

UNITED AMERICAN HOUSING ASSOCIATION
FALL MEETING LAS VEGAS NEVADA
MIRAGE HOTEL AND CASINO
OCTOBER 4, 2023

Meeting called to order @ 8:30 a.m. by Chair Sharon Vogel

Roll call taken 17 members present - Quorum established with several proxies.

OPENING PRAYER- Opening prayer by Patrick Goggles

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Patrick Goggles from Northern Arapaho made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Jeannie Thompson from Lower Brule All in favor.

MEETING MINUTES – Wendover, Nevada – August 21, 2023 – Eric Shepherd, Sisseton-Wahpeton made a motion to approve minutes of Wendover meeting. 2nd by Patrick Goggles, Northern Arapaho. All in favor.

CHAIRWOMAN’S REPORT - Ms. Vogel welcomed members and new members and recognized Tribal Leaders. She talked about all that had been taking place on the National front regarding legislation, funding and efforts being made to address the current Indian Housing Challenges. She thanked the other executive officers as well as Dave Heisterkamp and his staff as well as the Administrators for keeping things moving. We definitely are facing uncertain times with this Congress. At this time we are still hopeful that reauthorization of NAHASDA may happen this year. Plans are being made to travel to Washington DC for one last push with UNAHA advisors and Congress members that we have been developing relationships with. It is a lot of work. Sharon encouraged the membership to attend as many of the presentations this week as possible.

TREASURER’S REPORT-Joey Nathan provided the Treasure’s report (attached). Treasure’s report approved on a motion by Jeannie Thompson from Lower Brule Housing Authority, second by Eric Shepherd from Sisseton – Wahpeton, approved unanimously.

HUD message – No representatives from HUD ONAP were present.

Administrators Report – Bob reported on the efforts by the officers and the UNAHA office to gain traction on the Section 703 Training funding to be reinstated. We had discussed strategy with Chris Boesen and Paul Moorehead, DC Lobbyists. Based on changes currently taking place at NAIHC, it was decided to not proceed at this time. Members of UNAHA including a nice donation from one associate member UNAHA has \$10,000 in the fund to pursue the 703 issue. Once things settle in DC we will again attempt to effect this change. Work being done by the officers and Dave Heisterkamp is critical to the operations and future of each UNAHA member.

We are planning a shorter survey after the first of the year to gauge training needs for 2024. We are also gathering information on conveyed units and uninsured units based on AMERIND’S changing business plan. I will be reaching out to each Executive Director over the next few months to complete a short survey that will include interest in a self-insured fire pool for housing at your reservation that AMERIND does not offer coverages to. We will also be gauging interest in using the Zoom platform for more of our official meetings.

Break

NAIHC Report: After the break, Patrick Goggles and Sharon Vogel provided an update on NAIHC activities. The Board has established interim leadership and will continue to advertise for an Executive Director and Assistant Director. Joe Diehl continues in his interim role. He does a great job.

Derek Valdo, AMERIND Risk CEO addressed the attendees. He reported the financial status of AMERIND remains strong in spite of the fact that the NAHASDA Pool lost \$7,000,000. He also announced 28% rate increase spread over three years to the NAHASDA pool. Derek further reported that it appears that they will be discontinuing the private home owner's coverages. Derek also announced a recent change in the partnership with Oweesta. AMERIND will be providing capital at less than market price. They hope to finance 200 units under this program.

Dave Heisterkamp, UNAHA Counsel, again reviewed S. 2285, the NAHASDA Reauthorization bill out of the Senate. As you will recall, it passed by a wide margin. It has been with the House of Representatives for consideration. There does not appear to be much movement. If the bill isn't addressed by the end of the year, things will be bleak for reauthorization. Dave encouraged all members to attend the Legislative meeting to be held when the UNAHA meeting was adjourned.

UNAHA thanked Becky and the folks from Turtle Mountain for putting on an incredible three day training event and gathering. All reports were thumbs up as to the substance of the training and the good food and activities. Becky encouraged another UNAHA member to consider hosting the membership with a similar gathering for our summer gathering in either August or September.

The next UNAHA meeting will be in Denver, hotel to be determined, during the All-West 100 Basketball Tournament. Dates will be March 25-27, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM on Wednesday on a motion by Jeannie Thompson from Lower Brule, second by Rod Trahan from Northern Cheyenne, second by Northern Cheyenne. Carried unanimously.

Secretary for UNAHA