

UNAHA QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING
LAS VEGAS, NV
DECEMBER 5, 2016
Mirage Hotel

Meeting called to order by Chairman Adams at 8:15 a.m.
Roll call taken by Secretary. 15 members present. No quorum.
Opening prayer given by Wilbur Red Tomahawk.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT- Chairman Adams

Welcomed everyone and commented on the recent Presidential election and how it might impact Indian Housing. Our work and diligence is even more critical now.
A few points that I want to touch on is that Ben Carson is going to be nominated for HUD Secretary. Heidi Frechette wasn't able to be here. Jim and Dave will shed some light on Ben Carson.
UNAHA received a \$300,000, 3 year COMMUNITY COMPASS grant through HUD.

Training needs

Talked about capacity building
Assessing and updating survey
Communicating with Denver and national office
Board member training
Financial analysis
Financial performance
Meth issue

National circuit training
Computer identified 250 grant sources. They will provide data base and assistance if you are successful.

There are 6-7,000 paid off mutual help unit that are uninsured in the UNAHA Region.

Discussed UNAHA budget

Quorum established at 8:48 – 16 members present.

Approval of Agenda- Lower Brule made a motion to approve the agenda. 2nd by Spirit Lake. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes Summer Meeting – August 4, 2016, Bismarck, ND– Salish and Kootenai made a motion to approve minutes of UNAHA Summer meeting – August 4, 2016. 2nd by Low Brule. All in favor with corrections.

Discussion on meth conference. Jason Adams and Bob Gauthier were on a conference call with HUD. Randy Akers said he couldn't get the funding for the conference. They told Randy that if he can't get the funding UNAHA is going to move forward with this issue.
We need to have UNAHA Housing Authority's get involved.
Spring meeting on meth. We will send letters out to national agencies. We have a potential liability if we choose to ignore this issue.

We need to have a discussion on what the needs are. It is a crisis in Indian Country. Salish has spent over a million dollars on vacant units and units that need to be cleaned up of meth. The damage and potential liability of meth. Housing taking the lead on cleaning issues on meth units.

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Bob G. – We are trying right now to work with HUD, Randy said he would commit his staff.

Chairman Adams - We are still working with 184. If you are a Tribe with a significant land base this program is for you. There has been no regulations developed in a collaborative fashion. On reservation 184 applicants are the ones losing a resource if we cannot get this issue resolved with HUD. I will continue to get HUD to work with us.

Chairman Adams acknowledged associate members.

UNAHA Attorney RFP – After reviewing six responses to our Attorney RFP, it was the decision of the Board to continue our relationship with Wagenlander & Heisterkamp attorneys.

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer – Joey Nathan gave report.

Balance of \$ 24,555.58 in Community Bank checking

26,147.44 in Community Bank savings

50,703.02 Total Checking and savings

YTD profit & Loss – January 1 – November 2016

\$24,153.55 - Grant proceeds

9.55. – Interest Income

\$20,000. -Total other income

Program Income

5,000.– Associate Members

74,000. –Members

\$123,163.10 – Total Income

Expenses

\$ 362.25 - Business Registration Expense

402. – Accounting Services

8,446.41 – Legal Services

55,050. - Outside Contract Services

\$63,898.41 - Total Contract Services

15,919.39 - Total Conference and meetings

17,289.61 – Total Travel & Meetings

333.15 – Website

\$105,709.92 -Total Expenses

\$ 17,453.18 -Net Income

Salish Kootenai made a motion to accept Treasurer's Report. 2nd by Northern Arapho. All in favor.

Old Business

Chairman Adams - We need to amend the UNAHA By-Laws to be compliant with COMPASS grant.

Jim and Dave will prepare a Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct will be presented at the Annual meeting in early April. We have to give a notice process, it will be an 8-10 page document.

Jim W. – Comment on FCAS law suit. It has been almost 9 years since a group of law suits were filed when HUD tried to recapture monies. Two weeks ago, final arguments were heard in the 10th circuit court. Tribes prevailed. Started at \$41 million, final distribution was \$13 million. HUD didn't like that.

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Tomorrow Dave and Sylvia will be doing drug presentations. Legal marijuana and meth are the presentations.

Jim – Who is the real Donald Trump? We want to point out the change in the federal government. These changes are set backs in a few barriers.

4 Appropriations to be supported by UNAHA at NAIHC Legislative Conference

\$100 million a year in special appropriations for meth

30% rule

Free up millions of \$'s in this region

A billion \$ a year in IHBG funds

Negotiated Rule making committee could not agree, could not come to a consensus. HUD is going to use ACS. Hopeful that Congress would step in and rescind this.

Senator Heitkamp met with Donald Trump yesterday on Secretary Position with Department of Interior and Agriculture.

Discussion on not proceeding with DAPL pipeline under the Missouri River North of Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota.

Dr. Ben Carson – Secretary of HUD. Everything we have heard is that Dr. Carson has no experience in Housing.

Assistant Secretary of Public and Indian Housing – Senator Mike Lee of UT was the center piece for stopping the reauthorization of NAHASDA. He does not like the Hawaiian inclusion in most recent Senate Bill.

5th year Mike Lee's name has been mentioned for Law Justice Overview of the environment.

Regulations are still being issued by Obama administration.

2 other regulations

IHBG

LBGT

Flood Plain issue- Substantial rehab could require that units be raised two feet off of the ground in some instances.

Tribal Advisory committee – HUD issued a notice that there will be one person from each Region and one representative at large

Smoke Free Project

Chairman Adams – We need to look for the opportunities and use them to our advantage.

NAHASDA was a Republican led effort when it passed 20 years ago.

Flood Plain Management Conference Call – Thursday, December 8th at 11:00.

NAIHC Board is in Executive session this morning.

New Business

Bob Gauthier – We have received a Community Compass Award. This will require that each UNAHA member update training survey. We have plans to get info to you, our members, through the web page and newsletter. We want to beef up the organization a lot more by responding to your needs.

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NAIHC Chair – Sami Jo Difuntorum and Gary Cooper present

Sami Jo discussed water resource bill.

Sami – We are willing to support reauthorization. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs – Tester and Heitkamp

Paul Moorhead will be here today. I am told this Thursday everything will stop.

We don't really have a policy track record.

Bob Gauthier – If there is no movement, how much jeopardy are we in?

Sami – Worst case scenario – Somebody in Interior and HUD were busy drafting \$700 million appropriations bill before elections. It is a good opportunity to educate them in Indian Housing. \$700 million appropriations. There is a lot of uncertainty and fear.

Gary Cooper – This afternoon at Legislative committee they decided to move forward with a new plan. We have combined both House and Senate Bill so you can take a look at them. I would encourage all of you to come. We are starting at noon today.

Our plan is to start now and at the Legislative conference in March we can wrap it up.

We also wanted to give an opportunity to our board members Chancy and Stuart.

Chancey Kittson – I would like to thank the Board and staff. We were just awarded a new Community Compass Grant.

Stuart Langdeau – At the end of this month HUD developed an advisory board, December 27th is the final comment period.

In December Oglala is having their Housing Summit.

AMERIND REPORT

Sharon Vogel – Amerind Rep – Region III

Lafe Haugen – Amerind Rep – Region V

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I would like to than Dicky Schroeder for his years of service on the Board.

We have some changes on the T-lock shingles. Discussion on changes on T-locks and full coverage options.

Dennis McCann left and he has been replaced by Ken Black.

There is a proposal that the board should have their own attorney, when there is a conflict between board and management who trumps?

Every meeting they introduce a new cell.

Cell for investments – I didn't see where the current cells are performing.

I think we should focus on tribal lands, review insurance policy and focus on services to the membership.

Concerned about member portal, old portal closed down. I look forward to representing your interests.

Lafe Haugen – Region V

Thank you Sharon. All morning we have been talking politics. We are on informed on everything that is taking place. Jeff Blackwell is the AMERIND attorney. At our January 17th meeting, resolutions concerning insurance on conveyed MH units will come up. I think both regions are on the same page.

With Jack Sawyer retiring, Jason Adams has been elected Region V alternate.

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Chancey is looking at a spray on insulation machine.

Jason Adams, there is some concerns with AMERIND. We have a Board of Directors we put in place to oversee the operation of AMERIND and the insurance of affordable housing units. You don't get the full picture in reading the minutes of the AMERIND board. As a member we should have access to the information. Now you are being refunded some of reserve money. Housing is just a small piece if the picture.

Salish and Kootenai shot down the charter change unless AMERIND Officials come and tell us why the Charter changes are being requested.

Bob Gauthier – Current By-Laws give full authority to the Board. We could lose access to affordable rates.

Jim Wagenlander – Two weeks ago I got a call from Jack Sawyer, he is retiring, and he was on his way back from Negotiated Rulemaking Committee meeting. Jack is 83, we should send a thank you letter. Jack's contribution has been immeasurable. We will be having a Region V caucus.

Chairman Adams - Mike Andrews will be here at 12:00

Administrative Report

Bob Gauthier – We have a 2017 UNAHA budget

Dave Heisterkamp – We are eligible for funding, the 501c3 is approved.

Bob Gauthier - Foundation search is important. We are just learning about it. Capacity funds and GAP financing are two areas we will search for grants. We contribute \$5,000 a year for the tournament. We have two successful grant applications so far. Enterprise grant and Community Compass. We are looking at VASH, but there is lot of assumptions made early that were incorrect. We want everyone to be able to apply.

We have our newsletter, we want to build our Associate Membership. There is a need in Indian Housing for skills with the 504, USDA, Homeownership and tax credit. We want to continue to tell success stories.

AMERIND

If we started our own self-funded pool, with 2000 conveyed units for \$100,000 each with a \$10,000 deductible, we could insure them for less than \$200 each.

HUD 184 has been here in 1992, but there is no regulations. We need to work with ONAP on developing regulations.

If ever we need our tribal leaders, it is now.

If you need a policy or a form, we (UNAHA) is here to help you.

Chairman Adams – Myrna does have a sign up for our April meeting. The other thing is the schedule this week.

Chairman Adams gave Associate members that were present time to talk.

RTHawk Housing Alliance– Wilbur Red Tomahawk Housing Alliance LLC– President and CEO -We work with the Tax Credit program and the tax reform impacts.

Lorna Fogg – Senior Project Manage and Robin Thorne – Senior Asset Manager

Wilbur – We are the first Native American Affordable Housing Tax Credit Consultant

RMS – Bob Clooten – We manage paper documents, have for over 20 years.

HDS – Doug – Housing Management Software

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Jim Wagenlander – AMERIND responded quickly to the tragedy at Pine Ridge on the propane claim.
They developed propane practices and procedures.

Bob Gauthier presented 2017 UNAHA budget.

Dave H – All West 100 – It will run from Friday morning – Sunday. 32nd tournament.

Adjourn at 11:24 a.m.