

UNITED AMERICAN HOUSING ASSOCIATION
SUMMER MEETING WENDOVER NEVADA
RAINBOW HOTEL AND CASINO
AUGUST 21, 2023

Meeting called to order @ 8:30 a.m. by Vice-Chair Jody Perez

Roll call taken 17 members present - Quorum established (three proxies).

Vice-Chair Perez welcomed elected Tribal officials, new Executive Directors, and Associate members to the UNAHA summer meeting.

OPENING PRAYER- Opening prayer by Patrick Goggles

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Salish Kootenai made a motion to approve the agenda of August 21, 2023 meeting. 2nd by Eastern Shoshone. All in favor.

Amos Murphy, Tribal Chairman from Goshute Tribe welcomed the UNAHA Members and provided some history of the Tribe.

MEETING MINUTES –Lakewood, Colorado – April 3, 2023 – Northern Ponca made a motion to approve minutes of April Annual meeting. 2nd by Lower Brule. All in favor.

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN’S REPORT- Good morning and welcome everyone! I would like to acknowledge any Tribal officials, new BOC members and new Executive Directors. We appreciate that all of you took the time to attend. This summer meeting has always been focused on getting to know each other better. I want to thank the Goshute tribe for hosting us. We will be taking a bus field trip to their tribal offices tomorrow.

TREASURER’S REPORT-Joey Nathan provided the Treasure’s report (attached). Treasure’s report approved on a motion by Apsaalooke (Crow) Housing Authority, second by Northern Cheyenne, approved unanimously.

9:30 HUD message – Randy Akers, Administrator for HUD Region 8 ONAP was present and offered the following information:

- ONAP is in the middle of converting from EPIC system to GEMS (Grants Evaluation Management System). It will take a while to get the bugs out.
- RFPs for the Competitive Block should be out in early September.
- ICDG and IHBG Cares funding is wrapping up. Tribes need to prepare a final APR to their Grants Manager.
- Randy acknowledged how well UNAHA tribes did in receiving and spending CARES funding.
- All open grants require and APR submission.
- Denver ONAP now has a new POC (Point of Contact) for training questions and requests for Training and Technical Assistance. Her name is Elisabeth Altazan. All TA requests for Denver ONAP will go to her. Her email is Elisabeth.A.Altazan@hyd.gov.
- ONAP has a new UTUBE channel, check it out.
- ONAP continues to encourage all tribes to utilize HEROS environmental site.

At the 10:00 break, the Region V members, by a unanimous vote, elected Charles Washakie as the Amerind Alternate.

After the break, Patrick Goggles provide an update on NAIHC activities. Apparently Chelsea Fish, recently hired as Council's Executive Director, who had been scheduled to present at today's meeting will not be continuing in that position. The Board is attempting to establish interim leadership and will advertise for an Executive Director. Patrick also referred to the testimony that he recently provided to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs concerning current Indian Housing Issues and challenges. The testimony in full is on the UNAHA web site.

Following Patrick's presentation, Derek Valdo from AMERIND Risk, addressed the attendees. He shared a little about his one year leave of absence to fulfill cultural requirements of his tribe. He explained that it had been rigorous and eye opening. He feels he is even more prepared to lead the Company through a difficult period. He explained that AMERIND was facing tough times. Membership in the NAHASDA Pool has dropped from 207 members in 2015 to 190 members this year. There has been a loss of premium of \$1.8 million. Insured units have dropped from 44,000 units to 33,000 unit. Reinsurance costs have risen to \$15 million a year. Company reserves remained high at \$120,000. Mr. Valdo said new member quotes will be sent out by 10/31/2023. He said to expect an increase of approximately 9%. He closed by indicating that the individual policies written by the company were a constant source of loss and rates would increase by much more than the NAHASDA pool. His power point is available on the UNAHA Website.

Dave Heisterkamp, UNAHA Counsel, reviewed S. 2285, the NAHASDA Reauthorization bill out of the Senate. It passed by a wide margin. It now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration. Dave recommended that UNAHA pass a resolution to support reauthorization in the House that would authorize Drug Elimination and send it ASAP to selected House members and committees. Motion by Salish and Kootenai to pass resolution as outlined by David, second by Eastern Shoshone, carried unanimously.

Following a lunch break, Rebecca Patnaude-Olander, Executive Director and her staff provided information on the Maintenance Council and Occupancy Council meeting and training that Turtle Mountain Housing Authority is hosting the week of September 11-13 in Belcourt, North Dakota. This training will be a hands on for maintenance and occupancy. An agenda was handed out and all members were encouraged to participate. A big thank you to Turtle Mountain for taking the lead in this effort. UNAHA will be supporting this meeting with financial assistance.

Bob Gauthier presented the Administrator's report. He began by acknowledging Lorna Fogg from RT Hawk Housing Alliance and a UNAHA Associate Member, for her assistance in developing a response to Fannie Mae's intent to reduce investment in rural LIHTC projects. This activity was driven by the "Duty to Serve" requirements for all GSEs. It will impact available capital in Indian Country for the expanding Low Income Housing Tax Credit program.

Bob also acknowledged Sharon Vogel and Dave Heisterkamp for their non-stop advocacy for affordable housing, home ownership and capital for Indian Country. Their efforts are hard to measure but it is safe to say the increase in funding over the last few years can be tied to their advocacy and relationship building. They spend a considerable amount of time (uncompensated) working for the UNAHA Membership and all of Indian Country. We are grateful for their efforts.

Bob also thanked Becky and her staff at Turtle Mountain for their hard work putting together the upcoming training at Turtle Mountain. They show the spirit and professionalism that we hope as an organization helps all of our members grow and get better at our tribes. I believe that this is what the membership had in mind when they approved the creation of the two Councils. Please participate. You have much to learn and more importantly, more to share.

Bob, with assistance, reviewed the new website on the overhead projector. It really is a great resource for our members to access information, post job descriptions and learn of training and events.

The Goshute Tribe hosted dinner Monday evening with many of their Tribal Council and Board of Commissioners attending. UNAHA presented a Pendleton blanket to Melissa Oppenheim, Acting Executive Director for her hard work putting together the many details of our meeting.

On Tuesday, August 22nd, members took a field trip to the Goshute Reservation, about 70 miles South of Wendover. Members toured home sites and visited Tribal headquarters. The tribe provided lunch at their Council chambers. Let's just say the fry bread was perfect!!

On Wednesday, USDA Rural Development staff, Led by Tricia L. Weare, provided an over view of programs available to tribes as well as opportunities under two recently developed pilot programs that will make the USDA 502 program more available for members.

Bob then provided a list of activities that tribes should consider to make themselves good candidates for the homeownership possibilities created by these USDA Pilot programs. Information will be available on the UNAHA Website.

The next UNAHA meeting will be in conjunction with the NAIHC Legal Symposium in October in Las Vegas.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM on Wednesday on a motion by Salish and Kootenai, second by Northern Cheyenne. Carried unanimously.

Secretary for UNAHA

UNAHA
Profit & Loss
January 1 through August 15, 2023

	Jan 1 - Aug 15, 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
703 Donation	5,000.00
Interest Income	13.70
Program Income	
Associate Members	2,000.00
Membership Dues	45,000.00
Total Program Income	47,000.00
Total Income	52,013.70
Expense	
Consulting Services	8,332.82
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	447.00
Legal Fees	10,120.00
Outside Contract Services	37,000.00
Total Contract Services	47,567.00
Membership, Dues & Subscription	311.04
Miscellaneous Expense	286.45
Operations	
Office Equipment	443.28
Postage, Mailing Service	60.00
Printing and Copying	102.50
Supplies	35.34
Total Operations	641.12
Professional Services	6,912.50
Travel and Meetings	
Conference, Convention, Meeting	10,507.20
Travel	
Airline Expense	663.80
Mileage Expense	227.94
Motel Expense	329.54
Per Diem Expense	295.00
Taxi Expenses	11.00
Total Travel	1,527.28
Total Travel and Meetings	12,034.48
Website Expense	5,661.56
Total Expense	81,746.97
Net Ordinary Income	-29,733.27
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