

**NEVADA INDIAN COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribal Headquarters, Owyhee, NV

Board Member	Seat Filled	Present	Absent
Richard Arnold, Chairman	Native American Representative	✓	
Kostan Lathouris, Vice-Chair	Native American Representative	✓	
Marla Williams	Native American Representative	✓	
Kelly Krolicki	General Public Representative	✓	
Richard Snyder	General Public Representative		✓

NIC Staff Present: Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director; Denise M. Becker, Administrative Assistant III (via phone); Bobbi Rahder, Museum Director (via phone); and Sari Nichols, Program Officer I

Others Present: Sandra Jundreau, Editor Sho-Pai News, Sho-Pai Tribes; Brian Mason, Barrick; Lynneil Brady, Cultural Resources Director, Sho-Pai Tribes; Theresi L. Manuelito, Business Council, Sho-Pai Tribes; Reggie Premo, Extension Outreach, University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) Cooperative Extension; Rhiannon Nino, Hoop House and Garden Outreach Specialist, UNR Cooperative Extension; Rebecca Darling, Director Corporate Social Responsibility, Barrick; Dennis Thomas; Fred Wagar, Nevada Department of Veterans Services; Peter Drew, Nevada Department of Veterans Services; Bethany Sam, First Nations Focus (via phone); Naomi Mason; John Car, Veterans Services Officer, Department of Veterans Services; Kacie Ortiz, Veterans Services Officer, Department of Veterans Services; Councilman Brian Thomas, Sho-Pai Tribes; Councilman Arnold Thomas, Sho-Pai Tribes; Councilman Colin Thomas, Sho-Pai Tribes;

I. Convene Meeting, Roll Call of Members and Establish Quorum

The meeting convened at 10:44am (MST). The Executive Director took roll, determining a quorum of four Commissioners present.

II. Invocation

Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribal Councilman Brian Thomas provided the invocation.

III. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Arnold welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He asked all those present to introduce themselves.

IV. Initial Public Comment

Councilman Arnold Thomas shared that the Owyhee Combined School needs assistance with the heating system. He summarized the issues with the school and thought that the NIC might be able to assist. The Owyhee Combined School is an Elko County School District school. Executive Director

Rupert will check into the situation there by contacting the school and the Indian Education Programs Professional at the Nevada Department of Education.

Mr. Dennis Smith also summarized issues with the tribal Head Start building. He reported that this building is unsafe and in need of repairs. This is a federal program and will need to be dealt with differently than the Owyhee Combined School. The Executive Director will contact the ITCN and the USDA Rural Development to talk with them about potential remedies.

V. Approval of May 30, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chairman Lathouris made a motion to approve the May 30, 2018 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Krolicki. The motion carried with a vote of 4 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

VI. Chairman and Commissioner Announcements/Reports

Commissioner Williams commented that she attended the Blessing of the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum on July 11th and thanked the staff for a very positive day. She also mentioned that the Governor is in the process of renegotiating the cannabis compacts with tribes and it is important for the tribes to let the Governor know how they feel about that. She also congratulated Autumn Harry on a 200-mile hike that she recently completed and reminded everyone that they should be voting.

VII. Welcome and Informational Presentation by the Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribe

Councilman Brian Thomas provided the informational presentation on the Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribe. He welcomed the NIC and shared that the sources of employment for the area are the tribal government, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (there are 80 employees at the Health Clinic), the school district (Owyhee Combined School) and agriculture (cattle ranching, main form of income). They have a water rights settlement (2008-2009) for a resort and they are working on the Wild Horse Reservoir and ranches in Mountain Home for economic development. He also mentioned that the headquarters building was built just a few years ago.

VIII. Nevada Indian Commission Staff Report

Executive Director Rupert explained that she has combined her report and the staff report into one report. She hopes that this will streamline things. She briefly highlighted a few things in her report, went through the financial reports, shared a list of upcoming 2018/2019 events to remember and also shared two thank you letters received in regard to the Blessing Ceremony and a Stewart presentation.

There were no questions from the board, but they did comment that they would like to have the Executive Director use a Consent Agenda for the next meeting and include the staff report under this item to be approved by the Board.

IX. Nevada Indian Commission Committee Reports

A. Stewart Advisory Committee Report

Ms. Nichols presented the Stewart Advisory Committee report to the Board and Executive Director Rupert shared information on the two Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) that were

requested by the NIC. The first CIP requested was to renovate the former Bakery building for collections storage and the second was to complete the Old Stewart Gym. The Executive Director presented to the State Public Works Board on August 22, 2018. That board will decide if those projects are to be included in the state budget.

X. Miscellaneous Reports

A. Indian Territory Report on Projects and Activities

Ms. Nichols presented the Indian Territory and the 2018 Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference reports as written. There were no questions from the Board.

B. 2018 Stewart Father's Day Powwow Report

Ms. Nichols also presented the Stewart Father's Day Powwow Report as written. There were no questions from the Board.

XI. Informational Presentation on Barrick Gold Initiatives and Projects with Western Shoshone Tribes

Mr. Brian Mason presented on behalf of Barrick. Mr. Mason explained that he is the Manager of Native American Affairs for Barrick. He explained that Barrick started the Western Shoshone Program in 2012, as Barrick's mines are in the Western Shoshone lands. Through their work they've found that the biggest concern was Education. They have created several educational programs to address this issue that he presented. Mr. Mason also shared a video summarizing their programs.

Tribal representatives mentioned that they were interested in bringing their students to learn more about the legislative process in Nevada. This could be a potential collaboration between the NIC, the tribe and Barrick.

Representatives commented that they would like to see the NIC convene a mining summit that would bring mining companies and tribes together to discuss any issues. This could help with educational issues with tribes. It was mentioned that there used to be a mining summit that the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN) convened. The Executive Director will do some research and get a hold of Mr. Crawford at the ITCN.

XII. Introduction of Anna Camp, Curator of Anthropology, Nevada State Museum

Anna Camp the new Curator of Anthropology for the Nevada State Museum introduced herself to the board. She explained that her position was created through the requirements of changes made to Chapter 381 during the last legislative session. She went over her program and her outreach goals. She held a first meeting with tribes in June and has realized that it would be beneficial for her to travel out to the tribal communities to make introductions. She is currently traveling with Executive Director Rupert to the Eastern Tribes over the next few days. She is trying to bring awareness to her role at the Nevada State Museum and to build relationships with the tribes as she works with them to draft regulations to implement the provisions of SB 244. It will be a lengthy process.

XIII. Nevada Department of Veterans Services Outreach Update

Mr. Wagar, the Deputy Director for the Nevada Department of Veterans Services introduced himself and the other staff that was present at the meeting. Mr. Wagar also introduced Ms. Kacie Ortiz, who was recently hired as a Veterans Service Officer out of Elko. Her focus is Native American Outreach. They also wanted to invite any Native American veterans to the Nevada Veterans Advocate Training in Elko October 20-21, 2018. They are also going to add a third day, October 22nd for Native American issues. They have scholarships available to Native American veterans who would like to attend. He also announced that the grand opening of the Northern Nevada Veterans Home would take place on December 17, 2018 in Reno, NV.

XIV. Unfinished Business

- A. Update on Recommendation to Governor Sandoval on Candidates for the Board of Museums and History and the Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation

Direct Rupert reported that the Governor has not made the appointment to the Board of Museums and History and the Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation.

XV. New Business

- A. Approval of Policy on American Indian Achievement Award (AIAA) Selections

Director Rupert went through the draft selection policy for AIAA awardees with Commissioners. Commissioners discussed two changes to the draft policy: it should be clarified in the last paragraph that the selection committee would recommend (not select) awardees to the NIC Board for approval and that there would be a conflict of interest if a staff member were to nominate someone. A line should be added that staff are unable to nominate anyone for the awards.

Commissioner Krolicki made a motion to approve the new AIAA policy with the two changes noted; in the last paragraph changing the wording from “select” to “recommend” and that staff will not nominate awardees, Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

- B. Selection of NIC Board Members to Serve on the American Indian Achievement Awards Selection Committee

Executive Director Rupert asked for two volunteers from the Board to participate on the 2018 AIAA Selection Committee as stated in the selection policy. Chairman Arnold and Commissioner Williams volunteered to be the board volunteers for the AIAA Selection Committee.

Vice Chairman Lathouris made a motion to approve Chairman Arnold and Commissioner Williams to be the Board representatives on the AIAA Selection Committee, Commissioner Krolicki seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

- C. Discussion on Options to Provide Training to State Agencies on How to Properly Hold Tribal Consultation

It was explained that there is a need for state agencies to consult with Nevada's tribal governments

when policies need to be changed that would affect the tribal governments and their constituents. The Executive Director only knows of the Department of Health and Human Services having consultation agreements with the tribes. The Commission was interested in having the Executive Director complete an assessment of the state departments to see if they have consultation policies and agreements with the Nevada Tribes. This should be done before a policy/curriculum would be drafted. This may be different for each tribe as each tribe may have a different idea of what consultation is for them. It would be good to know if the tribes have identified their consultation policy and how they would like to be consulted with by federal and state agencies. The state agencies should know and be made aware that tribes have an expectation for consultation, and they should also know what government to government consultation is.

D. Discussion on Nevada Indian Commission Statute and Nevada Administrative Code

Director Rupert explained that the NIC Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) had not been revised in quite some time. She further explained that the statute is the “what” of what the NIC does and the NAC is the “how” NIC does or how it implements the “what.” She also explained that the NIC’s Chief Deputy Attorney General had explained to her that because the legislative session will be in session, any approval of a change to the code would be extremely low priority. If a revision to the Administrative Code were approved by the NIC during session, it would not be able to be adopted by the legislative body until after the session is over. The Executive Director will continue to work with the Attorney General’s office on revising the NAC for the NIC.

E. Discussion on Nevada Indian Commission Internal Audit

Director Rupert reported that the NIC has been selected for an Internal Audit of the agency. She and her staff have met with the auditors and provided them with documents for their review. There has not been an audit of the agency since she was appointed in 2005. The results of the audit would be made available to the board when she receives the findings in a few months.

XVI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

The following were suggested items for future meetings: a report on the American Indian Achievement Award Banquet, mining summit research, update on the Clear Creek Trail, update on revision of NIC Administrative Regulation, research on a potential mining summit with Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, update on tribal visits, meeting minutes, and Tribes Legislative Day information.

XVII. Scheduling and Location of Next NIC Meeting

Executive Director Rupert explained that there would need to be a special meeting prior to the next regular NIC Board meeting to select the American Indian Achievement Award winners. She suggested a special board meeting on October 23, 2018 and a regular board meeting in November. The Executive Director will send a Doodle poll for November meeting dates.

XVIII. Final Public Comment

Miss Bethany Sam commented that First Nation’s Focus is creating a 12-member editorial board and she would like to see the NIC included. Chairman Arnold recommended that Miss Sam submit this request in writing to the NIC.

XIX. Adjournment

Vice Chairman Lathouris motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Krolicki. The motion carried with a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 2:02pm (MST).

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that these Meeting Minutes were approved at a meeting of the Nevada Indian Commission with a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstention, 1 absent, at a meeting duly held on March 13, 2019.

Certified by:

Sherry L. Rupert 3/13/19

Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director
Nevada Indian Commission