

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INDIAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DECEMBER 13, 2014

MINUTES

I. Chairperson Denise Padgette called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

II. Secretary Nadine McNeal called the Roll:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Blue Lake Rancheria	Diane Holliday, Delegate
Indian Action Council	
Trinidad Rancheria	Trina Mathewson, Delegate Zack Brown, Alternate
United Indian Health Services	Ruby Rollings, Delegate
Yurok Tribe	Jack Mattz, Delegate
Elk Valley Rancheria	LaWanda Quinnell, Delegate
Smith River Rancheria	Denise Padgette, Delegate
Karuk Tribe of California	Renee Stauffer, Delegate Wilverna Reece, Alternate
Siskiyou County Indian Association	Nadine McNeal, Delegate Daniel Hunt, Alternate
Nor-El-Muk Band of Wintu Indians	Patrick Chapman, Delegate
Tsnungwe Council	Dena Magdaleno, Delegate
Wiyot Tribe	Linda Lange, Delegate

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ms. Rollings' granddaughter, Alexa was recognized.

IV. APPROVE AGENDA

Ms. McNeal motioned to approve the agenda; Ms. Rollings seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

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V. APPROVE MINUTES

Ms. Magdaleno motioned to approve the minutes from December 14, 2013 Annual Membership Meeting; Ms. Holliday seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Rollings motioned to approve the minutes from April 12, 2014 Special Membership Meeting; Ms. McNeal seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

VI. COUNTY CAUCUS

Mr. Coltra reminded the membership of caucus rooms for each of the four counties: Trinity, Siskiyou, Del Norte and Humboldt; each county will elect two delegates. 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 10:19 a.m. to 10:33 a.m. to elect their respective council delegates.

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

DEL NORTE COUNTY –*Ms. Denise Padgett* and *Mr. Jack Mattz* were elected as the Del Norte County Delegates.

SISKIYOU COUNTY - *Ms. Nadine McNeal* and *Ms. Renee Stauffer* were elected as the Siskiyou County Delegates.

TRINITY COUNTY – *Ms. Dena Magdaleno* and *Mr. Patrick Chapman* were elected as the Trinity County Delegates.

VII. ELECTION OF “AT LARGE” COUNCIL MEMBER

Mr. Mattz nominated Ms. LaWanda Quinnell; Ms. Holliday nominated Ms. Ruby Rollings; Ms. McNeal motioned that nominations be closed; Ms. Holliday seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Ruby Rollings was elected by secret ballot as the “At Large” Delegate.

VIII. SEATING OF NEW COUNCIL

The 2014 council was seated and the council members introduced themselves to the Membership. Mr. Coltra welcomed new members Trina Mathewson, Renee Stauffer and Patrick Chapman, as well as, thanked the new council for their participation and support of NCIDC.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Coltra provided the Council and Membership with an overview of 2014 agency activities and projected 2015 activities:

Mr. Coltra 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 2014.

Our Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program is transitioning, Mr. Coltra said, to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The WIOA of 2014 is replacement legislation of the WIA of 1998, but has much of the same prescribed services, although some new training and employment elements have been added. This program provides employment supports to youth and adult job seekers.

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. Currently, Mr. Coltra said, we are working with Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians to mitigate issues concerning the lay-off of approximately 220 employees involved in the recent closure of Chukchansi's casino.

In past years, Mr. Coltra said NCIDC has been responsible for National Emergency Grants (NEG) for many natural disasters occurring in California's Indian Country, providing employment opportunities to native peoples and although there were no national emergencies declared to date in 2014, we stand at the ready for any impending disasters.

We have secured a discretionary grant through California Department of Community Services and Development, Mr. Coltra said, which provides funding to assist our local at-risk youth with work experience opportunities and services to plan for their futures.

In addition to our CSBG, WIA and Rapid Response programs, we administer a Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for 49 tribes in the State.

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. Mr. Coltra said statically, Native Americans use commercial tobacco more than any other ethnic group; our TUPE program is certified through the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Perhaps in spite of our busy work schedule and Carson Block renovation, Mr. Coltra said our 33rd Annual Intertribal Gathering and Elders Dinner at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds was a success, where over 4,200 people from all walks of life attended and 1,600 people were fed a traditional dinner of turkey and salmon with all the trimmings. There was some discussion.

Mr. Coltra invited Council Members to visit our gift shop, located in the Carson Block Building and online. By purchasing items from members of local tribes and tribes throughout

the nation, our 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.

The Carson Block is an un-reinforced masonry building; as required by state and local law, we are moving forward in our pursuit to fortify the Carson Block Building in an effort to make the structure earthquake safe. Mr. Coltra continued, with a series of grants and loans from the State, the City of Eureka and other non-profits, as well as, the sale of new and historic tax credits, we have begun work on the seismic retrofit and restoration of the building façade. There was lengthy discussion.

Mr. Coltra said, this year, we will be distributing 864 food boxes throughout Trinity, Siskiyou, Del Norte and Humboldt Counties and provided the Council with a written schedule of where and when the food boxes will be distributed (*copies in Council packets*).

He commended the NCIDC Council and staff for their commitment to making 2014 another productive year of operation. Mr. Coltra stated that he is looking forward to 2015 and the new opportunities it presents to enhance the services the NCIDC provides to Native American Indian people.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Coltra presented the Membership with a cake, inscribed “Congratulations NCIDC, 38 Years of Continuing Service” and thanked the membership for participating in the NCIDC 2014 Annual Elections.

XI. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next Annual Membership Meeting was scheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Holliday motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Rollings seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nadine McNeal
Council Secretary

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