



## Regular Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 7th, 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 1:09pm

### 2) Roll Call

Mike Jones, Tribal President, present  
Della Coburn, present  
Glenn "Stormy" Hamar  
Dorothy Smith, present via Zoom  
George Nix, present

#### Staff:

Kris Kain  
Beverly Bennett  
Teri Feibel  
LaNeice Congdon  
Tim Willis  
Erin Blair  
Randy Stutzman  
Randi Braz - Zoom  
Elizabeth Wadsworth-Zoom  
Stephanie Hamar  
Jacob Cottrell - Zoom  
Liam Silverman  
Jim Amundsen, ANTHC

#### Audience:

### 3) Deletions/Additions to Agenda

Beverly Bennett adds to New Business; Discussion of Vacancy D & Request for New Secretary; Discussion of Enrollments Applications & Under Persons to be Heard, LaNeice Congdon; Glenn "Stormy" Hamar adds Certification of Elections after Adoption of Previous Minutes.

### 4) Accept Amended Agenda

Action: Accept Amended Agenda as presented

Motion: Glenn "Stormy" Hamar

Second Motion: George Nix

Motion: Passed

Roll Call Vote:

Della Coburn, yes  
Glenn "Stormy" Hamar, yes  
Dorothy Smith, yes  
George Nix, yes

### 5) Adoption of the of Previous Minutes

Beverly Bennett is concerned that because of the number of meetings that we did over the past couple of weeks, that there are missing elements of those I have not had an opportunity to review the actual transcript or the recording. Feels they're missing details of specific conversations, and would like an opportunity to review to make sure that they are accurate according to the auditor that we have, I'm respectfully requesting to table adoption of these meeting minutes until the next regular tribal council meeting,

Action: Table all Tribal Council Meeting Minutes from September 9<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Roll Call Vote:

Motion: Glenn “Stormy” Hamar

Second Motion: Della Coburn

Motion: Tabled until next RTCM

Della Coburn, yes

Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes

Dorothy Smith, yes

George Nix, yes

**Certification of Special Election for Seat A**

President states the results from Special Election on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> for Seat A

Stephanie Hamar received 8 votes, Frank Nix with 5 votes, Amanda Hendrixson with 2 votes & Randi Braz with 1 vote so Seat A will go to Stephanie Hamar.

Action: Motion to Accept the Results of the Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Special Election as Stephanie Hamar is the nominee

Roll Call Vote:

Motion: Glenn “Stormy” Hamar

Second Motion: Stephanie Hamar

Resolutions: Passed

Della Coburn, yes

Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes

Stephanie Hamar, yes

Dorothy Smith, yes

George Nix, yes

Stephanie Hamar reads sworn statement and signs, then President Jones signs & LaNeice Congdon notarizes it. President Jones welcomes Stephanie to the table.

I, Stephanie Hamer, do solemnly swear That I will support and defend the Constitution of the Organized Village of Kasaan IRA, regulations of the bylaws of the Organized Village of Kasaan IRA, and that I will honestly, faithfully discharge and perform the duties of the Organized Village of Kasaan IRA, to the best of My knowledge and ability.

**6) Staff Reports: (Orally or In Packet)**

**7) Unfinished Business**

***Consent Calendar***

1. Email Poll Vote Resolution 24-09-006 IGAP Grant Submission

2. Motions translated into Resolutions

A) Resolution 24-10-001 To Fill Vacant Seat A

B) Resolution 24-10-002 To Purchase Travel Trailer

C) Resolution 24-10-003 Authorizing President Michael Jones to place Bids on Property in Lil’ Cole Bay from State of Alaska Land Sales

D) Resolution 24-10-006 To Allocate \$11,000 to Provide a 30-Day Treatment Stay for TC

E) Resolution 24-10-007 To Offer up the \$250,000 for purchase of property @ Lot 25, Block 2

F) Resolution 24-10-008 To Adopt Budget to Support Set up of Travel Trailer from ARPA funds

G) Resolution 24-10-009 To Adopt Budget for TCEA App 091324RB for \$11,500 from ARPA

Action: Motion to Ratify Above Resolutions and adopt Consent Calendar

Roll Call Vote:

Motion: Glenn “Stormy” Hamar

Second Motion: Stephanie Hamar

Della Coburn, abstain

Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes

Stephanie Hamar, yes

### 3. **Unfinished Discussion Items**

Transit Policy Discussion tabled in August Meeting.

Dorothy brought a discussion item to the table in a previous meeting, In the August meeting, we began a discussion about what could be hauled and what the policy says. And I've asked Randy as the Transit Driver to be present today, so that he could also provide some information. I think the concern was unwrapped items in the van, and whether or not it is allowable, based on the policy. And I think that Randy probably can share what he has to say on that better than I can, and maybe Dorothy would love to give us input also, because it was a while ago. Della says JS should just pick another bale of hay that is sealed, and Randy says they are always open on the ends. Dorothy says maybe one of our cleaners could clean it. Randy states he needs it clean for the next trip asap and that isn't acceptable. Della Coburn says she will take trash bags to JS to leave for hay to be bagged by employees. Randy asked JS and they have never been asked to bag the hay. He will not allow it. Stephanie Hamar states she thinks it is reasonable what Randy is asking for.

### 8) **Persons to be Heard**

#### 1. Jim Amundsen, ANTHC; Kasaan Sewer System

He provided an overview of the sewer system assessment and recommended a cost-effective solution to upgrade the existing infrastructure rather than build a new treatment plant for the City of Kasaan that has already endorsed this path & asking for OVK to do the same.

#### 2. Andy Deering, Steelhead Guiding Proposal to USFS-wasn't on Zoom to discuss

#### 3. LaNeice Congdon, Rise Shelter

The Rise Shelter is in the process of converting into its own entity and forming a board.

LaNeice stated that the Rise Shelter wants to take over the tribal boat program for traditional healing and harvesting activities. To support this, the Rise Shelter is requesting that the tribe dedicate a piece of property where they can build a building to house and maintain the boat and related equipment. The building would also potentially include space for a transitional housing unit. LaNeice indicated that the Rise Shelter is willing to fund the construction of the building, but they are looking for the tribe to provide the land through a long-term lease arrangement. The goal is to have a central hub location in Klawock, with additional safe house locations in other communities on the island. The key points are that the Rise Shelter is seeking tribal land to build a facility to support their boat program and potential transitional housing, with the Rise Shelter covering the construction costs.

### 9) **Resolutions**

#### 1. Resolution 24-10-004 Adopting a Letter of Support for a Proposal to Amend USFS Freshwater Commercial Fish-Guiding Permits on Prince of Wales Island & Letter of Support

Action: Motion to Table Resolution 24-10-004 & Letter of Support until questions are answered

#### Roll Call Vote:

*Motion:* Glenn "Stormy" Hamar

*Second Motion:* George Nix

*Resolution:* Tabled

Della Coburn, yes

Glenn "Stormy" Hamar, yes

Stephanie Hamar, yes

Dorothy Smith, yes

George Nix, yes

George Nix, yes

2. Resolution 24-10-005 To Adopt the ANTHC Kasaan Sewer System Investigation Preliminary Engineering Report (per) Alternative #1 for upgrades to the Kasaan Sewer System

Action: Motion to Adopt Resolution 24-10-005

Roll Call Vote:

Motion: Glenn "Stormy" Hamar

Della Coburn, yes

Second Motion: Stephanie Hamar

Glenn "Stormy" Hamar, yes

Stephanie Hamar, yes

Resolution: Passed

Dorothy Smith, yes

George Nix, yes

**10) New Business**

1. Discussion of Vacancy of Seat D because Elizabeth Taylor is stepping down and we will need to vote for a new secretary. Beverly respectfully requests tribal council permission to hold this special election at Annual Citizens meeting, which would be the eighth of November. I could do a special election, which means that we vacate the seat today, then it would be posted tomorrow the following Monday, October. 21 would be the day of the special election. However, please keep in mind that I am scheduled to be traveling for OVK business from the 14<sup>th</sup> of October through the 24<sup>th</sup>. I do have staff who have done the special election so that would be fine too. Randi Braz just wanted to let us know that in the last special election for Seat A, the deadline for a nomination of state petitions was due on a weekend, and I think that's kind of difficult for tribal citizens who are trying to submit their petition on a weekend when the office isn't open, so it might be a good idea to make sure that it falls on a weekday when the office is open. Stephanie Hamar asks if there is a policy that tribal council members could be temporarily appointed until the next election in the event if somebody steps down. Randi Braz doesn't think it's written anywhere but that's how the council has done it in the past. The reason why council did a special election for Seat A so that all tribal citizens would have a chance to select the person who was temporarily filling that seat until April. Beth Taylor emailed Beverly saying she wanted to step down.

Action: Motion to officially declare Seat D vacant

Roll Call Vote:

Motion: Stephanie Hamar

Della Coburn, yes

Second Motion: Della Coburn

Glenn "Stormy" Hamar, yes

Stephanie Hamar, yes

Motion: Passed

Dorothy Smith, yes

George Nix, yes

Glenn "Stormy" Hamar nominates Della Coburn as Vice President.

President Jones nominates Dorothy Smith as Vice President. Are there any other nominations?

George Nix nominates Dorothy Smith. President Jones says let's do a silent vote. 3 for Della Coburn and 2 for Dorothy but President's vote puts it in a tie, so Della wins for Vice President.

Action: Motion to nominate Della Coburn as Vice President

Roll Call Vote:

Motion: Stephanie Hamar

Della Coburn, yes

Second Motion: George Nix

Glenn "Stormy" Hamar, yes

*Motion:* Passed

Stephanie Hamar, yes  
Dorothy Smith, yes  
George Nix, yes

President Jones and all the Council thanks Randi Braz for her years of service to the Tribal Council.

Della Coburn nominates Stephanie Hamar and Stormy Hamar asks if anyone else is interested in being secretary. Stephanie nominates George Nix but he declines. Dorothy Smith says she will do it. Beverly Bennett says Otter does transcribe the meeting or we could hire someone. Stormy Hamar nominates Dorothy Smith and Stephanie declines nomination.

*Action: Motion to nominate Dorothy Smith as the Secretary*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Motion:* Stephanie Hamar

Della Coburn, yes

*Second Motion:* Glenn “Stormy” Hamar

Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes

Stephanie Hamar, yes

*Motion:* Passed

Dorothy Smith, yes

George Nix, yes

*Action: Motion to hold Special Election for Seat D on the same day as Annual Citizens Meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Motion:* Della Coburn

Della Coburn, yes

*Second Motion:* Stephanie Hamar

Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes

Stephanie Hamar, yes

*Motion:* Passed

Dorothy Smith, yes

George Nix, yes

2. Michael Starr Scholarship At-Large Application

Beverly says Michael included where he's going to school, what his budget looks like, what his plan is for the future, a letter of Recommendation to the committee.

*Action: Motion to approve the Michael Starr Scholarship application for \$2000 to be send to the University of Alaska SE.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Motion:* Glenn “Stormy” Hamar

Della Coburn, yes

*Second Motion:* Della Coburn

Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes

Stephanie Hamar, yes

*Motion:* Passed

Dorothy Smith, yes

George Nix, yes

3. Letter from Kasaan Haida Heritage Foundation regarding Cruise Ship Tours.

They asked us to discuss the money from the tours to the longhouse going back into the

program. They are requesting that we remit \$25 per person who's visited here on the tours to the Haida Heritage Foundation for the purpose of adding it to their scholarship fund. Teri Feibel says we have invoiced Alaskan Dream Cruises \$27,000. Stephanie Hamar says we should think about increasing the price at another time when we have time to research.

*Motion to approve paying Kasaan Haida Heritage Foundation \$25 per person for the annual tours to the Long House*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Motion:* Glenn "Stormy" Hamar  
*Second Motion:* Stephanie Hamar

Della Coburn, yes  
Glenn "Stormy" Hamar, yes  
Stephanie Hamar, yes  
Dorothy Smith, yes  
George Nix, yes

*Motion:* Passed

4. Draft Letter from SEACC to Juneau papers regarding Old Growth Protections  
Stormy Hamar asks if we could reformat the letter to be only from OVK.

*Motion to Table draft letter from SEACC until Tribal Administrator has a chance to look into it further.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Motion:* Glenn "Stormy" Hamar  
*Second Motion:* George Nix

Della Coburn, yes  
Glenn "Stormy" Hamar, yes  
Stephanie Hamar, yes  
Dorothy Smith, yes  
George Nix, yes

*Motion:* Passed

5. Behavioral Health Management Position

Beverly Bennett says this would be a permanent position with OVK. I have been working very hard with Andy and with some outside sources to try and provide behavioral health to some of the citizens actively that in the last 60 to 90 days, and it's taking up a substantial amount of my time. I would like to get this position posted and have a behavioral health case manager hired so that we can start the process of building our own recovery program right here in Kasaan. I'm asking for approval from the council to allow me to hire this Behavioral Health Case Manager and the \$21,472.92 for the remaining of this year, and the \$111,000. We will be able to bill Medicaid and insurance companies for this service. Stephanie Hamar asks if insurance is able to be billed. Beverly Bennett says we will be able to close the job out with our current Behavioral Health person off site. Stormy asks Teri Feibel what the breakdown would be. She says for next year, what I would propose is that 50% could come out of tribal operations, and 50% out of your cares general fund that you guys have set aside. We had \$300,000 you know, carry forward of tribal operations from prior years. And then we had \$150,000 of that towards a Special Project's Director, assuming 100% of the budget that was set there was used. So say, then that leaves another 150,000 that would be the carry forward. So that's why I'm only proposed that we would do 50% so we still have a little bit of that carry forward for anything else that may come up or to continue to break carry forward. Because, as I've said, we get about \$170,000 a year for our annual funding agreement for tribal operations only. And so the funds are there. Beverly says this is desperately needed and it will be a full-time position at the Admin. Building. It is too hard to get access to care here. If someone says they are going to harm themselves, they will get put on a 72-hour hold and sent off island and then for next year, for the entire year, it would be \$111,000. The hope is that he and I are going to work together to build a program where we can begin billing before we get to the end of 2025 well before we get to the end of 2025 so that we can start building a savings so that that money

that's in there can be used to continue to support this wage.

Motion to Adopt a budget of \$21,000 to hire a Behavioral Health Management  
Position till end of 2024 from Tribal Operations

Roll Call Vote:

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

Della Coburn, yes  
Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes  
Stephanie Hamar, yes  
Dorothy Smith, yes  
George Nix, yes

*Motion:* Passed

**11) Council Comments**

Della Coburn says we should be keeping track of how Mental Health Trust is taking care of their logging practices. Stormy says someone from Mental Health just called and wants to meet Tribal Council. Stephanie Hamar said thank you to everyone on Tribal Council for being who they are and making her feel comfortable to be here.

**12) Audience Participation**

Beverly says we hired a part-time Maintenance Assistant position. Three people applied and the best scored person got the position. Rick from HR made that decision based on the scoring. Someone asked question about Hawaiian Indigenous preference and Beverly states it’s not in our policies but they can be adopted by the tribe so we should look into changing our policy. Stormy Hamar asks about access to Resolutions and Tim says it would take a long time for that to happen. Stephanie Hamar asks about hiring for a clerk position and Teri Feibel says it would have to come from the General Fund. Beverly says we also need someone to do enrollment. Teri says we could look at funding from HR support staff position now vacated. We are planning to hire Peyton Jones for Financial Asst position after Rick receives response from references. He sent over offer letter to me to approve. Tim says thank you! Someone asks if applicants who were not chosen were notified. Beverly will check with Rick at HR.

**13) Announcements - none**

**14) Executive Session**

Action: Motion to Enter Executive Session at 4:03pm:

Roll Call Vote:

*Motion:* Glenn “Stormy” Hamar  
*Second Motion:* Stephanie Hamar

Della Coburn, yes  
Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes  
Stephanie Hamar, yes  
Dorothy Smith, yes  
George Nix, yes

*Motion:* Passed

Action: Motion to Exit Executive Session at 6:31pm:

Roll Call Vote:

*Motion:* Stephanie Hamar  
*Second Motion:* Glenn “Stormy” Hamar

Della Coburn, yes  
Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes  
Stephanie Hamar, yes  
Dorothy Smith, yes  
George Nix, yes

*Motion:* Passed

Action: Motion to adopt Brixie Hamar as a Tribal Citizen

Motion: Della Coburn  
Second Motion: George Nix  
  
Motion: Passed

Roll Call Vote:  
Della Coburn, yes  
Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes  
Stephanie Hamar, yes  
Dorothy Smith, yes  
George Nix, yes

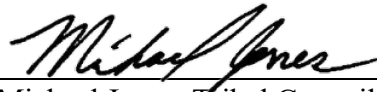

**15) Adjournment:**

Action: Motion to Adjourn at 6:34 pm:

Motion: Glenn “Stormy” Hamar  
Second Motion: George Nix  
  
Motion: Passed – Meeting Adjourned

Roll Call Vote:  
Della Coburn, yes  
Glenn “Stormy” Hamar, yes  
Stephanie Hamar, yes  
Dorothy Smith, yes  
George Nix, yes

Attested on 11/04/2024:

  
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Michael Jones, Tribal Council President  
  
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Dorothy Smith, Council Secretary