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Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Council

Regular Council Meeting – June 24, 2014

Tribal Conference Room

Opening prayer was given by: Nancy James

Call to Order: 1st Chief Nancy James called meeting to order @ 6:09PM

Roll Call/Quorum Established:

Present: Nancy James (1st Chief), Edward Alexander (2nd Chief), Tony Peter (Seat C), Ginessa Sams (Seat D), Gerald Alexander (Seat E), Michael Hardy (Seat G), Michelle Vandyke (Seat F – tardy)

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by: Mike Hardy to approve the agenda, Gerald Alexander seconded, no objections.

Approval of minutes:

Motion by: Tony Peter to approve the May 13th minutes, seconded by Michael Hardy. Ginessa asked for clarification on Tribal Court sentencing verbiage from April 22 minutes. New language (to be provided by Ginessa) needs to be included. April 22nd minutes deferred until new language is added.

GZGTG Staff Present: Liana Harriman, Janet Cadzow, Stephanie Hinz

Tribal Members Present: Charlet Kelly-Spencer, Mimi Thomas

Non Tribal Members:

Tribal Member Comments:

Charlet Kelly-Spencer – The VPSO now has a new vehicle and is coordinating with local police, over the 4th of July weekend there will be additional VPSOs in town to help with enforcement issues.

Mimi Thomas provided an update on fishing restrictions, the Chinook numbers are higher than anticipated but the closure will continue.

Council Member Travel Reports:

None at this time

AGENDA ITEMS

Staff Reports: Executive Director's report recommendation that General Medical Assistance be suspended until next meeting when the policy and procedures can be revised with CATG's input. Recommend that the Health Center determine client needs, submit that to Tribe and the Tribe manage the financial payments. This would eliminate our staff being exposed to confidential diagnosis information.

Motion: Reduce payments from \$125 to \$50 per day until policy is revised and presented at the next regular meeting. Ed Alexander made a motion and it was seconded by Tony Peter. No discussion, no objections, voice vote, motion passed.

Dave Pelunis-Messier, Solar and Greenhouse Project Updates (Old Business: Item e.)

Part 1 of the Solar Energy Project will be installation of the solar array, part 2 will be installing LED lighting, 3 is insulation for the attic and 4 is installation of the greenhouse solar array. 50/50 Cost share, getting funding released has been an issue but he continues to look for grant opportunities. Funding for the greenhouse wasn't approved by the legislature so he has been working with Jeff Wellstein (sp?) to find funding to complete the project.

Motion: The Executive Director is authorized to approach the DOT in regards to acquiring the old Trooper lot (site of former CATG Education building) for use for a youth related facility. Ed Alexander moved, second by Mike Hardy. No objection, voice vote, motion passed.

Realty Staff Report

The funding for this agreement starts September 1st. Recommend approval of Cooperative Agreement titled "Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program: Cooperative Agreement between Native Village of Fort Yukon and Department of Defense."

Motion: Move by Mike Hardy to approve the Cooperative Agreement with the Department of Defense. It was seconded by Nancy James, no discussion, no objection. Roll call vote Nancy – yes, Tony-yes, Guinnessa – yes, Mike – yes, Michelle – yes, Gerald – yes, Ed – yes. All in favor. Motion carries.

Education Staff Report

Request to approve scholarship amount deferred to the Education Committee for discussion and approval.

FAS Training (part of Executive Director Report)

Opportunity to bring a facilitator to conduct training on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

Directive: Need a proposal for a day-long training session.

NEW BUSINESS

A. CATG Lease Renewal and Extension

CATG needs to provide corrected versions of the lease showing the revised rental amounts to reflect lease of \$875 through October 1, 2014, with the lease increasing in increments of \$25 per year afterwards.

Motion: To approve the lease with CATG for the Education building once the corrected amounts are included in the lease. Mike Hardy made a motion and it was seconded by Gerald. Roll call vote. Nancy – yes, Ed – yes, Tony – yes, Ginessa – yes, Mike – yes, Michelle – yes, Gerald – yes. Motion passed.

B. GA Policy Revisions

Discussion of the presented GA policy, excluding the section on Medical Leave that was struck during the workshop.

Motion by: Tony Peter seconded by Mike Hardy: To accept the new GA Policy with the deletion of Section, Medical Leave. Roll call vote. Gerald – yes, Michelle – yes, Mike – yes, Ginessa – yes, Tony – yes, Ed – yes, Nancy – yes. No objections, motion passed.

C. Gwich'in Gathering Representation

Discussion regarding attendance at the Gathering. Council members Mike, Gerald, and Tony were selected to attend. Members would be reimbursed for fuel costs for up to 70 gallons (\$525). A budget to send the three Council members needs to be drafted.

D. Retaining Counsel, Kristi Williams

Recommended that the Council retain Kristi Williams, of G2G Strategies, to work on the Tribe's behalf and assist the Council in developing its strategic plan to address putting lands into trust.

Motion by: Ed Alexander to retain Kristi Williams, seconded by Michelle Vandyke. Discussion, question from Ginessa about the process of putting land into trust. Roll call vote. Ginessa- yes, Mike – yes, Gerald-yes, Michelle – yes, Nancy-yes, Ed-yes, Tony-yes. All approve, no objections, motion passed.

E. TCC Education Summit Representatives

Directive: *That Council Member Ginessa Sams and Executive Director Stephanie Hinz attend the Summit on the scholarship provided by TCC.*

Discussion of the Gwich'in Gathering. A request was made that a cooperative agreement be sought with TCC to send the VPSO to the Gathering in Old Crow. One issue is that the VPSO would not have jurisdiction in that area.

Directive: *Meet with Janet Cadzow in regards to budgeting issues pertaining to the GA client funds and to participate in a teleconference with TCC's Don Shircel.*

Directive: *Revised budget to be presented at the next regular Council meeting.*

Directive: *To revise the Administration budget.*

Motion by: Tony Peter to accept the budget, seconded by Michelle. Roll call vote, all approve, no objections. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

B. BLM MOU

The BLM draft MOU needs to be shared with Hobbs, Straus in order to get their legal opinion on the

language used. The question was asked if we have grounds to sue BLM as they've disregarded our comments in the process. The MOU amendment needs to be critiqued by lawyers.

Motion: A motion was made to defer acceptance of the amendment and have the Executive Director to consult with legal advisors. Ed Alexander moved to approve the amendment with the condition that the language on receiving BLM approval on contractors be struck. Motion was altered to read that legal representation be sought before approval of the amendment.

C. Transportation

A resolution regarding approval of funds in the amount of \$65,518.39 + \$13,615.17 (indirect funds) to equal \$79,133.56 for use towards rehabilitation of the recently purchased Warehouse Maintenance Facility was presented.

Motion: to approve the resolution allocating funds for the warehouse renovation, moved by Ed Alexander seconded by Mike Hardy. Roll call vote. Gerald – yes, Michelle – yes, Mike – yes, Ginessa – yes, Tony – yes, Ed – yes, Nancy – yes., motion passed.

Material Sale of Agreement

Motion: to approve the Material Sale of Agreement, so moved by Mike Hardy, seconded by Tony Peter. Voice vote, all in favor, no objections, motion passed.

Donation of Materials (from Doyon)

Motion: to approve the donation of materials, moved by Tony Peter, seconded by Mike Hardy, voice vote, all approved, no objections, motion passed.

Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Fort Yukon to include roads in inventory
Defer until MOA is reviewed with the City Manager.

Motion: to submit a letter of support for the Youth Leadership Development and Culture Grant. Moved by Tony Peter, seconded by Michelle Vandyke. Voice vote, all approve, no objections, motion passed.

G. Annual Meeting Date

The Annual Meeting Date has been set for October 11, 2014.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by: Ginessa Sams to approve Resolution 14-20 In Support of TCC Title VI-E Foster Care Maintenance Program. Second by Nancy James, Resolution approved, no objections.

Motion by: Tony Peter to approve Resolution 14-21 In Support of Conveyance of Land from the Department of Transportation to the Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government. Second by Ed Alexander, Resolution approved, no objections.

Motion by: Ed Alexander to approve Resolution 14-16 In support of continuing the Family Violence and Prevention program. Second by Mike Hardy, Resolution approved no objections.

TRIBAL ENROLLMENT LIST

There was a discussion of Tribal enrollment list and the need to approve pending members.

Motion: That Tribal Operations form an enrollment committee to include 1st Chief Nancy James, Tony Peter, Michelle Van Dyke, and Clarence Alexander), moved by Tony Peter, seconded by Gerald Alexander. Voice vote, no objections, motion passed.

Motion by: Tony Peter to approve goals and tasks as set out in the Strategic Plan developed in June. Seconded by Gerald Alexander. Voice vote, no objections, motion passed.

DONATION REQUESTS

Motion by: Gerald Alexander to grant Camp Nashii's donation request totaling \$2,000. \$1,000 will be drawn from JOM funds, and \$1,000 will be drawn from Regional Shares. Seconded by Tony Peter. Voice vote, no objections, motion passed.

Executive session @ 8:40pm

Out of executive session @ 9:10pm

Need a recommendation from the ICWA Clerk and judges on how to proceed with presented case.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.