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GENERAL SESSION
March 9, 2016
5:30 pm.
Conference Room

Tribal Chairman
 Laurie A. Thom

Vice-Chairman
 Albert Roberts

Member
 Linda L. Howard

Member
 Elwood L. Emm

Member
 Nate Landa

Member
 Delmar Stevens

Member
 Cassie Roberts

Deputy Administrator
 Deborah Dunn

Secretary of Record
 Shelley Cunningham

Chairman Thom called this meeting to order at 5:36pm.

Roll Call:

Laurie Thom	P
Albert Roberts	P
Cassie Roberts	P
Nate Landa	P
Delmar Stevens	P
Linda L. Howard	P
Elwood Emm	P

Staff Present: Shelley Cunningham, Secretary of Record, Deborah Dunn, Deputy Administrator of Program Operations, Holly Ditzler, Maternal Health, Jennifer Marriott, DA of Fiscal Operations

Enrollment: Marlin Thompson, Chairman, Lili Hatch, Enrollment Clerk, Vonnie Snooks, Reyna Sanchez, Mary Stevens

Council had their first drug screen.

Councilman Howard asked if Tribal Attorney could look at the Ordinance for Tribally determination wage rates; it looks like the Ordinance is coming in from Housing. The language and intention is her concern. Can this specifically deal with Housing? Council discussed.

Minutes: Enterprise Session February 24, 2016

Elwood Emm motioned to approve Enterprise Session, February 24, 2016 with corrections, seconded by Cassie Roberts. Motion carried 6-0.

Reports

There were no questions except some of the reports were received late. Council would like them in to the Secretary in a timely manner.

Enrollment

Delmar Stevens motioned to open for discussion, seconded by Nate Landa.

There is one applicant and two relinquishments. Council discussed.

Linda Howard amends the main motion to adopt RY16-16 for one applicant who

is Maxwell Phillips, seconded by Elwood Emm. Motion carried 6-0.

Linda Howard amends the main motion to adopt RY16-17 for 2 relinquishments of Rhonda Burns and Lisa Kay Tom, seconded Elwood Emm. Motion carried 6-0.

Enrollment Clerk stated there is a letter she gave to Council regarding not just lowering the blood quantum from 1/8 to 1/16 but to lower it to lineal descent. She read the letter that was submitted. Councilman Stevens stated he believes that this is something that can be considered. Chairman Thom stated when DA of Program Operations and she went to the Transportation meeting last week that she found out the funding was also based on NAHASDA. Enrollment Committee Chairman stated the committee is looking at this because many members are relinquishing their membership at YPT and enrolling there kids at other Tribes with lower blood quantum requirements. Councilman Landa stated only one of his 6 kids is enrolled with the Tribe. His kids are very proud where they live; they would be more proud if they were tribal members.

Enrollment Clerk stated she also included information that if the children aren't tribal members they can't inherit the house if something happens to their parents. Council said thank you to the committee. There needs to be public meetings and then there needs to be a secretarial election. Councilman Howard stated there is a lot of work that needs to be done by Council before BIA is served notice. She explained years earlier when a blood quantum was considered the Enrollment Committee supported adding a blood quantum because the Committee would be recommending future members without Paiute blood to the Council. She identified Pauline Johnson and Josephine Rogers as members who supported the 1/8th blood and it be Yerington Paiute; it was supported by the Elder Committee. She further stated there wouldn't be any opposition if a quantum was eliminated. Councilman Howard explained in the future if the secretarial election passes this then there will be 0% blooded Paiute tribal members. The Elder Committee was involved in this process too. Council continued to discuss. Chairman Thom stated she could review the Constitution and then bring a time line back to Council.

The BIA conducts the Secretarial Election. BIA mails out information to all enrolled YPT members. Chairman Thom explained Roads division stated how the Tribe can receive more money from BIA. Council continued to discuss. Direct Care is limited to members that live on the reservation and Colony. Councilman Howard stated this needs to be looked at again; there should be a blood quantum put in.

Consensus of Council is for Chairman Thom to look into the process and bring back to Council.

Verna Conway request

Albert Roberts motioned to open for discussion, seconded by Elwood Emm.

Chairman Thom stated Verna brought in a letter regarding where they meet for

Handgame practices. Chairman Thom explained this is voluntary; no one gets paid. Verna wants to know if the community center can be opened up for them from 5:30-8:30pm at no charge. Councilman Howard asked if one of the programs can support the fees for the community center. Once a waiver is received then everyone comes in for a waiver. Housing has a youth activity program. This is a \$300 fee for 6 months. Council would like Chairman Thom to speak to Verna regarding going to Housing for the fees. Council continued to discuss.

NO Action.

Maternal and Child Health

Cassie Roberts motioned to open for discussion, seconded by Delmar Stevens.

Maternal Health explained this grant ends Oct. 1st. This grant was a 5 year grant. Maternal Health explained she is trying to get an expansion grant for another 5 years. Councilman Howard stated she thinks Maternal Health has done a very good job and she supports another 5 years. This is a great asset for the Tribe. Maternal Health explained since Education Director is part of Maternal Health that her program could buy a new lap top and printer for the Education Director. The resolution was projected and looked at on the wall. Council discussed.

Albert Roberts amends the main motion to adopt RY16-18 MIECHV, seconded by Cassie Roberts. Motion carried 6-0.

Maternal Health explained the cars that were purchased in previous years. Maternal Health explained what the program needs for vehicles. There was one vehicle that was purchased from carryover. Now there is a \$61,000 carryover. Maternal Health explained she is looking at Wild West Chevy at a \$30,000 and a \$37,000 vehicle. They are looking at a Chevrolet Traverse, Toyota 4 runner and Toyota Sequoia. Councilman Howard asked if a Drone could be bought. There are a lot of regulations to purchase a drone. Maternal Health explained everything has to be under \$5000 to purchase. If it is over \$5000 then it goes under equipment line item. Maternal Health explained she is meeting with Tenley Thayer, Federal Project officer. Council continued to discuss items that could be bought under the program. DA of Program Operations stated another thing with buying a vehicle with 7 seats is that education can use to transport kids. Maternal Health stated the car is in bad shape; there is some cosmetic damage. She is going to ask Clinic Director if she would like to purchase the car out of 3rd Party.

Consensus of Council is for Maternal Health to go forward with request to use carryover for the purchase of the vehicle and see what Project Officer says. If request is denied bring other options to use carryover back to the Council.

RTOC Travel Request

Cassie Roberts motioned to open for discussion, seconded by Delmar Stevens.

Chairman Thom explained a meeting with Dietrick McGinnis and the Environmental

Director about RTOC. Environmental Director would like Chairman Thom to attend training with her on April 12th. Councilman Howard wanted to know why DA of Program Operations would not be going on this training since she is over the programs. The dates are April 12th-April 14th. Chairman Thom stated she was asked because she is the Chairman and this is a leadership meeting. Vice-Chairman Albert Roberts would like to see the agenda first. Councilman Emm stated there used to be very strong leadership with RTOC with the Region 9 office. DA of Program Operations stated she does not let Environmental Director go to all of the RTOC trainings. DA of Program Operations stated she does not want to go to the meeting.

No Action until the agenda could be brought back

638 Contract Budgets

Councilmember Howard asked DA of Program Operations if we received notice of federal funding. She said no that Chairman Thom said four Council members were asking about the budgets. Councilmember Howard asked who the four councilmembers were. Councilmember Cassie Roberts stated she hears about Clinic funding being moved here and there but doesn't understand when the money is taken out of budgets how are the new Councilmembers to know what the budgets are so she asked Chairman Thom about budgets. Councilmember Howard explained we consider 638 budgets twice; once when proposed budgets are reviewed, with proposed carryover and anticipated previous year funding, and approved in August or September and we consider a final approval of the proposed approved budgets when we are provided federal funding and we have a carryover. Councilmember Howard further explained the Tribal Council controls what funds are considered and approved from our Enterprises. The prior council established enterprise budgets for the first time. These budgets are different from the 638 contracts. Councilman Emm explained Council is responsible for the funds and how is everything generated.

Councilmember Howard stated if this is the question we could review all the approved proposed budgets. Once the Council approved the budgets it is DA of Program Operations and DA of Fiscal Operations who then are responsible. We do not review expenses unless there is question. The final budgets cannot be looked at until carryover and notice of federal funding is received. Councilman Howard explained 638 contracts are the ones that Council looks at. Once grants are approved, we do not look at grants because they are administered between the program staff and the federal agency then the budgets won't be looked at again unless there is a change in money received. The only reason Maternal Health was looked at tonight is because of the carryover. Council continued to discuss budgets. There needs to be a separate budget meeting. Copies of budgets are put on the wall; no one gets their own copies of budgets. Council agreed that copies can go into their drop box and to set a meeting.

DA of Program Operations explained the clinic budget will have to be brought in because the diabetes budget received \$110,000 more in funding. Council and DA of Program Operations discussed the clinic budgets. The budgets can't be brought back at the Enterprise meetings. Councilman Howard explained when the corporation, was established years ago when the Arrowhead Ranch was purchased the then Council

need to decide if a separate board was to be established outside the Council or was the Council going to be the enterprise body. The then Tribal Council decided the Council would be that body. The Enterprise meeting is only for Enterprise business. None of the enterprise is to go on the General council meeting agenda. Special council meetings are called at times for other issues.

Tribal Attorney Bill

Cassie Roberts motioned to open for discussion, seconded by Albert Roberts.

Councilman Stevens stated Tribal Attorney has to start working on the Medical Marijuana Ordinance. Council discussed the projects that he is working on. Council discussed the bill.

Linda Howard amends the main motion to support \$6182.86 (\$130 out of diabetes, \$497.86 out of Smoke Shop attorney line, \$5655 out of 3rd Party) , seconded by Elwood Emm. Motion carried 6-0.

RES 2016 Travel Request

Cassie Roberts motioned to open for discussion, seconded by Elwood Emm.

Chairman Thom explained the training she found in Las Vegas. Chairman Thom read off the agenda. DA of Program Operations stated one of the opportunities is to meet with Las Vegas Paiute Tribe regarding medical marijuana. There are many different breakout sessions. Councilman Howard thought the Gaming was done except a last few things that are being worked on. DA of Program Operations and she would be attending this training. Councilman Stevens stated he remembers the medical marijuana training; the questions that were brought up regarding gaming and medical marijuana. Councilman Landa stated there needs to be more education.

Councilman Howard stated this is all enterprise money. She explained there are expenses that are taken out of the Ranch. There is still hay in the stacks and Smoke Shop revenues are down. Las Vegas Paiute Tribe is working with investors from New Mexico. Councilman Emm stated he likes the idea of learning as much as possible to move forward. Council continued to discuss the training. DA of Program Operations stated not to say anything bad about the Tribal Attorney but there are attorneys that only work on medical marijuana operations. Council stated for DA of Program Operations to look into it.

Council needs to say where they want to pay Rainmaking from for the feasibility study. Larry has maximum of 75 days to get the feasibility study completed but he wants to get done in 60 days. He would receive \$7500 up front and the balance of \$2500 when Larry comes in front of Council with the final results. DA of Program Operations stated Las Vegas Paiute Tribe might have a state license and if they do, they do not need an Ordinance. The Tribe can't get a license because Lyon County stated they do not want any dispensaries in Lyon County. Chairman Thom stated Marla wrote all the regulations in the State of Nevada. Council stated to find out all of the information that they can.

**Linda Howard amends the main motion to support the \$7500 for Rainmaking feasibility storage out of Mini Storage Units, seconded by Albert Roberts.
Motion carried 6-0.**

Council denied the travel request for RES 2016.

HEMP discussion

Linda Howard motioned to open for discussion, seconded by Albert Roberts.

DA of Program Operations stated she spoke to Tribal Attorney about the gentleman that works with HEMP Coalition. DA of Program Operations explained they will sell the HEMP seeds from \$4.50 a pound. It takes approximately 20 pounds per acre. DA of Program Operations explained with HEMP you will yield about \$1200 an acre. She met with Esteban Pena, Ranch; he said he was reseeded the back acreage. HEMP needs to be watered 1-4 times a week. She emailed Tribal Attorney to let him know that Council might not be interested because of the water situation. Councilman Stevens explained the male and female plant. Council discussed.

No Action.

Cell Phone

Linda Howard motioned to open for discussion, seconded by Delmar Stevens.

DA of Program Operations stated Vice-Chairman Albert Roberts was approved to have a flip phone since he was out of work and on Council. DA of Program Operations explained he is working now; does Council still want to pay the bill. DA of Program Operations prefers that he gets his own phone. It cost the Tribe over \$800 last year. Vice-Chairman Albert Roberts is going to get his own phone by April 1st. Council discussed.

No Action.

With no further business, this meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.


Shelley Cunningham, Secretary of Record