

**Karuk Tribe – Council Meeting
August 24, 2023 – Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 10am by Chairman Attebery.

Present:

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman
Kenneth “Binx” Brink, Vice-Chairman
Jennifer Goodwin, Member at Large
Arch Super, Member at Large
Renee Stauffer, Member at Large
Kristen King, Member at Large

Absent:

Arron “Troy” Hockaday, Member at Large
Elizabeth “Liz” Bentley, Member at Large

Chairman Attebery read the Mission Statement and Council Member Arch Super provided a prayer.

Agenda:

Binx Brink moved and Kristen Kings seconded to approve the agenda with changes, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Consent Calendar:

Arch Super asked about Scott’s contract and it was backdated to March. He was going to get that updated and bring it back.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve the consent calendar and table #4, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Renee).

Minutes of July 27, 2023:

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve the minutes of July 27, 2023, 3 haa, 0 puuhara, 2 pupitihara (Renee/Arch).

Old Business:

None.

Language:

Mountain Lion (Uuthookeda)

Beautiful (Yaamitch)

Guests:

- 1) **Jodi Henderson, HRSA:**
Not present.

Director Reports:

- 1) **Bill Tripp, DNR Director:**
Bill is present in Orleans to review his report. The emergency contract was approved but they are seeking additional funding to expand fuels reduction work in the Orleans area. He will then put

out an advertisement to seek additional companies. Work will begin on trust lands and then other parcels to reduce fire hazard in Somes Bar or Orleans.

There is the issue in the Perch Creek area. If this is the case there is conversations about staff and their status. Bill would like to have an email clarifying what to do if there is a mandatory evacuation.

Buster then added that employees can evacuate and work remotely. Buster asked for communication lines open and then the Council can assist with understanding what the steps are. Bill then added that a couple days of AL would be helpful as well. The Council will review policy and respond. Again, asking for additional communication during this time.

Bill then also added that the California Wellness grant for Tishaniik Farm has a function to deliver food to persons affected by wildfires. Isha Goodwin is the point of contact for that item.

Emma Lee noted that TNGF has made contact to submit another grant opportunity. She will follow up as well.

Neva then presented contract 23-C-154 which is support of the eco-cultural revitalization fund.

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve contract 23-C-154, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Her next item is 23-C-155 which is a contract for Fawn Sheer. Arch thanked Carley for responding to the inquiries about the contract.

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve contract 23-C-155, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Jennifer).

Her final item is agreement 23-A-122 with Frontier Telecommunications for monitoring.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve agreement 23-A-122, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve Bill's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) April Attebury, Judicial Systems:

April is present to review her report. She has one action item. She would like to request approval 23-A-132 which is a lease for adult re-entry program.

Binx Brink moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve agreement 23-A-132 and insurance liability, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

She updated the Council that she will be receiving funding from the proposal that was submitted.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve April's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

3) Erin Hillman, Director of Operations:

Erin is present to review her report. There is an application for lodging should there be mandatory evacuation for Tribal Members, Descendants or employees.

Due to staffing changes she and Josh will be completing the newsletter.

Construction assistance is moving along. The program will end December 31, 2023. The property purchases are moving along that were identified with grant funding. She and Josh worked with the People's Center staff on their program operations.

Buster asked for an update on the opioid allocation. Erin noted that the items have been submitted but there is no funding received as of yet. Erin will follow up on this item. Kristen noted that she can check with Mark LeBeau of CRIHB as well.

Binx Brink moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Erin's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

4) Josh Saxon, ED:

Josh is present to review his report. He is just returning from vacation. A reunion debriefing meeting was held. Movement on Parcel B lands is ongoing. Josh then updated that he and Erin met with the People's Center and they have been doing follow up on putting systems in place to assist the operations.

A draft 477 plan is at the staff level at this time.

Ginny asked for additional follow up at the People's Center. There are still lots and lots of problems and she has concerns. Josh noted that that can definitely be discussed in closed session. Buster then noted that he sent an email to the Management Team from Holly Hensher regarding clean air facility funding. That will be followed up on as well.

Binx Brink moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Josh's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Buster asked for an update on the Black Wolf meeting. On Wednesday Josh, Bobby, Jack and Erin met to address the issue and there will be additional follow up. Buster then briefed that the construction on the medical/dental buildings is ongoing and there are change orders and funding requests coming in. Bobby then updated that there was a product that was going to be used and that has been revisited and resolved.

5) Jack Lantz, Director of Public Works:

Jack is present to review his report. Binx asked about Grayback. Jack noted that a pre-proposal was submitted on a phased approach for Grayback. As soon as he hears an update he will provide that.

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Jack's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Buster commented that Darrell Frost has been running up and down the river road and delivering. The Council appreciates those efforts.

Bob apologized for the late item. They are working on agreement 23-A-136 which is an encroachment permit. It was sent to the Council this morning.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve agreement 23-A-136, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

6) Sara Spence, KTHA ED:

Sara is present to review her report. Screening applications and selection has happened for the Assistant position and Youth & Family Activities Coordinator. Buster asked about an update on trust applications and obtaining the parcels faster. Sara updated that that is a fairly straightforward process and the company works diligently on getting property into trust.

Binx Brink moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve Sara's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

7) Dion Wood, TERO:

Dion is present to review his report. The summer food program has closed and provided over 6,000 lunches. 23 higher education scholarships were approved for award with a new high of \$4,000 per eligible student.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Dion's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

8) Ginny Shamel, CFO:

Ginny is present to review her report. She is technically still under mandatory evacuation. She has been busy with budgets and working on them and doing adjustments. She has been working closely with WipFli.

The indirect cost proposal has been assigned and answers provided.

Binx Brink moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve Ginny's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

9) Jim Davis, Self-Governance Director:

Report provided.

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Jim's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binks Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the CKarukC contract will start today, not tomorrow, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Phone Votes:

1. Request to approve Rob Cabbitto to take interview regarding ICWA. Passed.
2. Request to approve Karuk consultation to the USFS regarding Climate Resilience. Passed.
3. Request to approve burial assistance for Tribal Member #319. Passed.
4. Request to approve resolution 23-R-127, ICWA. Passed.
5. Request to approve contract 23-C-141, TERO. Passed.
6. Request to approve contract 23-C152, Head Start. Passed.

Closed Session:

Informational: No trailers will be issued to workforce until meetings are underway and policies developed. Workgroup will be Buster, Binx, Dion and Megan. Dion will refer employee request to KTHA and they can seek assistance.

Binx Brink moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve \$93.73 for missing receipt from TERO discretionary, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve reimbursement to Dion for \$66.41 for fuel while on travel, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Binx Brink moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to reimburse Dion \$39 from discretionary, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara. Noe shall be sent to finance to notify an employee of a deduction prior to conducting it.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve agreement 23-A-131, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve burial assistance for D3052, D533, TM3440, TM 1851, TM2010, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Renee Stauffer seconded to approve opposition to the Hull Property development, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch).

Informational: Regarding ongoing issues within the TANF Department, next steps and recommendations shall be brought to the Council by next Thursday.

Informational: Council Member Jennifer Goodwin would like to work on a tribal cemetery. Josh noted that he will reach out to Scott Quinn regarding available parcels.

Binx Brink moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to rescind contract 23-C-155, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: There was no clean air center for Orleans, closures of the clinic were at 5pm, and no staff to operate services in Orleans during a large fire and smoke conditions.

Informational: Chairman Attebery will follow up on the need of the billing department and seek a report on each biller to ensure efficiencies are being met.

Informational: Chairman Attebery will follow up with Amy Dutchke regarding AIR

Informational: Request from Tribal Member KR will be forwarded to Dion and Josh for follow up.

Informational: Executive Director will provide a breakout report of the grant funding and funding sources; reoccurring or new funding from grant writers.

Binx Brink and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve request for trees to the USFS for KTHA canoe building project, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Next Meeting: September 28, 2023 at 10am in Happy Camp, CA.

Adjourned at 2:43pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman

Recording Secretary, Barbara Snider