



## Regular Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 1st, 2024, at 1pm

'Láa Náay and Zoom

Meeting ID 759 276 6583 & Passcode 685506

### 1) Call to Order:

President Jones called the meeting to order at 1:02pm

### 2) Roll Call:

Mike Jones, Tribal President, present  
Randi Braz, Vice President, present  
Della Coburn, present  
Dorothy Smith, present via Zoom  
Glenn "Stormy" Hamar, present  
George Nix, excused-late  
Elizabeth Taylor, present

### Staff:

Kris Kain  
Beverly Bennett  
Jacob Cottrell  
Erin Blair  
Ben Blair  
Abby Twyman - Zoom

### Audience:

### 3) Deletions/Additions to Agenda:

Elizabeth Taylor added to Unfinished Business, Tribal Administrator Performance Review; Glenn "Stormy" Hamar added to New Business, possible land purchase; President Jones added to New Business, Salmon Petition, July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, Tongass off list for protection-discussion to oppose

### 4) Accept Amended Agenda:

Action: Accept Amended Agenda as presented

Motion: Glenn "Stormy" Hamar

Second Motion: Elizabeth Taylor

Motion: Passed

Roll Call Vote:

Randi Braz, yes  
Elizabeth Taylor, yes  
Della Coburn, yes  
Glenn "Stormy" Hamar, yes  
Dorothy Smith, yes  
George Nix, excused

### 5) Adoption of the of Previous Minutes:

a) Action: Approve Special Tribal Council Meeting Minutes from 6/13/24

Motion: Glenn "Stormy" Hamar

Second Motion: Dorothy Smith

Motion: Passed

Roll Call Vote:

Randi Braz, yes  
Elizabeth Taylor, yes  
Della Coburn, yes  
Glenn "Stormy" Hamar, yes  
Dorothy Smith, yes  
George Nix, excused

6) Staff Reports: (In Packet)

7) Unfinished Business

a. Consent Calendar

A: Phone Poll Vote Resolutions

- 1) Action: Ratify Resolution 24-07-001 Support Auntie-Uncles House Funding Application already adopted by Telephone Poll Vote

B: Motion translated into Resolution (Motion passed June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

- 1) Action: Ratify Resolution 24-07-004 to Adopt updated OVK Committee Composition

Action: Motion to Ratify Above Resolutions

Roll Call Vote:

Motion: Della Coburn  
Second Motion: Randi Braz

Randi Braz, yes  
Della Coburn, yes  
Elizabeth Taylor, yes  
Glenn "Stormy" Hamar, yes  
Dorothy Smith, yes  
George Nix, excused

Resolutions: Passed

- b. Tribal Administrator Performance Review discussion -Elizabeth Taylor requests that it be annually. Notes have been compiled for Executive Session.

8) Persons to be heard:

Abby Twyman, POW Health Network, Harm Reduction Kits discussion on Harm Reduction Kits as well as strategic planning meeting coming up. Discusses the positive turnout of the sober bonfire Community event in Kasaan with over 30 people stopping by. Project Hope, Project Gabe, and Service through ANTHC helping provide harm reduction kit. Alternative to historical abstinent basis of substance use and sex. With the harm reduction kits are providing tools to individuals in active substance use. Providing materials that are safe and others know where they are getting their tools. Clean needles as well as disposal kits. Red Boxes with Naloxone inside to be put out as well as Fentanyl testing strips to make sure fentanyl isn't present in their drugs. Also, sexual health harm reduction kits with prophylactic- STD, HIV tests. Della brings up nail polish that can be used to see if you have anything in your drink. Randi is in favor of getting the harm reduction kits and placing them at the café, food pantry and clinic. Beth asks about how the sharps are accessible to individuals but not children. They are usually kept at an office to be picked up by individuals. Abby mentions also having sharp disposable containers. Della it would help if someone saw dirty needles around, they keep an eye out etc. Randi says needle disposal could be put in the bathrooms. Della says Washeteria is open 24/7 Abby has extended invitations to diff partner organizations. Strategic Planning 8:45-1:15 will be Generations Southeast (zoom also available) POW Health Network. Opioid Response Programs Strengthen their Coalition and bring resources together. Prevention, harm reduction, local treatments, reducing barriers, establishing recovery community for those coming back to the island. Action Oriented. Saw Auntie and Uncle House on Agenda. Is also looking at putting together a Center location for those gathering in recovery. Abby would like if 1 or more of us could join on this meeting.

9) **New Business/Resolutions:**

- 1) Action: Motion to Adopt Resolution 24-07-003 To Adopt Maintenance Assistant Job Description & Budget – TABLED

Beverly Bennett says no budget is in there yet and discrepancy on what HR had put in there. Working with HR to fix the pay and it will most likely be at least \$20 an hour.

- 2) Action: Motion to Adopt Amended Resolution 24-07-005 To Update Wells Fargo Signers (added Randi Braz to list)

Roll Call Vote:

Motion: Glenn “Stormy” Hamar  
Second Motion: Elizabeth Taylor

Randi Braz, abstain  
Della Coburn, yes  
Elizabeth Taylor, yes  
Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes  
Dorothy Smith, yes  
George Nix, excused

Resolution: Passed

- 3) Action: Motion to Adopt Resolution 24-07-006 To Adopt a Budget for Employee Retention, Training and Support Services

Roll Call Vote:

Motion: Randi Braz  
Second Motion: Dorothy Smith

Randi Braz, yes  
Della Coburn, yes  
Elizabeth Taylor, yes  
Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes  
Dorothy Smith, yes  
George Nix, excused

Resolution: Passed

- 4) Possible Land Purchase by Glenn “Stormy” Hamar

Mental Health has 15 lots for sale directly across from Kasaan village. Almost all are water lots. 1.2 million total for all the lots is a rough estimate. 30-90 thousand per lot. Can see lodges buying up the properties. Concerned about it. If OVK thinks they could buy those properties or enter into discussions with the current title holders, they might sell them to us at a reasonable cost. Della says that she and Marina protested this several years ago and nobody cared about it. We could put up tent platforms. President Jones will get the contact information on that and see where they stand with working with the tribe and get any questions answered. Stormy says if we can’t do anything about it like buying it then we should be objecting to it. Would prefer to see OVK own this property. If forced into it, we could object. Randi says to reach out to our attorney about Mental Health selling those lots without OVK permission when that property is a part of our land jurisdiction.

- 5) President Jones says need to sign Salmon Petition to oppose salmon being put on the endangered species list. We need to stand together with other tribes. Beverly sent the link to Tribal Council.

Action: Motion to sign the petition opposing salmon protection.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion: Glenn “Stormy” Hamar  
Second Motion: Della Coburn

Randi Braz, yes  
Della Coburn, yes  
Elizabeth Taylor, yes  
Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes

Motion: Passed

Dorothy Smith, yes  
George Nix, excused

President Jones says the US Department of Agriculture has chosen to not continue to keep the Tongass Nat'l Forest on permanent protection. So, I'd like to have a resolution opposing that. There's going to be a field meeting on July 10 discussing this and it's going to be in Juneau. But we would like to have a resolution opposing this and I did ask President Joel Jackson. He contacted me on this, and he has sent us an example of the resolution that Kake recently passed opposing this. But if there's unless there's any opposition, I'd like to move forward with resolution opposing the Tongass Nat'l Forest not being on the permanent protection. Every other National Forest across the country is under this permanent protection and they just suddenly did this without tribal consultation.

- 6) Action: Motion to put together a resolution opposing Tongass Nat'l Forest not being on Permanent Protection Act by USDA.

*Motion:* Glenn "Stormy" Hamar  
*Second Motion:* Della Coburn

*Motion:* Passed

Roll Call Vote:

Randi Braz, yes  
Della Coburn, yes  
Elizabeth Taylor, yes  
Glenn "Stormy" Hamar, yes  
Dorothy Smith, yes  
George Nix, excused

- 7) President Jones asks Tribal Council if we could approve funding for fireworks and food for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Randi Braz suggests fireworks and kid packages for the community. We are trying to make money with the Café being open. Maybe we could have free activities and things people can do outside or in the Café if it's raining. Kris Kain asks where the firework buckets are sold and told they are at Boom City Fireworks stand.

Action: Motion to Approve up to \$1000 for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festivities.

*Motion:* Glenn "Stormy" Hamar  
*Second Motion:* Dorothy Smith

*Motion:* Passed

Roll Call Vote:

Randi Braz, abstain  
Della Coburn, yes  
Elizabeth Taylor, yes  
Glenn "Stormy" Hamar, yes  
Dorothy Smith, yes  
George Nix, excused

- 10) **Council Comments:** Glenn "Stormy" Hamar heard that Ron Leighton is in the hospital. Dorothy Smith says she heard that as well. President Jones asks for a contact so we can follow up because we would like to send flowers. Della Coburn says at some future time when there is money, she would like to see the Skowal Pole redone. It is currently located in Ketchikan, but a copy could be made. It belongs here and not in Ketchikan, and it was sold illegally to pay off a tax debt.

- 11) **Audience Participation:** Erin Blair asks about Salmon Protest Petition and who's able to sign it. President Jones will look into it.

- 12) **Announcements:** none

**13) Executive Session:** Emergency Assistance Request, Transit Policy & Land Discussion

Action: Motion to Enter Executive Session at 2:24pm:

Motion: Randi Braz

Second Motion: Glenn “Stormy” Hamar

Motion: Passed

Roll Call Vote:

Randi Braz, yes

Della Coburn, yes

Elizabeth Taylor, yes

Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes

Dorothy Smith, yes

George Nix, excused-late

Action: Motion to Exit Executive Session at 5:20pm:

Motion: Della Coburn

Second Motion: Glenn “Stormy” Hamar

Motion: Passed

Roll Call Vote:

Randi Braz, yes

Della Coburn, yes

Elizabeth Taylor, yes

Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes

Dorothy Smith, yes

George Nix, yes

Action: Motion to amend agenda to add 6/21/24 ET Emergency Assistance to New Business:

Motion: Randi Braz

Second Motion: Glenn “Stormy” Hamar

Motion: Passed

Roll Call Vote:

Randi Braz, yes

Della Coburn, yes

Elizabeth Taylor, abstain

Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes

Dorothy Smith, yes

George Nix, yes

Action: Motion to Approve 6/21/24 ET Emergency Assistance:

Motion: Randi Braz

Second Motion: Glenn “Stormy” Hamar

Motion: Passed

Roll Call Vote:

Randi Braz, yes

Della Coburn, yes

Elizabeth Taylor, abstain

Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes

Dorothy Smith, yes

George Nix, yes

**14) Adjournment:**

Action: Motion to Adjourn at 5:23pm:

Motion: Randi Braz

Second Motion: George Nix

Motion: Passed – Meeting Adjourned

Roll Call Vote:

Randi Braz, yes

Della Coburn, yes

Elizabeth Taylor, yes

Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes

Dorothy Smith, yes

George Nix, yes

Attested:

  
Michael Jones, Tribal Council President

  
Elizabeth Taylor, Council Secretary