UNITED NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSOCIATTION Venetian Hotel DECEMBER 10, 2018

Meeting called to order by Chairman Adams at 8:05 a.m.

Patrick Goggles led meeting in prayer.

Secretary called roll call. Roll call- 19 members present. Quorum established.

Agenda – December 10, 2018 – Northern Arapahoe made a motion to approved agenda for December 10, 2018 meeting. 2nd by Salish. All in favor.

Minutes of summer meeting – Sioux City, NE -August 20, 2018- Flandreau made a motion to approve minutes of August 20, 2018. 2nd by Fort Berthhold. All in favor.

Chairman Adams discussed that the Summer Meeting 2019 will be in Great Falls or Billings. Discussion by Bob.

Chairman's Report

The \$100 million dollar NOFA process. E-mails were sent to Heidi Frechette, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Native American Programs, Washington DC, to make sure the money goes to the neediest of the Tribes. We still continue to wait. The process is competitive. UNAHA will get the NOFA out to you once we receive it..

HUD 184 – This is a crucial program. These issues are important. The program has been here since 1992 operating on five pages of regulations! Now, due to an administrative audit, ONAP is attempting to force Regulations for this program. You should get a copy and read through them. There is Seven Billion \$'s in loans through that program. 7% of loans are on trust lands. We can't forget about that program. Once tribes get their home ownership programs on track, they will need this unique, market rate program.

The AMERIND All-West 100 youth basketball tournament is April 4-7, 2019. It is a great feather in our cap. This is the 35th year. This will be at the Gold Crown Foundation.

Dave – Registration will be the 1st week in January. The meeting will be at the Thursday night at the Holiday Inn, Lakewood, CO. for coaches.

Chairman Adams- My time is up at the annual meeting. We have some big opportunities. I am going to be stepping out of Housing in April. I have accepted another position with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Joey Nathan read Treasurer's Report.

Balance Sheet

Current Assets – Checking \$69,369.24

Savings <u>\$8,194.93</u>

Total Assets \$ 77.564.17

Liabilities & Equity

Operating Balance Equity \$ 93,523.65 Unrestricted Net Assets - 21,493.01

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Ordinary Income/Expense

Total Income \$227,569.22
Total Contract Services 48,757.08
Grant Work 6,922.02
Operations Expense 537.96
Travel & Meeting Expense 16,594.40
Total Travel & Meetings 20,100.23
Website Expense 283.38

Total Expenses 222,035.69
Net Ordinary Income \$ 5,533.53

Salish Kootenai made a motion to approve Treasurer's Report. 2nd by Lower Brule. All in favor.

Bob Gauthier UNAHA Administrator – We are completing a grant for under the Community Compass – UNAHA gets 10% from the grant. It helps pay for operation of the program and will add some money to the UNAHA checking account.

Old Business

Bob G – I don't think it would be a bad idea for you to talk about the evaluation of the National American Indian Housing Council. In the first 20 years after moving to Washington DC from Carson City Nevada, 1984 or so, the organization was really working hard to represent all Tribes. Prior to our move to DC, the organization was dominated by Region IV, Oklahoma. We did not have every region only looking out for themselves. We made an effort to ask HUD to partner with NAIHC and they did. We have developed a very good relationship with HUD especially through the Dom Nessi years. Now Alaska has HUD's ear. The UNAHA Tribes are being left out.

We represent people that don't have a voice. OK, AK and CA, they all have strong voices. Alaska has strong leadership but they do not work to help large land based tribes.

Chairman Adams – We can go to the new appropriation RFP now, we are trying to put side bars on the appropriations. That's not FAKE news. We have the poorest Tribes' in the country in our region. Of course, the resolution didn't pass at NAIHC, so they assumed it was a done deal.

Dave H – Since they changed that there was a lot of interesting theories. Fast forward, Pinky Crawford notice on the LIHC became an issue. Seven different regional or national organizations supported us. Not the leadership at NAIHC. Alaska traveled to DC to meet with the LIHC staff. Thankfully, the folks at the National Low Income Housing Coalition had done their homework and were not swayed. The LIHC defended the letter they sent to HUD.

Rebecca K. – The letter sent by LIHC, isn't about us. Discussion needs to be held on the definition of need and capacity. There is a need obviously, how do you determine capacity?

Bob – It is kind of a telling moment. We have known for a while that often UNAHA is out of step with the rest of the NAIHC Membership. That does not diminish our issues and should cause us to fight harder.

Jason – That needs to be said in the letter.

Gary Cooper will be here this afternoon. Discussion on the decisions made by the board. We would want to mention that. This is not a UNAHA thing, it is a poor Indian thing.

What those things lead to is moving money. HUD steps in and moves money. Sylvia – One of the striking things about the letter, the letter said to send your letter. NAIHC is not your sovereign voice.

Diane Yentel CEO of the Low Income Housing Coalition – This is a LIHC opinion.

Rebecca – It is a serious issue, it does not promote, endorse or advocate this position. It leaves a misimpression when it is on NAIHC letterhead. Take a position to retract. Dave discussed the letters. Sharon and Stuart sent a letter.

Stuart – How do we go forward from here? At the meeting in Denver there was discussion on what Gary had done. There was really nothing other than that.

Rebecca discussed the NAIHC by-laws.

Jason- One of the concerns, we have again another reason that the organization would be violated.

Dave – They must think you are pretty powerful, they hit back pretty hard. The Competitive NOFA should come out in early January. They are talking about infrastructure and development. 90 day review out of the national office. Allocation of money as soon as May.

It will be based on capacity and no open audit findings. 1st 100 million was in FY 18, new congress comes in, they are still working on 19. 200 million to go out in next year. Look for another funding cycle. If it works look at the possibility of it continuing.

Stuart – Remind HQ when they put something out, I don't want the process to repeat itself. It shouldn't be 1st come 1st served.

Terri – 150 vacant units. They want to see stuff built. We have a number of old units; the formula is setting idle. The 30% rule – set flat rents. LIHC protested the 30% rule. 30% rule works differently in Indian Country. Indian country is not trying to charge more money.

Bob -30% rule, PIH and Section VIII, have a different effect in Indian country. Heidi and her staff were surprised to get the comments that they got. It is important to get comments from everywhere.

Continuing consultation.

Dave – Bob's prediction is that the 184 rules are they are making it is an alternative to FHA. Jason-As far as UNAHA knows there hasn't been a deadline. Do we want to comment on the little bit that is out there or wait for the whole picture? Dave- Jason is right it was an incentive for trust land lending.

Jason – Our position is that we don't want to comment on the regulations until there is more. Bob – We had begged lenders to lend on trust land, 8% of the loans are on trust land. More discussion on 184. Jason – We want it broken into three programs.

New Business

Bob – Training Update- We have two boot camps scheduled. It is going to be for new E D's. It is going to be like a degree in Indian Housing. 4 1/2 day course, the agenda has been approved.

Self – governance program- Thanks largely to Katie. June 28th – productive tools. 1st one at Lakewood, CO for Board members, new staff and Tribal council. Not much money went out of the Region.

Bruce and JC are here. JC – we are working with nine UNAHA Tribes that applied. We hope to have 100 units built under the efforts of the grant.

Bob – What are we paying our maintenance men? UNAHA will be sending out a survey on wages. We will be getting an average of every position. We have 34 members, and this will be an average. New training survey will come out. Bob, Myrna and Charmel are the administrators for UNAHA. We want to do a pretty robust newsletter.

Terry Red Fox has been with associated with UNAHA 35 years. He has three years with HUD and after eight years of retirement he went back to work for the Tribe. Now it is appropriate that we honor Terry with a Legend in Indian Housing Award. Thank you Terry.

Bob – The younger people need to step up in this organization. We are losing a lot of leadership and experience.

NAIHC Report

Stuart L. I was at the meeting yesterday, Jason was at meeting at strategic planning document. NAIHC is working on legislative committee on potentially getting NAHASDA reauthorized.

Tony Walters – Stuart is the Region III representative, it is always good to see the Regions come together. We will be conducting that hopefully by the end of this month.

Stuart -Does anyone have issues with Tony there is going to be an evaluation by the Board and that could go into the evaluation?

I am going to be stepping down in April, whoever replaces me has to be willing to stand up and take charge. Here I am 12 years later. That's my report.

AMERIND Report

Jeanne - Alternate for Region III.

Derrick – I have been with AMERIND, the last 6 have been as CEO. With me today is Kenneth Ruthardt, I want to update you on AMERIND. IHBG losses are \$8 million over budget. This region is 21/2 million \$ for hail storms. Overall AMERIND is pretty much diversified.

Derrick discussed Tribal government, workers comp and auto insurance. We relaxed our underwriting, we do not disqualify drivers.

We had \$36 million in claims on \$50 million in revenue last year.

You should have received statements for 2019. Derrick discussed stabilization fund. We are applying a dividend next year for all the members in good standing. ¼ of dividend will be based on performance. #1 thing is to be paid in full by December 31st. Payment plans will be eligible. Investment portfolio is down. That is AMERIND in a nutshell.

Regional Caucuses

Region V – Patrick Goggles Jason Adams

Region III – Stuart Alt – Sharon until April

Enterprise Grant:

JC/Bruce – We had nine applicants since meeting at Sioux City. The deadline for completion is March 31, 2019. All assessments are at different stages.

Randy Akers-HUD

We are trying to figure out the best way to help the Grants Evaluation. I have six or seven things. It has been an honor to work with Terry Redfox. Terry hasn't changed much over the years. The 1st thing is that I want to thank you for getting the IHBG in. Northern Plains has done a good job with EPIC and they will be using it for the APR. We spend money quickly and efficiently. We have developed interim funding. If you need interim funding reach out to the Grants Management staff. Before they will approve LOCCs balance has to be low. Next round of IHP's will be January. We have had some good discussion about the \$100 million. I can't really add to that. There is no breaking news.

HUD staff can't say anything on the competitive funding. There is nothing recently on the reauthorization of NAHASDA.

I am excited about the ICDBG, we have just completed the application workshop. The NOFA is due January 7, 2019.

We anticipate the ROSS grant award for 2018 to be announced soon. The ICDBG is getting pushed further and further back. We have to speed it up, we have to get the money out. I am hopeful the 2nd round will be coming out soon.

UNAHA does a great job. We need the money to get out to you. We are working on the ICDBG Implementation training. We are trying to get the VASH rolling. Native American Vets should be abler to access any and all programs.

Robin Thorne – They are supposed to build units to bring Vets home. VASH renewal funding has been made available.

Randy - Technical Assistance

Maintenance training

We have provided training to 13 Tribes. We have had four requests so far, this fiscal year. MH conveyance and Environmental Review are popular topics.

ONAP is working on guidance for ICDBG and Regulations for Section 184.

Administrators Report

Bob – We have a call with the officers the 1st Monday of each month. Charmel discussed the newsletter and trying to find the best way to keep you informed. Newer things are Facebook- admin@UNAHA.org. We need your feedback.

Jason – Randy mentioned that they are working on a meth summit.

Discussed Indigenous People conference, May 2, 2019. Jason mentioned all of the Associate members. Bob – We are working on Technical assistance for 13 housing programs.

Next meeting April 8, 2019.

Salish made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Eastern Shoshone. Meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Iva Granger, Secretary.