*

## IX. SEATING OF NEW COUNCIL

The 2018 Council was seated and the Council Members introduced themselves to the Membership. Mr. Gehr welcomed returning members as well as, thanked the new Council for their participation and support of NCIDC.

## X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Gehr announced that at yesterday’s special meeting, Mr. Coltra signed a retirement transition agreement after serving 38 years as Executive Director of the NCIDC. Mr. Gehr has been tasked to serve as Acting Director during this transition.

Mr. Gehr also provided the Council and Membership with an overview of 2017 agency activities and projected 2018 activities:

Our Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program has transitioned, Mr. Gehr said, to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The WIOA emphasizes training, as compared to the retired WIA program. WIOA continues to provide employment supports to youth and adult job seekers.

We have received the National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) to mitigate damages caused by wildfires and storm damage in various counties across the state of California. These funds allow us to hire native peoples to perform restoration work on tribal and government lands. Discussion ensued.

Through funding from California Employment Development Department, we operate the Rapid Response program, which assists tribes and individuals affected by major layoffs on reservations, such as casinos and hotels. Lengthy discussion ensued.

With funding from the California Department of Education, we operate an education center in Del Norte County; the center also manages a Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) program for youth. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Gehr said under our Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program, we serve 57 counties and 106 tribes throughout California. The CSBG program provides assistance with education, employment, health, travel, housing and other needs to low-income Native Americans in the state, both on and off reservations; we served over 4,000 people in 2017.

In addition to our CSBG, WIA and Rapid Response programs, we administer the Low-Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for 48 tribes in the state. Discussion ensued.

Our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Intertribal Gathering and Elders Dinner at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds was a success. We fed approximately 1,500 people the majority being elders a traditional dinner of turkey with all the trimmings. In joining the Yurok Tribe in solidarity, we did not serve salmon again at this year's dinner.

Mr. Gehr invited Council Members to visit our gift shop. the American Indian Art and Gift Shop assists Native artists and crafts people by providing an expanded retail market for their products. The gift shop also serves as a training ground for Natives to gain work experience and hone their skills in retail sales.

Mr. Gehr commended the NCIDC Council and staff for their commitment to making 2017 another productive year of operation. Mr. Gehr stated that he is looking forward to 2018 and the new opportunities it presents to enhance the services the NCIDC provides to Native American Indian people.

*There was no public comment.*

Ms. Padgett motioned to approve the Executive Director's Report; Ms. Foster-Olstad seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

## **XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*There was no public comment.*

## **XII. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

The next Annual Membership Meeting was scheduled for Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Natt motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Magdaleno seconded; *MOTION* carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Trina Mathewson  
Council Secretary

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