

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INDIAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 10, 2025

MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Mathewson called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Amanda O'Connell
Denise Padgette
Frederick Case
Jace Baldosser
Jennifer Goodwin
Lonyx Landry
Phil Williams
Tracy Foster-Olstad
Trina Mathewson

Del Norte County Representative
Humboldt County Representative
Siskiyou County Representative
Humboldt County Representative
Siskiyou County Representative
Trinity County Representative
Del Norte County Representative
Trinity County Representative
Humboldt County Representative

Members Absent

There were no members absent

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There were no guests recognized by the Council.

NCIDC Staff in attendance were; Ms. Madison Flynn Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Chris Byfield Chief Administrative Officer, Ms. Cheyanne Souza Executive Assistant, Ms. Aubrey Richeson Planner/Data Analyst, Ms. Angel Dickey Program Assistant, Mr. Rick Siegfried Systems Administrator, Ms. Shannon Bresnahan HR Coordinator, Mr. Thor Arwood Fiscal Manager, Ms. Rosie Kerr Case Manager, and Ms. Shylee Summers Fiscal Assistant.

IV. APPROVE AGENDA

Ms. Foster-Olstad motioned to approve the agenda; Mr. Williams seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

V. APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Landry motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 14, 2024; Ms. Foster-Olstad seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Management Report

NCIDC uses a hybrid meeting format. The meeting is open to the public. Any person wishing to be a part of the Council meeting is welcome to come to the NCIDC Eureka office, where they would be seated in the Council Chambers.

Ms. Flynn asked the Council to have a moment of silence to honor the passing of our former Chairwoman Ms. Ruby Rollings. Ms. Rollings was an NCIDC Board member for many years and will be dearly missed.

CSBG (Community Service Block Grant) – Ms. Flynn and the Council discussed and reviewed the Expenditure/Activity Report for CSBG LPA grant number 24F-3103 through November 30, 2024, with total expenditures of \$7,479.06 (copies in Council Dropbox). This funding is utilized for our core administrative activities and supports all other programs through our official designation as a Limited Purpose Agency (LPA). There was further discussion.

Ms. Flynn and the Council also discussed and reviewed the Expenditure/Activity Report for CSBG SA grant number 24F-3104 through November 30, 2024, with total expenditures of \$100,834.71 (copies in Council Dropbox). Staff continue to work with the Tribes to reimburse their 2024 Tribal CSBG contracts. There was further discussion.

Ms. Flynn and the Council also discussed and reviewed the Expenditure/Activity Report for CSBG Discretionary grant number 24F-3104 through November 30, 2024, with total expenditures of \$0.00. As previously discussed, this funding will be utilized to assist with our insurance issues (copies in Council Dropbox). There was further discussion.

2022 QUEST NDWG – Ms. Flynn, Ms. Richeson and the Council reviewed and discussed the monthly report for QUEST NDWG for November 2024 (copies in Council Dropbox). Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed the WIOA Summary of Expenditures for Grant Code 1262 Sub grant Agreement AA311053, through November 30, 2024, with total expenditures of \$243,020.49 (copies in Council Dropbox). NCIDC was unable to work on Tribal lands due to insurance concerns. After working extensively with our lawyers and insurance provider, we were able to find a solution. We have submitted documents to EDD for final review and approval. There was further discussion.

2024 Severe Winter Storms DR NDWG – Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed and discussed the WIOA Summary of Expenditures for Grant Code 1296 Sub grant

Agreement AA11046, November 2024 with total expenditures of \$0.00 (copies in Council Dropbox). The Severe Winter Storms grant for November 2024 covers Butte County's national emergency declaration. The grant amount is \$200,000. Ms. Jones is working on finalizing work sites and obtaining approvals (copies in Council Dropbox). There was further discussion.

CA AIRRP (California American Indian Rapid Response Program) – Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed and discussed the WIOA Summary of Expenditures for grant code 541 Sub grant agreement AA411069, through November 2024, with total expenditures of \$33,212.02 (copies in Council Dropbox). Mr. Davis, the Rapid Response Coordinator, is actively working to deploy resources and connect with subcontractors for layoff aversion and workforce development. Mr. Davis continues to serve statewide, attending Rapid Response roundtables, and connecting with Tribes and businesses. There was further discussion.

LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) – Ms. Flynn, Ms. Richeson and the Council reviewed and discussed the LIHEAP household report (copies in Council Dropbox). Ms. Richeson shared with the Council that the LIHEAP Program served 178 households with heating assistance, 8 with cooling assistance, and 285 with crisis assistance. The primary demand was for crisis assistance. They also collected data on the number of household members, which showed they helped around 1,300 people total through the utility assistance. The LIHEAP household report also includes demographic information about the households served (copies in Council Dropbox). There was some discussion.

OFFSHORE WIND – Ms. Flynn, Mr. Byfield and the Council discussed the Offshore wind tribal capacity fund with Vineyard and RWE. The Council expressed concerns that the community engagement funding was substituting for direct communication and engagement with individual Tribes. The developers clarified that they are required to meet directly with individual tribes as part of their funding, and they provided a list of 18-22 Tribes they are in communication with. The Council was concerned the funding was not going directly to the Tribes, but the developers explained they are not able to provide individual funding to each tribe for community engagement. The Council wanted to ensure the community engagement funding was not infringing on the community benefits agreement (CBA) that would come later, and the developers confirmed it is separate from the CBA. The developers provided a list of five key things the community engagement funding can be used for, including travel, staff time, training, and other ancillary offshore wind activities. The council agreed to form an ad hoc committee of three members to work with the CEO and developers to finalize the funding concept and application process (copies in Council Dropbox). There was some discussion.

Ms. Foster-Olstad motioned to appoint Ms. O'Connell, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Landry to serve as the NCIDC Offshore wind Ad Hoc Committee Members; Ms. Goodwin seconded; Ms. Padgett abstained; **MOTION** carried.

Staff/Program Reports Written staff/program activity reports for Humboldt, Del Norte, and Siskiyou County were included in the Council packets for their review.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Foster-Olstad motioned to approve the Executive Management's report for January 10, 2025; Ms. Padgett seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

B. Fiscal Report

Mr. Arwood and the Council reviewed and discussed the November 2024 Financial Report. During this discussion, the statement of financial position was reviewed as well as monthly statements of revenue and expenditures for NCIDC's grant contracts (copies in Council Dropbox).

There was no public comment.

Ms. O'Connell motioned to approve the November 2024 Financial Report; Mr. Baldosser seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Carson Block – Mr. Byfield provided an update on the Carson Block Building, including ongoing maintenance and upgrades, and the current status of available spaces for rent. There was some discussion.

There was no public comment.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

IX. REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

Request No. 1 – The Council reviewed a request from Talonna Marshall representing the Junction Elementary School in the amount of \$5,000 to assist with expenses related to the 4th through 8th grade World Strides NYC/DC trip (copies in Council Dropbox). There was further discussion.

Ms. Padgett motioned to approve \$500 to assist with expenses related to the 4th through 8th grade World Strides NYC/DC trip; Mr. Baldosser seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT / INFORMATION / THANK YOU

INFORMATION – Mr. Riggins, the Youth Services Coordinator, shared “Coming Soon” flyer and announced the opening of our new youth center, The NEST, at 233 F Street in the Carson Block Building. Mr. Riggins discussed the “Never A Bother” suicide prevention campaign and the services they provide, including crisis response, counseling, and media/outreach activities. There was discussion about partnering with Tribes and communities to host events and activities for native youth, including basketball tournaments, GONA (Gathering of Native Americans), and cultural activities like stick games (*copies in Council Dropbox*). There was further discussion.

INFORMATION – Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed and discussed the Cal Poly Humboldt Local MC3 Apprenticeship readiness program. For information or an application please reach out to Andy Rix (707)502-4835 ajr195@humboldt.edu (*copies in Council Dropbox*). There was further discussion.

XI. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 14th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION


Ms. Flynn, Mr. Byfield and the Council entered into a closed Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Upon exiting the closed executive session, Ms. Mathewson reported out that the Council had come to a decision regarding the personnel matter;

Mr. Williams motioned to amend Ms. Flynn’s contract period to January 1st to December 31st and stated Ms. Flynn was to receive the same Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) given to staff for 2025; Ms. Goodwin seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.


XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Padgett motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Baldosser seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Trina Mathewson
Council Chair

Prepared By


Cheyanne Souza
Executive Assistant