

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INDIAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 11, 2025**

MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Foster-Olstad called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Denise Padgette	Humboldt County Representative
Frederick Case	Siskiyou County Representative
Jace Baldosser	Humboldt County Representative
Jennifer Goodwin	Siskiyou County Representative
Lonyx Landry	Trinity County Representative
Phil Williams	Del Norte County Representative
Tracy Foster-Olstad	Trinity County Representative

Members Absent

Amanda O’Connell	Del Norte County Representative
Trina Mathewson	Humboldt County Representative

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. James Scott, CSD Field Representative, Mr. Greg Gehr retired Director at Large of NCIDC and Ms. LaWanda Green, former NCIDC Council Member were welcomed and recognized by the Council as guests.

NCIDC Staff in attendance were Ms. Madison Flynn Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Chris Byfield Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Thor Arwood Fiscal Manager, Ms. Cheyanne Souza Executive Assistant, Ms. Aubrey Richeson Planner/Data Analyst, Mr. Ryan Westbury Systems Administrator, Ms. Shannon Bresnahan HR Coordinator, Ms. Joyce Jones Eastern Regional Manager, Ms. Rosie Kerr Case Manager, Ms. Shylee Summers Fiscal Assistant, and Mr. Marc “Bubba” Riggins, the Youth Services Coordinator

IV. APPROVE AGENDA

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

V. APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Baldosser motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 14, 2025; Ms. Goodwin 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.

CSBG (Community Service Block Grant) – Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed and discussed the Expenditure/Activity Report for CSBG SA grant number 24F-3104 through February 28, 2025, with total expenditures of \$187,714.07 (copies in Council Dropbox). We have wrapped up the reimbursements for the 2024 Tribal CSBG contracts and we are finalizing the expenditures on the 2024 CSBG contract. There was further discussion.

Ms. Flynn and the Council also reviewed and discussed the Expenditure/Activity Report for CSBG Discretionary grant number 24F-3104 through February 28, 2025, with total expenditures of \$0.00. This funding will be used to assist with our insurance issues which have been resolved and should be reflected in the next expenditure report (copies in Council Dropbox). There was further discussion.

Ms. Flynn and the Council also reviewed and discussed the Expenditure/Activity Report for CSBG LPA grant number 25F-6103 through February 28, 2025, with total expenditures of \$6,238.37 (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 reviewed and discussed the Expenditure/Activity Report for CSBG SA grant number 25F-6104 through February 28, 2025, with total expenditures of \$0.00 (copies in Council Dropbox). As we finalize and expend the 2024 CSBG funding, we will begin to utilize the 2025 CSBG funding including Tribal MOAs, CSBG subcontracts and CSBG services. There was further discussion.

2022 QUEST NDWG – Ms. Flynn, Ms. Kerr and the Council reviewed and discussed the monthly report for QUEST NDWG for February 2025 (copies in Council Dropbox). Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed the WIOA Summary of Expenditures for Grant Code 1262 Sub grant Agreement AA311053, through February 28, 2025, with total expenditures of \$262,678.35 (copies in Council Dropbox). Once we enroll new participants, NCIDC staff will communicate with Tribes and community partners regarding moving forward with new work experience positions. (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 Rapid Response WIOA Summary of Expenditures for grant code 541 Sub grant agreement AA411069, through February 2025, with total expenditures of \$61,149.51 (copies in Council Dropbox). Mr. Joe Davis, our Rapid Response Coordinator, continues to represent NCIDC and the Rapid Response Program at the regional round tables. We also plan to have another workforce development event; we will have more information forthcoming. There was further discussion.

2024 Severe Winter Storms DR NDWG – Ms. Flynn, Ms. Jones and the Council reviewed and discussed the 2024 Severe Winter Storms DR NDWG Monthly report and the WIOA Summary of Expenditures for Grant Code 1296 Sub grant Agreement AA11046, February 2025 with total expenditures of \$0.00 (copies in Council Dropbox). Ms. Jones met with Berry Creek Rancheria in person in February to work with their staff to finalize the details for the EDD worksite request. They are getting the Tribal council’s approval to move forward with the project and then they will submit the worksite request (copies in Council Dropbox). There was further discussion.

Letter Opposing HR 6655 Stronger Workforce for America Act – Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed and discussed the Letter Opposing HR 6655 Stronger Workforce for America Act. Ms. Flynn signed the letter along with seventy-three other Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) (2014) Section 166 grantees and key Native organization stakeholders. The purpose of the letter is to formally express their unified opposition to the A Stronger Workforce for America Act (HR 6655), which the U.S. House of Representatives proposed last month to reauthorize WIOA. Specifically, they strenuously object to the troubling changes HR 6655 makes to WIOA Section 166, which governs the Indian and Native American Program under WIOA. These changes threaten to make Section 166 grantees’ administration of the WIOA program increasingly burdensome, complicated, costly, and inefficient; which would result in an overall reduction in the number of WIOA Section 166 grantees; the number of Native people being served; and the quality, flexibility, and cultural relevance of the services they receive (copies in Council Dropbox). There was some discussion.

OFFSHORE WIND – Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed and discussed the letter of intent to establish an offshore wind tribal capacity fund. It is a non-binding expression. There is not any fiscal or funding obligation. We will go into a partnership with them to be a fiscal agent for the Tribal capacity funding. Ms. Flynn said that the acceptance of the funding in no way supports the project, that in fact Tribes may accept the funding and be in open opposition of the offshore wind project. The funding is to ensure that Tribes can attend the meetings and discussions regarding the offshore wind project (copies in Council Dropbox). There was some discussion.

American Indian College Motivation Day – Mr. Bubba Riggins, the Youth Services Coordinator, shared information about the College of The Redwoods American Indian College Motivation Day held on March 28th with the keynote speaker Billy Mills. Mr. Mills is an American Oglala Lakota former track and field athlete who won a gold medal in the 10,000-meter run at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. To this day, Mr. Mills is

the only American to win a gold medal in the 10,000-meter run. Mr. Riggins also shared a video clip of the news channel 3 coverage of the event with the Council. The news clip featured an interview of Ms. Flynn. The event was a huge success (*copies in Council Dropbox*). There was further discussion.

LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) – Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed and discussed the LIHEAP FY 2025 Tribal allocation spreadsheet, which covers the Tribal allocations, current expenditures, and their remaining funding balances (*copies in Council Dropbox*). There was some discussion.

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.

Mr. Landry motioned to approve the Executive Management’s report for April 11, 2025; Ms. Padgette seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

B. Fiscal Report

Mr. Arwood and the Council reviewed and discussed the February 2025 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.

Mr. Baldosser motioned to approve the February 2025 Financial Report; Ms. Padgette seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

2025 Agency Budget – Mr. Byfield and the Council reviewed and discussed the 2025 Agency Budget (*copies in Council Dropbox*). There was further discussion.

Mr. Landry motioned to adopt the 2025 Agency budget; Mr. Baldosser seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

IX. REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

Request No. 1 – The Council reviewed a request from Heather Burger representing the Yurok Tribe Head Start in the amount of \$2,000 to assist with consumable supplies for the Yurok Tribe Head Start Graduation Ceremony (copies in Council Dropbox). There was further discussion.

Ms. Padgette motioned to approve \$500 to assist with consumable supplies for the Yurok Tribe Head Start Graduation Ceremony; Mr. Baldosser seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT / INFORMATION / THANK YOU

THANK YOU – Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed and discussed a thank you letter from a client, thanking NCIDC staff for their emergency assistance (*copies in Council Dropbox*).

UIHS Starts and Seeds Giveaway – Ms. Padgette shared the United Indian Health Service, Inc. (UIHS) Starts and Seeds Giveaway flyer for 2025, taking place at the various UIHS sites starting Tuesday April 22, 2025, through Wednesday May 7, 2025, for more information please call (707) 499-0161 (*copies in Council Dropbox*).

42nd Annual Traditional Indian Health Gathering – Ms. Padgette also shared the flyer and registration packet for the 42nd Annual Traditional Indian Health Gathering taking place at the UIHS Potawot Health Village May 2- 4, 2025. For more information, please contact Luana Hill (916) 9229-9761 Ext. 1502 (*copies in Council Dropbox*).

Easter Egg Decorating – Ms. Flynn and the Council reviewed a flyer for the Da'luk Program Easter Egg Decorating event on April 17th from 5:00 to 7:30 in the NCIDC 3rd floor theater, for more information please contact Karen at (707) 445-8451 (*copies in Council Dropbox*).

PILATES by Angelique Velazquez owner of Vida Sana Pilates – Ms. Flynn and the Council also reviewed a flyer for the Da'luk Program Pilates event on April 19th and 26th from 10 to 11 am in the NCIDC 3rd floor theater (*copies in Council Dropbox*).

Akraah “Eel” Processing Event – Ms. Flynn and the Council also reviewed a flyer for the Akraah “Eel” Processing Event on April 18th & 19th at Katimin (Somes Bar, CA) Sponsored by the Karuk Tribe and NCIDC. For more information, please contact Brionna Gonzales at (530) 643-2268 (*copies in Council Dropbox*).

Food Sovereignty Celebration – Ms. Flynn and the Council also reviewed a flyer for the Food Sovereignty Celebration with special guest Chef Pyet Despain held at the Sumeg Village on Sunday April 27th, 2025, from 11am - 3pm. For more information, please contact Bubba Riggins at (707) 445-8451(*copies in Council Dropbox*).

XI. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 9th, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Padgette motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Baldosser seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Foster-Olstad

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Vice-Chairperson

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