

# Skagway Traditional Council

Date: 10.6.2021

## Meeting Minutes

Location Tribal Hall

Meeting Called at: 11:02am  
Meeting Adjourned: 12:33pm

Type of Meeting: Regular  
Note Taker: Sara Kinjo-Hischer

### Attendance

	Name	Position	Via	IN	OUT
1	Jaime Bricker	President	In Person	X	
2	Andrew Beierly	Vice President	In Person	X	
3	Savannah Ames	Treasurer			X
4	Marla Belisle	Secretary	In Person	X	
5	Judean Gordon	Member at large	In Person	X	
6	Sara Kinjo-Hischer	TA	In Person	X	

### Approval of Agenda

Motion	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Abs	Absent
A.Beierly	J.Gordon	4	0	0	0

### Approval of Minutes

Meeting Date	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abs	Absent
9.2.2021	J. Gordon	M.Belisle	4	0	0	1

### Reports

No reports were available for this meeting

### Correspondence

- 1 THRHA ERAP update: TA mentioned to the council that the reported utilization for emergency rent assistance that was allocated to THRHA has seen more utilization in fund than what would have been allocated to STC, if STC applied and pursued its own programing.

### Agenda Items

1 Agenda Item: Retirement Program **TABLED**

2 Agenda Item: Skagway Garden City RV Park

**Presenter:** Tribal Administrator S. Kinjo-Hischer

**Description/ Discussion:**

MOS requested more detailed information regarding STC's request for archeological study as well as land donation. Drafted letter to the Municipality was discussed and TA explained the 5 main points listed in the drafted letter: Request for agreement, request to be involved from start to finish, request for data sharing, request to identify land after study, contribution of STC funds towards the study.

**Conclusion:** In the end, Council members agreed with the correction to take away specific dollar amounts in contribution but to use the word Funds instead.

Action Items	Person responsible	Date to complete by
✓ Correct draft and send to MOS	TA	10.7.2021

Motion	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Abs	Absent
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M.Belisle	A.Beierly	4	0	0	1
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**3 Agenda Item: Discussion of Employee Retention**

<b>Presenter:</b> J.Bricker
<b>Description/ Discussion:</b> <p>J.Bricker mentioned to the council that she has asked the TA to give her information on current staffs pay and benefits. J.Bricker discussed the importance to relook at the pay scale to be able to hire and retain employees. TA mentioned that the current pay scale is not competitive with other entities of similar positions, and she believes that we are really lucky to have such high quality workers. She worries if pay scale and other benefits are not adjusted, workers may leave for better pay/benefits.</p>
<b>Conclusion:</b> <p>Council will continue the discussion after TA talks with CPA regarding budgets</p>

**4 Agenda Item: Chris Segal Request for Land Sale or rental**

<b>Presenter:</b> Tribal Administrator S. Kinjo-Hischer
<b>Description/ Discussion:</b> <p>TA mentioned to the tribal council that C.Segal has requested interest in sale or rental or the 3rd avenue property. TA reminded council members that the 3rd avenue property is funded by NAHASDA with its restrictions in place. M.Belisle stated that the property is located in prime location, and the council should not sale the property. Other council members agreed. All council members were open to the idea of renting the space on an annual basis. J.Bricker requested TA look for previous offers and start the communication with Segal.</p>
<b>Conclusion:</b> <p>TA will find previous rental offers and start the communication with Segal.</p>

**5 Agenda Item: IHP Approval (Certification)**

<b>Presenter:</b> Tribal Administrator S. Kinjo-Hischer
<b>Discription/ Discussion:</b> <p>TA discussed that the NAHASDA ICDBG Funds are approved annually and the IHP plan seems to align with all previous IHPs. Certification is a housekeeping item in order for STC nahasda allocation to be allocated to THRHA. Nahasda funds can not be allocated to STC due to Riders Act.</p>
<b>Conclusion:</b> <p>Council members unanimously agreed</p>

Motion	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Abs	Absent
J.Gordon	M.Belisle	4	0	0	1

**6 Agenda Item: Barb Broaderson Collection**

<b>Presenter:</b> Tribal Administrator S. Kinjo-Hischer		
<b>Discription/ Discussion:</b> <p>TA mentioned that local resident B.Broaderson approached her to see if the council would be interested in any of her Indigenous art collections. Pictures of available art was shown to the council. J.Bricker mentioned that any indigenous art would be of interest to the council however they would need to see proof of artist in documentations. Council members also agreed and requested TA to ask for Papers as well as suggested price for the items.</p>		
<b>Conclusion:</b>		
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Date to complete by</b>
✓ TA will contact B.Broaderson for papers and suggested price	TA	n/a

**7 Agenda Item: Housing Recommendation from A.Beierly**

<b>Presenter:</b> Andrew Beierly		
<b>Description/ Discussion:</b> A.Beierly discussed issues that should be addressed or would be ideal for the new property including: side walk, hand rails on the boardwalk, fence, door for the garage, fix rain gutters		
<b>Conclusion:</b> Council members requested a quote for the listed items		
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Date to complete by</b>
√ TA will create a request for quote for the improvements	TA	n/a

**8 Agenda Item: Flag approval**

<b>Presenter:</b> S. Kinjo-Hischer		
<b>Description/ Discussion:</b> TA mentioned to the council that the tribe can submit flags to the USDA hall in Washington DC for display. TA requested approval for a simple flag with the insignia in the middle for submission.		
<b>Conclusion:</b> Council members we in agreement for submittal of the flag.		
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Date to complete by</b>
√ Draft Letter	J. Bricker	N/A
√ Send Letter	S. Kinjo-Hischer	N/A

Motion	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Abs	Absent

**9 Agenda Item: ARP Budget**

<b>Presenter:</b> S. Kinjo-Hischer		
<b>Description/ Discussion:</b> TA Showed council members the format that will be used for submission of ARP funds. TA further suggested that the council think of programs that would fit within those categories and suggested to hold off on large contributions until 2024 due to potential economic down turn in the next couple of years.		
<b>Conclusion:</b> Council members agreed to keep in mind and think of programs		

**10 Agenda Item: Bracken V. Haaland**

<b>Presenter:</b> S. Kinjo-Hischer		
<b>Description/ Discussion:</b> TA mentioned to the council that they can be added to the Amicus Brief at no cost to protect ICWA. J.Bricker discussed some of the history behind the case. TA explained that joining the amicus brief would be to show support in unity with other tribes to preserve ICWA.		
<b>Conclusion:</b> Council members agreed to join the amicus brief		
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Date to complete by</b>
√ Send letter to NARF	S. Kinjo-Hischer	10/6/2021

Motion	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Abs	Absent
A.Beierly	J.Gordon	4	0	0	1

**11 Agenda Item: Farm Update**

<b>Presenter:</b> S. Kinjo-Hischer		
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**Description/ Discussion:**

TA updated the council on the progress of the loan. TA mentioned that it seems that we will be approved with First national bank of Alaska for 75% of the sale price and can expect to pay 25% as down payment.

**12 Agenda Item: Capital Projects**

**Presenter:** S. Kinjo-Hischer

**Description/ Discussion:**

TA updated the council that she intends to apply for the capital projects ARP funds, in order to secure funding for staffing of the new farm

**Conclusion:**

Council members agreed that it would be a good idea

Action Items	Person responsible	Date to complete by
✓ Draft Letter	J. Bricker	N/A
✓ Send Letter	S. Kinjo-Hischer	N/A

Motion	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Abs	Absent

**Announcement**

TA announced that she has hired Kathryn Klug as the new TAA and will start the new hire paperworks this week.

**Executive Session**

Council members discussed response to inquiry from the Attorney General's office with regards to early probation release of D.Commander

**Presidents Reports & requests**

1. Requested update regarding AB Property. TA said she will request in writing an update from Central Council
2. Correspondence from John Tronrud regarding revitalizing the hatchery for visitors and fishermen. TA discussed the reason why the hatchery did not move forward. TA mentioned that the committee was admint in keeping the goal of the hatchey for sport fishing and that there were no funding that was identified for sport/economic purpose hatchery. TA mentioned that might be different today with more economic recovery funds.
3. J.Bricker mentioend that the MOS mayor had contacted her with an idea to have totem poles along broadway as a way to extend peoples movement beyond 5th avenue. Jbricker mentioend that the totem pole was an idea and that something identifying and showing respect to the indigenous groups was the main goal. TA mentioend that she had learned that totem poles are only in areas of clan houses and that is why you don't see a totem pole in Skagway. A.Beierly agreed. TA mentioend that some type of healing totem would be an exception. J.Bricker mentioend a totem at the St.Pius school site would be something to think about. A.Beirely mentioned that there used to be a statue at the Mission site and that he believes it is siltl stored at the municipality storage. J.Bricker Mentioned that she thought parts of the statue was given away slowly and likely only partial statue remains.
4. J.Bricker mentioned that TA and her met with Wendy and Silvia from Royal Caribbean Cruise Line and discussed the their sustainability projects and goals and the tribal councils interests in the environment as well as cultural history.
5. J.Bricker asked for support from the council for the TA to seek and pay for any documentations that are found with regards to St. Pius Mission School. Council members agreed and mentioend that it would be importnatn to obtain as much documents to be able to learn more about the history of St.Pius Mission.

**Clinic Rep: Marla Belisle Report**

1. M.Belisle reported that the clinic has hired a new MA, RN, and a new practitioner who has arrived and has started to work. Council members were delighted to learn about the new hires.

**Adjournment**

Motion	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Abs	Absent
A.Beierly	M.Belisle	4	0	0	1