

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INDIAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**DECEMBER 12, 2015**

***MINUTES***

**I.** Chairperson Denise Padgette called the meeting to order at 10:05 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
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	Wilverna Reece, Delegate Renee Stauffer, 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**

Skyler McNeal and Arthur Lange were recognized.

**IV. APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**V. APPROVE MINUTES**

Ms. Holliday motioned to approve the minutes from December 13, 2014 Annual Membership Meeting; Ms. Rollings seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

**VI. COUNTY CAUCUS**

Mr. Coltra reminded the membership that they should elect two delegates from each of the four counties: Trinity, Siskiyou, Del Norte and Humboldt. 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 10:22 a.m. to 10:43 a.m. to elect their respective council delegates.

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

**DEL NORTE COUNTY** –*Ms. Denise Padgett* and *Ms. LaWanda Quinnell* were elected as the Del Norte County Delegates.

**SISKIYOU COUNTY** - *Ms. Nadine McNeal* and *Ms. Wilverna Reece* 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**

Ms. Rollings nominated Ms. Trina Mathewson; Ms. Quinnell nominated Mr. Jack Mattz; Ms. Holliday motioned that nominations be closed; Ms. Rollings seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

*Mr. Jack Mattz* was elected by written ballot as the “At Large” Delegate.

**VIII. MEMBERSHIP REQUEST**

The Council reviewed a request for membership from Wintu Educational and Cultural Council of Northern California, Inc. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Magdaleno motioned to approve the request for membership from Wintu Educational and Cultural Council of Northern California, Inc.; Ms. Rollings seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

## **IX. SEATING OF NEW COUNCIL**

The 2015 Council was seated and the Council Members introduced themselves to the Membership. Mr. Coltra welcomed returning members LaWanda Quinnell and Wilverna Reece, as well as, thanked the new Council for their participation and support of NCIDC.

## **X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Coltra provided the Council and Membership with an overview of 2015 agency activities and projected 2016 activities:

Our Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program has transitioned, Mr. Coltra said, to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The WIOA emphasizes training, as compared to the retired WIA program. WIOA continues to provide employment supports to youth and adult job seekers. Funding under WIOA youth services has declined, however, some Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding is being utilized to supplement the shortfall; we were able to serve 34 youth under this program last year.

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. This year, we provided employment services to 88 individuals in San Diego due to casino layoffs.

We have applied for a National Emergency Grant (NEG) to mitigate damages caused by last summer's wildfires in Lake and Calaveras Counties. These funds allow us to hire native peoples to perform restoration work on tribal and government lands. Discussion ensued.

Our work continues in tobacco prevention education, as part of a statewide advisory committee, we are working with USC on their research on tobacco use. Current attention is focused on electronic cigarettes and their effects on public health, particularly children. Native Americans smoke commercial tobacco more, per capita, than any other ethnicity.

We have secured a discretionary grant through California Department of Community Services and Development, Mr. Coltra said, which provides funding to assist our local families with parenting and financial literacy.

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 2015.

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. There's been a decrease in LIHEAP funding by approximately 40% and this has negatively impacted our ability to serve low-income people throughout 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. Our TUPE program is certified through the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), however funding has decreased by approximately 20%.

Our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Intertribal Gathering and Elders Dinner at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds was a success, where more than 1,400 people from all walks of life were fed a traditional dinner of turkey and salmon with all the trimmings, all within two and a half hours. 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.

We continue to facilitate the restoration work of our Carson Block Building. The missing turret has been reconstructed and the façade restoration is nearing completion. We plan to have occupancy by January 15, 2016 and our offices should return by March 1, 2016.

Mr. Coltra said, this year, we will be distributing approximately 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*). Mr. Gehr updated the Council on his delivery schedule. There was some discussion.

Mr. Coltra presented the Membership with a cake, inscribed “Congratulations NCIDC, 39 Years of Continuing Service” and thanked the membership for participating in the NCIDC 2015 Annual Elections.

He commended the NCIDC Council and staff for their commitment to making 2015 another productive year of operation. Mr. Coltra stated that he is looking forward to 2016 and the new opportunities it presents to enhance the services the NCIDC provides to Native American Indian people.

*There was no public comment.*

Ms. Holliday motioned to approve the Executive Director’s Report; Mr. Mattz seconded; **MOTION** carried by unanimous vote.

## **XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*There was no public comment.*

**XII. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

The next Annual Membership Meeting was scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Rollings motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Reece seconded; *MOTION* carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nadine McNeal  
Council Secretary

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