UNAHASUMMERBUSINESSMEETING
AUGUST 20, 2018
Delta Hotels
South Sioux City, Nebraska

Meeting called to order by Chairman Adams at 9:10 a.m.
Roll call taken by Secretary: 21 members present, Quorum established.
Opening prayer given by Jeanne Eagle, Winnebago Housing Board Chairwoman.

Chairman Adams welcomed all Tribal Leaders and New Executive Board members and Executive Directors. We need our Tribal leadership.

Approval of Agenda – Santee Sioux, Warren Mackey made a motion to approve the agenda. 2nd by Patrick Goggles, Northern Arapahoe. Discussion. Passed without opposition.

Approval of Minutes – Annual meeting in Lakewood, CO – April 9, 2018. Patrick Goggles, Northern Arapahoe, made a motion to approve minutes of April 9, 2018 in Lakewood, CO. 2nd by Utah Paiute. Discussion. Passed without opposition.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT- Jason Adams
Chairman Adams named all the individuals that were in attendance and welcomed them.

Chairman Adams introduced Winnebago Chairman Frank White. Frank is a Vietnam Vet and has been involved with Tribal housing since 1964. Chairman Adams thanked the Winnebago Housing Commission for hosting the meeting.

Chairman White said housing is one of the toughest jobs. HUD does provide the necessary funds. You are always being criticized. Regulations seem to prevent you from doing a lot of things. There is a shortage of housing. We have to look for alternative means for housing. We want you to visit our Casino. Welcome to the Sioux City area. Thank you for coming the great distance.

Chairman Adams – I became an AMERIND Board member. AMERIND started an Automobile policy July 1, 2018 for Tribes or Housing. We have been talking about it for a year. Amerind will be paying out 100% of the member reserves, this was approved at the January meeting. AMERIND is in a solid position. We don’t need member reserves any longer.

Another new thing is the Rate Stabilization Fund, an equitable way to give back to the members. UNAHA was supposed to get $37,000 from AMERIND, we only received $13,000. That was due to the amount of fires and the cost of the fires.

Region V #’s were reduced. We hope both the efforts continue. Jason is Chairman of the Risk Committee.

TREASURER’S REPORT
Treasurer Joey Nathan gave UNAHA Treasurer’s report of August 9, 2018.
We have $19,356.44 in checking and $45,992.49 in savings for a total of $65,348.93 in assets
Liabilities and Equity
Opening Balance Equity $93,523.65
Unrestricted Net Assets -21,493.01
Net income $ -6,681.71
Total Equity 65,348.93

AMERIND was $13,000 instead of $40,000.
Total income 107,305.47

Expenses
Contract services 31,352.33
Operating expenses 396.23
Travel & Meetings 1,560.28
Grant expense 5,374.02
Total expense 113,987.18

Net ordinary Income $-6,681.71
AR HUD - $29,000.00 – Community Compass HUD grant
Net Revenue YTD $22,318.29

Salish made a motion to approve Treasurer’s report. 2nd by Northern Arapahoe. All in favor, no opposed.

Jason Adams comments continued:

Some of the Amerind staff responded to the amount of roofs and the age of the roof. We continue to have issues with the old T-lock asphalt shingle. Amerind is not insuring them 100% until new roofs are installed. This is causing financial hardship for many of our members. The AMERIND Reps are Jason, Lafe, Sharon and Jeanne.

USDA- Indigenous Food and Agriculture programs are anxious for tribes to participate.

USDA has a State Leadership meeting once a year in South Dakota. 11% of the population is Indian. Tony Stanger is trying to have some effect on the Farm Bill. USDA Leadership to Tribes – Take note of Seed of Initiative health.org

We need a resolution or letter of interest to participate in the relending program. In the old days, USDA had money left at the end of the year. That is not the case any longer, for example the 515 (subsidized rental projects) has not had new funding for almost 10 years!

USDA is coming to MT and meeting with Blackfeet. 502 is a great program: As low as 1% interest for up to 37 years. We have been battling. Flathead has 10-502’s. They have money for infrastructure. They condensed the programs under the preliminary review. Heidi Frechette said they will have 184 draft by the end of September. Process is moving forward. The $100 million NOFA if due out by December. Under ARRA there was $256 million. It is a national competition and NOFA out by December and the award out by May. The projects need to be shovel ready. 99% completion in 2 years. That is 40% of what we had 10 years ago.

You should be looking for Requests for Proposals for ICDBG.

Enterprise Grant to assist UNAHA tribes with homeownership plans has been approved. Up to 10 of our members will be selected to participate.
Minneapolis Federal Reserve: They have a Homeownership Handbook – reveal of that product was in Minneapolis hosted by Shakopee.

This resolution will be taken to the NCAI conference in October. The UNAHA resolution is in draft form. Chairman Adams read the resolution. Legal counsel has copy of the resolution. Cheyenne River made a motion to approve draft resolution. 2nd by Oglala. Discussion. Resolution 2018-02 approved by unanimous vote.

Ivan from Oglala said the Tribe has declared the reservation a disaster area. FEMA came in to do the assessments. They had another rainstorm yesterday.

Rebecca Kidder – Attorney for Oglala said there is a lack of resources to deal with the storm. Bilaterally the Tribal communities have been hit hard. Rebecca had 15 copies of a prepared resolution. Santee Sioux made a motion to approve draft of resolution. 2nd by Oglala. Resolution 2018-03 approved unanimously.


HUD update- Randy Akers, NPONAP Director thanked UNAHA for allowing HUD to give update, UNAHA really is a good organization. HUD staff Maria Danz and Amber Hunter are here with me.

I have 14 things to discuss with you. We have 26 employees in NPONAP, we have 12 new employees. Randy discussed the opening in HQ. We have not heard anything about 2018 ICDBG NOFA. No immediate news. Patrick – Do you know the anticipated ceiling amount? Randy - $10 million for our Region, each tribe will be able to apply for up to $800,000. There are some imminent threat grant funds available. There is a change in the new guidance on the reimbursements.

We are using EPIC instead of the 425’s. NPONAP is taking the lead on this. It is going to make things easier. Randy discussed technical assistance visits, IHBG submissions and HUD VASH renewal applications.

Audits
2018 Risk Management decides who will be monitored. Tribal governments are in the driver’s seat. Annual Performance reports are required in EPIC. 2018 ASER’s due December 14, 2018.
There are 6 Regional trainings scheduled to date. NPONAP has had 16 requests.
Section 184 – Not enough loans on trust land. Chairman Adams asked about the funding for this year. Randy said he would check on this. Chairman Adams asked Randy to discuss the mitigation fund for 184.

AMERIND
Sharon Vogel/Leile Haugen – AMERIND Board members
Jason mentioned the auto policy. We bid ours out. The reserve will be returned on the 31st. Read the policy to make sure you are adequately covered. Pay attention to the policy.
LIHTC units are not treated like NAHASDA and 37 Act units. Next Annual meeting is in Denver. Chairman Greg Borland doesn’t attend a lot of the meetings.

Bob asked if AMERIND auto policy an available Tribal product?
Bill N- Is the removal of a member a membership or a board decision?
Chairman Adams – We need to fashion a resolution for that.
Ivan, Oglala – Discussed AMERIND.

NAIHC
Sharon/Jason – Representatives
Sharon – NAIHC – Gary Cooper – The Pathways Home curriculum has been updated. It is to help with Homebuyer Readiness. We have training manuals. One per Housing Authority. NAIHC/AMERIND Annual Meeting is May 7-9, 2018 in San Diego.

Jason – They have a monthly call. Tony Walters is the Executive Director. December 10-12 is the Legal Symposium in Las Vegas. Jason discussed the Indigenous Housing Conference on May 21-23, 2019 in Queensland, Australia. Asked for any one with questions to call him.

Break for lunch at 11:52. Meeting called back to order at 1:22.

Legal Update
Dave H. – There are two meth bills – Daines and Baldwin – Wisconsin
There is the new NAHASDA needs and capacity grants in the amount of $100 Million. Appropriations Committee has authority over this bill. Millions of Dollars went away due to the ACS formula. NOFA is due by December. Pete Delgado – Appropriations of the $100 million wants it to go for 2 years.

Sonja Acosto- You will need to get a hold of her and let her know how you want the money to be spent.

Appendix 2 – HUD is thinking about different ways.
Bob – Has NAIHC addressed this issue? We need to figure out a way to address this issue. Large land based Tribes outside of this region will be getting the money.
Rebecca Kidder – Corporations get housing money.

Dave H – All West 2019- AMERIND – April 5, 6 & 7, 2019.

Ivan- Oglala – 60 some homes came out positive for meth use.
Two bills out there making a half a billion $’s available. Discussion on the two bills.

South Dakota Coalition. Sharon Vogel, JC Crawford and Joanna discussed their 502 loan program. Together we are going to deploy Two million $. JC said there would be a $100,000 available for down payment assistance.

Bob – Hats off to the Coalition. Does this $2 million have a set term? CDFI can borrow up to 33 years @ 1%.

Joanna – OMB decides how much things cost. They are concerned about the pricing.

SD Native American Homeownership
RTM

Enterprise Home Ownership Opportunity CBJ Producers LLC- JC Crawford and Bruce Jones, successful contractors to administer the Enterprise Grant, were present to discuss the process. Bruce and JC provided a power point.
Bob – Last year we decided to write the grant on mitigation for the 184. Since HUD Regulations are slow to come out, we are going to focus on homeownership within UNAHA. It is our goal to build 100 new units for home ownership. We will be putting together an application for members of UNAHA that might want to participate. We will then select up to 10 to receive free assistance lasting into 2019 to kick start your home ownership programs. What are the strengths and the weaknesses of your organization, waiting lists, etc. We want to put together 10 units each from 10 Tribes. We have boots on the ground.

Bob – Both of those guys are valuable resources. Bob discussed the community compass funds and that you have to have viability.

Break 2:40-3:00

Administrator’s Report
Bob – I have 5 things. Randy we appreciate the efforts your office is making in the training coordination in the Denver Region.
Last Year we received a $300,000 from Community Compass for training. We expect to spend all for training and TA by the end of the year.

Self-Monitoring training – The best self-monitoring comes from your own peer groups.
HUD Compliance Training – You don’t have to monitor everything on the list.
We had a great training committee meeting in Polson. We want to do a boot camp and what you need to quickly get up to speed on NAHASDA requirements. The Boot Camp agenda will be finalized this afternoon. Classes will be offered in early 2019/

We want to have you tell us what you want to see in the program.
Ponca Tribe – Connect Homes – Don Magnuson- Housing Compliance Officer.
We would like to thank the Associate members.

Northern Arapahoe made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Santee Sioux. All in favor. Meeting adjourned. 4:00