

**UNAHA SUMMER BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2017
KwaTaqNuk Resort
POLSON, MT**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Adams at 9:06 a.m.

Mission Valley Honor Guard opened with an honor song and color guard.

Opening prayer given by Jason Adams.

Roll call taken by Secretary. 18 members present. Quorum established. More arrived later, 22 present at lunch.

Discussion on eclipse.

We have several visitors coming today, Secretary Carson will be here. HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary Heidi Frechette will be with us and address the membership as well as AMERIND Chair Greg Boreen. We are also honored to have Dianna Yental, from the National Low Income Housing Coalition with us. They have been very supportive of our issues. Additionally, we are joined today by Tony Walters, the recently hired Executive Director of the National American Indian Housing Council. Big day, big agenda, hang on to your hats.

When we are finished today, we are going on a boat cruise on the Resort Boat, THE SHADOW. It will leave at 6:00. Salish and Kootenai Housing Authority is hosting dinner. See Myrna Gauthier to sign up.

Chairman Adams welcomed everyone from the Confederated Salish and Kootenai leadership. We need our Tribal leadership.

Approval of Agenda – **Lower Brule made a motion to approve the agenda. 2nd by Blackfeet. All in favor.**

Approval of Minutes – Annual meeting in Lakewood, CO – April 10, 2017. **Blackfeet made a motion to approve minutes of April 10, 2017 in Lakewood, CO. 2nd by Cheyenne River. All in favor.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT- Chairman Adams

Chairman Adams welcomed everyone. It has been an interesting couple of weeks. 11 days ago we had a request from Secretary Dr. Ben Carson, he wanted to attend the meeting. The Secretary will be here this afternoon.

We are very fortunate that he wanted to attend. There has been a few things going on, the main thing is the reauthorization of NAHASDA. Chairman Adams named all the individuals that were in attendance. We have the By-Laws to talk about at some time. We have someone from outside the Region that wants to be a member. They are here today.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Joey Nathan gave UNAHA Treasurer's report of August 16, 2017.

We have \$28,967.09 in checking

51,478.95 In savings for a total of \$80,446.04 in assets

Liabilities and Equity

Opening Balance Equity \$93,523.65

Unrestricted Net Assets -58,627.02

Net income \$ 45,549.41

Corporate contributions – AMERIND \$40,000.00

Dues, program income 72,825.00

Total income 115,952.41

Expenses

Contract services 39,730.63

Operating expenses 860.29

Travel & Meetings	22,999.76
Website expense	309.38
Total expense	70,403.00

Net ordinary Income \$45,549.41

Santee Sioux moved to approve Treasurer's report. 2nd by Lower Brule. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

None

10:00- Heidi Frechette – DAS – enrolled member of the Menominee Tribe in WI. Secretary Carson will be here this afternoon.

I am a career staffer, I work closely with Tribal leaders. I understand your struggle with severely overcrowded households. Substandard living conditions. I am accompanied here by Hunter Kurtz. 1 out of every 4 live in poverty.

Recently published NAHASDA. NAHASDA is often used for seed money. San Phillippe used it for Section 184 & Title VI. Blackfeet built 50 units under Title VI.

Methamphetamine – Regional work group, working on problem. It is not just a Housing issue, Housing Authorities shouldn't be having to address the issue. We are looking at innovative ways to address your need. Salish/Kootenai has a Model program.

HUD has streamlined environmental review process.

HUD has been setting up HUD VASH programs, 224 veterans are currently in case management. Homelessness is different in Indian Country.

Housing is more than just building homes. There is vacant units. At the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, I met a single mom with 4 children. Her daughter was sharing a BR with her 3 brothers, she was proud to show me her new BR.

HUD Indian Programs – Leveraging for Tribal funds.

Bob asked about the Advisory Board. Heidi – We didn't get enough nominations, we talked to the Secretary about putting it back out there.

Turtle Mountain – How long will it be before you can send someone out to train for clean up? Heidi – When you get your request in we will get something out to you. We have spent \$1,000,000.in remediation costs.

Terry Red Fox – Discussed rehab costs. We have infrastructure needs.

Heidi – President and Secretary would have that, I am not privy to that, it is above my pay grade.

Ivan – OST – We have 3 units with meth. We tested 100 homes- 50% were meth. Maintenance costs have sky rocketed. We are concerned about our people. Family went through involuntary incarceration. We really need more money for treatment. Ivan discussed meth problem in Housing.

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Sharon Parisien – IHS has been pushing pills.

Chairman Adams – We are going to have a round table discussion this afternoon with Heidi.

Break -10:45

Chairman Adams introduced Diane Yentel. Diane Yentel – NLIHC – Pinky Clifford is a member of BOD-LIHC We do research on out of housing reach on rent. We found that there is shortage of 7.4 million homes. Declining Federal Resources. Tight spending cuts. Trump proposed to cut HUD by 50 million \$'s.

Members of Congress lift the funding caps. Underfunding federal housing programs 200 billion a year, ¾ of that money goes to high income homeowners. ¼ left to serve LIH units. United for Homes Campaign.

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LIHTC Program – Legislation would preserve and expand by 50%. 4 million \$'s a year. Basis boost for Native Americans.

A call to invest our neighborhoods.

Chairman Finley welcomed everyone and offered a song.

Break for lunch – 11:20-12:45

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I first met Heidi Frechette last summer in N. Dakota. She brought the new Assistant Secretary with her. I watched the Asst. Secretary hang on every word. We have her attention. They have discretionary funds.

We are taking UNAHA to a level that matters. This group authorized us to build a website, go to Facebook page and like the page. We are looking at developing a very in depth questionnaire in the next 30 days. Develop for profit organizations. Homeownership is one of the resources. After I am through with my presentation, I am going to have Charmel come up and let you know what is available to you.

Discussion on New Executive Director's and they weren't here. Randy and Lori have been real cooperative to work with. Newsletter, website and training survey are important. Another one I get is Salary Surveys. We have 8 or 9 categories. These surveys will be coming out soon. The last thing is the National Low Income Housing and Neighborworks.

Charmel explained the website. There is a lot of information on the website. Listing our membership and associate members.

Discussion on different building practices and policies. Discussion on meth problem in our communities.

Santee Sioux made a motion to support NAIHC to step up funding for drug addiction problem on reservations and make this a priority. 2nd by Northern Ponca. Discussion. All in favor.

Flandreau made a motion to allow Duck Valley become a member of UNAHA and if so amend the By-Laws. 2nd by Lower Brule. Discussion. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chairman Vogel presented gift to Myrna Gauthier on behalf of UNAHA for all her hard work she has put into the organization.

Adjourned at 3:13 to allow for Secretary Carson visit.

Iva Grainger, Secretary