

**UNAHA QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING  
LAS VEGAS, NV  
DECEMBER 7, 2015  
Venetian Hotel**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Adams at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call taken by Secretary. 17 members present. Quorum established.

Opening prayer given by Gene Sorrell.

Approval of Agenda – **Blackfeet made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Fort Belknap. All in favor.**

Approval of Minutes – Regular meeting in Riverton, WY – August 14, 2015. **Blackfeet made a motion to accept minutes of August 14 2015 in Riverton, WY. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ute. All in favor.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT- Chairman Adams

A few points that I want to touch on is to thank our Tribal leaders, I thank you for your service. The UNAHA Organization and Officers of UNAHA and Administration, Bob and Myrna, I would like to thank you. We meet on a monthly basis by telephone. We recently had the Treasurer come to Ronan to go through the finances with administration. One of the things that we keep working on. Negotiated Rule Making is one of the things I want to touch on. Negotiated Rule Making ended in August. There was more non-consensus than there was consensus. 24 or 25 Tribal members to come to consensus on the formula. The preamble is out, since we did not come to a consensus, HUD can make a decision. There are 7 pieces on the formula. We had an announcement from HUD two weeks ago. We had a call and HUD announced they were making some changes in 2018, one of the things they will be changing is the 2010 census with adjustments for population based on a documented report from census that there is an undercount on reservations. That affects our reservations, there is a significant undercount with ACS. There was a document that shifted all information over to ACS. You guys did a lot of work, you hired a technical experts that showed there was an undercount. Our Regional reps have been involved. What HUD is proposing is going to adjust the undercount and will adjust funding to those areas from the undercount. We shined the light on an issue that nobody else was willing to acknowledge. We are not going to give up. Of course the individuals that were not getting as much money, there was an outrage, they still get more money. You are still taking from the poorest Tribes' in the country, that issue can't be denied. Those changes have been announced. HUD is in a position to solidify what they are doing. I am sure Jim and Dave are going to get into the meat and potatoes of the census formula changes. The other thing they are thinking about putting a question the census that asked the question if you are a member of a federally recognized Tribe. Dave – They are testing a possibility of putting that question on an every 10 year survey. There will be a meeting on February 5, 2016. There will be a discussion and it will be put to the Tribes. There will be a meeting at Fort Yates, ND at the Sitting Bull College. We did have Kevin Klingbeil, Technical expert of the study group is available to us still.

Shaun Spensoneau – Senate Bill 710 – Reauthorization of NAHASDA. Senate has not done much with their bill. It is called the Omnibus bill. 7:00 today, bill got tabled.

House passed House Bill 360.

The HUD VASH voucher invitation of 7 Tribes in our Region. It is a one time shot in the arm. The Notice that came out was 20 pages. If you continue the VASH it has to be with NAHASDA. Salish turned ours back.

Section 184, this program was fought for, for providing mortgages on trust property. 184-A – trust property 184-B – is off reservation, 184-C – Hawaiians. That was in our proposal to Rodger. Last year you all saw three different letters sent out. Our Tribe replied three times and we didn't get an answer back.

Tribes that want to participate need to be aware of potential changes to the program. NAIHC can no longer Provide Training and Technical Assistance for the 184 program.

Randy Akers has accepted a temporary appointment to act as Assistant Secretary – Roger Boyd’s position for a 90 day contract. Last thing I want to announce at the Annual AMERIND/NAIHC conference on May 9-11, 2016, there will be an election of a new Chairman of AMERIND, I am going to put my name in there. I just wanted to let you know that. Jack Sawyer, in WY we voted to support you in your quest for Chairman.

#### TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer – Joey Nathan gave UNAHA report, my first report.

Balance of \$13,309.20 in Community Bank checking

25,133.22 in Community Bank savings

38,442.42 Balance

YTD profit & Loss – January 1 – December 4, 2015

\$4,100 - Direct support from Joe Sazue

6.31 Interest income

20,200. – Miscellaneous Income Amerind

\$20,200. -Total other income

Dues

\$3,000 – Associate Members

64,500. –Members

67,500. – Total Income

Expenses

\$56,774.16 - Consulting Services

889. – Accounting Services

14,578.09 – Legal Services

19,500.00 - Outside Contract Services

\$34,965.09 - Total Contract Services

11,537.50 – Grant work

16,520.41 – Total Travel & Meetings

649.13 – Website

\$125,660.20 -Total Expenses

-\$33,853.89 -Net Ordinary Income

**Ute Paiute made a motion to accept Treasurer’s Report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheyenne River. All in favor.**

#### OLD BUSINESS – WAGENLANDER & HEISTERKAMP

REPORT ON NEG REG – Jim Wagenlander – Turn around the person omitted himself, Jason and Jack are losing money, they taking the lead. For both of their Tribes’, they are not losing money. Unfortunately that is not the way everybody else thinks. Jason and Jack didn’t do that. I think it is an extraordinary job of leadership.

Dave- HUD was supposed to clean up the Preamble. This should be approved after the 1st of the year. We go all the way back to 1988 in our presentation next week. Tribes believed there would be a new data source in 2003. Obviously that didn’t happen. Census moved on. HUD had no choice, but to adapt to data to the NAHASDA formula

Acting ADS, Randy Akers

Lourdes Castro Rameriz

There is some folks, large land based Tribes that got the brunt of it. HUD had FAQ, had to hear the complainers. Got together and decided our job is to get you guys to speak for yourselves. Dave is going to go on to talk about, HUD made this call. HUD recognized there was a problem.

Chairman Adams – There was an outcry, my concern, we wanted to lessening the loss.

Jim – We want to attempt to have a meeting with the Secretary of HUD. We only have one copy of the Denver Region.

Bob – It is 1.5, I thought it was 2.5. Dave- I think you are right.

Dave – 2 things, this will not happen till 2018.

2<sup>nd</sup> adjustment, how much anybody can lose, nobody can lose more than 10% in their current year, and the most you can lose is 10%. Lose less and less, nobody gains.

Tom Yellow Wolf- Lessen Blow

Dave – Main Goal is to establish a National Tribal Survey.

Multi vs Single race. 2010 census to ACS and HUD to not object to it.

Jim – We have to get people to join in.

Tom Yellow Wolf – What happens if there is an increase in appropriations?

Dave – More money goes to the urban areas. There is a shift of money away from the reservations.

Jim – You don't want to even expect, it has been same as the last 17 years. It can't be fixed by putting money into the general fund. NAIHC has been advocating a billion \$'s.

Bob – Having HUD admit there is a problem, that is the most important thing. We don't want to take our foot off the gas. We all know that there is a need for MH even though they aren't on the books.

Advocate in Indian Country. Deadline was extended again, letter from HUD – Randy Akers – 11/24/15 which is kind of an acknowledgement that they didn't give us that meeting. There is a letter on Oglala Sioux letterhead, last two documents, IHBG data source Fact Sheet.

Average undercount on reservation. Todd Richardson, Assistant Policy and Development.

Todd is nothing, if not thorough. Census own admission, he was sorry he didn't read it.

Chairman Adams – Todd did acknowledge it. He said he should have read it. Jim – He apologized on the call.

Components – Asterisk - # or error + or minus 2.37-4.88. Next line – off reservation – 3.86 over count across the country. Error under it by 2.99%. Next section is undercount, census by their own admission.

Chairman Adams – People in large land based Tribes are moving. HUD should take a look at that and keep watching that. 4.88% could be 8 – 9%. Blue column is with 4.88%. This document did come out of a census report. FAQ on needs variables. Jim there is 3 break out sessions that you would like to attend.

1. – Sylvia will go over Section 200 complete tomorrow.
2. – Wednesday on marijuana

Dave – Today is the federal register on they are publishing another regulation without consultation. Part 200, procurement and audit stuff, came out today in federal register.

Stuart – It is eventually going to affect other areas. Navajo is a big participant in that group. The argument for a national tribal survey will not work if we are just looking at housing data.

Chairman Adams – We do not have a relationship with federal government based on race. Did everybody get to see this spread sheet that has been going around?

Jack Sawyer – I talked with Todd and you have a real friend there. I would like you folks to go to see him.

Break 10:24

Sammi Jo Difuntorum – Chairwoman for NAIHC and also the Director of Salas Indians.

The NAIHC annual convention is May 9 – 11, 2016 in Honolulu. We are contemplating having a golf tournament, the day before. We don't have anybody that is qualified to do this, so we are looking for volunteers. The really interesting stuff is the reauthorization of NAHASDA, we currently don't have a reauthorization of NAHASDA. The Senate has passed Senate Bill 710, not quite out of the Senate. We find ourselves in a log jam situation. Those of us that have loan guarantees, I don't know how we are going to get loans on Title VI if there is not authorization. You probably heard about the Omnibus Spending bill, they would put the NAHASDA reauthorization in there. Got a call week before last asking what bill we supported, we are bill neutral.

710 changes T and TA and makes it competitive and we did not ask for that. HR 360 has some challenges, unexpended funds sooner than neg reg rulemaking. We are not very happy with either bill. 650 million cap. We

have a really limited window. Senate bill has not made it out of Senate. Both bills include the native Hawaiian bill.

Omnibus bill, I heard was stalled as of this morning. Update on reauthorization, I think we have a good chance with it. They are asking NAIHC to send support letters. We are not going to send support letters. We do not have a Deputy Assistant Secretary, one of the things we have been working on with HUD. It is a tough, tough environment right now. HUD is having a lot of turn over right now, it is hard to get things done. The one thing they are really supportive. People are not happy with no tribal consultation, we will be the model. Lourdes is pretty keen on the idea. I spoke with Randy last week and he is also committed to this idea. They said they will give us an answer by mid-February. Procedurally what they have done, I think Tribal Advisory Committee is a step in the right direction.

When it comes to Native American Programs, we don't have anybody in there. If you take nothing away from this, this is very important to Indian Programs. We asked them to have NAIHC weigh in on the Deputy Asst Secretary. What they did say is that we could weigh in. We need to let them know what attributes we want to see in this position. They have some good people to choose from.

NAIHC office is moving closer to Capitol Hill by April, it is a smaller space. Our Director, Pamela is here. We have an entire lower floor that we won't be using. We are pretty excited about that. We are outsourcing some items.

People can no longer call us and we send some people out. Bob – We heard that HUD decided to take over training due to NAIHC inefficiency to spend funds. The system is far more inefficient with the way HUD is doing it. My position is that 703 calls for competitive, they are not hiring Indians. I am going to ask what they used to hire them and what qualifications they used.

PD & R would be funded, challenge for 710 as well.

Sammi – Right now they want all of these receipts in advance before they reimburse us, we have all this money sitting in a receivable.

Bob – The only info they were getting is from the Association that was getting part of the funding. The real issue is the people that were getting the training. Problems on their part or problems on our part.

Bob – What does HUD know about Self Determination?

Chairman Adams – As far as UNAHA, we passed 15-01 that states T/TA is to follow 703 is a part of NAHASDA that gives Tribes' control. I don't know if it is a NAIHC or a UNAHA issue.

Sammi – We don't support the Senate bill specifically. We have a couple of things coming up.

Annual joint convention, both positions are up. As of today I am running.

Bob – There is so many decisions that are made in appropriations that we don't hear about, but we talked about the formula. The statutory maximum is 20 years old. Every 37 unit built was under the authority of NAHASDA. 1990 subsidy appropriations and rehab

These families still need subsidy. Tribes still use Block Grant money for rehab. We did an illustration a couple of years ago that said we lost 2 billion \$'s. Oversight hearing. 184 is bigger this year than NAHASDA.

Sammi – Reality is they don't have a clue. Unexpended funds issue. Sammi – I don't have an answer, you are impacting Tribes' financials without consultation. I do agree NAIHC is the squeaky wheel.

NAIHC representatives- Chancey and Stuart

Chancey – How lucky and fortunate we are to have Sammi as our Chairwoman. She is open and speaks from the heart. We did not have an Executive Director for a long time so she wore many hats. She ran herself ragged. We had our meeting yesterday, our main focus is stabilizing NAIHC financially. We have outsourced items where our financials will go a lot smoother now. We have 70+ work orders out there right now which show demand for NAIHC is out there. I am the Chairperson on the T/TA committee. We have exceeded our expectations on training. We had a closed door session on T/TA. Our wish is that T/TA be returned to Tribes. We need to develop an aggressive strategy. There is a precedent set. We can't provide training on 184. Linda Lee said we can't provide training on ICDBG. Some of the training provided is too late.

Pamela Silas and Shaun Spensoneau came into room.

Stuart Langdeau -May 9-11, 2016 – Annual Conference

Golf tournament on Sunday. Attributes with that I would take any questions. Yesterday during our meeting, as you know we are going to be revisiting issues regarding drugs and suicides. I asked the board to expand our training to include these two issues.

Pam Silas – Wisconsin, I spent most of my life living in Chicago. I have been involved in Housing for a really long time. Shaun knows his way around the hill. We need your dreams. We are moving offices April 1, 2016 to 122 C Street. Washington, DC

AMERIND Report

Jack Sawyer and Jeannie

Jack – 110% on core program. With Jason's leadership Region III and Region V qualify for \$20,000.

Our charter has not changed, I think that will come up in our Annual meeting. Goes to membership, then to HUD. Look at each section of the Charter. 1 from Region V and 1 from Region III. After we approve the minutes we are going to send with 501C3.

EB transition. We extended to CEO's contract to 2020. We approved Operating Budget for 2016. Annual meeting in Hawaii. Very important meeting, make sure if you are not going to attend, send proxy.

Chairman Adams - Salish hired an attorney to look at charter. They finally outsourced the changes.

Administrative Report

Bob – A couple of things – 6 Tribes for HUD VASH – Salish decided not to participate. Blackfeet - \$10,000 match for UNAHA. Everybody participating in VASH can use the letter one on one TA. 2<sup>nd</sup> phase is to have a meeting on the VASH program. Rosebud, Sisseton, Blackfeet, Pine Ridge

New concept they are calling housing services, Zoe Lebeau is here we are going to have a meeting with her.

People that are hard to house – February and March. We are right in the process. Business class is going to totally redo our website. 501C3 Charter changed and just waiting for our #. It could give us additional funding.

184 is in jeopardy, HUD doesn't have the staff to run it. It is a 4.4 billion \$ program.

Putting together a proposal. Need to expand our services, Northwest newsletter is 28 pages. Expanded quarterly newsletter. We know there is about 10,000 unit in this region that are not insured. Opportunity for this region. Resources that might not be on your radar right now. Authorize the Board to work with us. Northwest has 50 Associate Members.

Dave – Tournament is going to be March 31- April 3. We are working on inspirational speakers.

Bring players in on Thursday. We have some resources to help with that. I think we have some resources to help pay for the speaker.

ABL – American Indian business leaders. If we could get ABL to focus on capacity.

USDA funds \$200,000 money marked for RC & Neighborhoods. We were able to bring up our new Treasurer. Action to give Board authority for an additional staff person for UNAHA. **Jeannie from Lower Brule made a motion to approve an additional staff person for UNAHA. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Sawyer.** All in favor.

Chairman Adams – HDS is having a conference in March, the Wednesday and Thursday before the tournament in Denver.

Bob -This is going to be focused on T/TA for Homeownership.

Chairman Adams - We did reach out to Regional office to have calls in on off months of meetings. We had the first one in October. I was the only one on the call.

Meth Summit – He tried to put something together, we asked them to put something together. He is trying to get all the federal agencies together. It is going to be a Regional Summit in the Spring. Stay tuned for that.

Sharon – Meeting December 9<sup>th</sup>. Council at Large – Invitation for UNAHA to make a presentation. Use those opportunities.

Jeannie – SD Tribes are meeting after this meeting.