

**UNAHA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2025
BELCOURT, NORTH DAKOTA**

MINUTES FOR UNAHA SUMMER MEETING AT SKY DANCER CASINO, BELCOURT NORTH DAKOTA

Opening prayer was given by Jamie Azure-Turtle Mountain Tribal Chairman

Mr. Azure made opening remarks and welcomed everyone to the meeting and their homelands. He announced the TIAC meeting in DC with Scott Turner.

The meeting was called to order by UNAHA Chairwoman, Sharon Vogel at 9:27 A.M.

Roll call by UNAHA Secretary Joanie Rowland; 18 members are present and we need 22 for a quorum. Quorum was not established.

Chairman Vogel announced we can conduct business but we cannot take official action due to the lack of quorum.

Chairwoman Vogel recognized the elected officials and sponsors to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-Annual Meeting, April 1, 2025-Lakewood Holiday Inn

No Action was not taken due to lack of quorum but the minutes were presented to the members.

CHAIR REPORT – Sharon Vogel

Chairwoman Sharon Vogel gave the chairman's report with continued to emphasize advocacy for NAHASDA. She said keep your eyes and ears open and pay attention to the news posted by Myrna Gauthier.

A count was done for the Occupancy and Maintenance participants for the training sponsored by Turtle Mountain, she announced the training would begin at 8:00 am on 8/5/2025.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joey Nathan provides the Treasurer's report

David Spyder, Sisseton Wahpeton was awarded the Housing Impact Employee award.

NAIHC-Rudy Soto

Rudy Soto reported there were some shifts in employment at NAIHC.

Mr. Soto announced the NAIHC Legal Symposium would be held in Durant, Oklahoma in November. He recommended watching the the pop up series on facebook to keep updated. He advised the members to fly to Dallas or Fort Worth Texas to get to Durant, Oklahoma. From there shuttles will be available or they can rent a car.

HEISTERKAMP & WAGENLANDER

Sylvia and David

They reported that strategies around the Reauthorization of NAHASDA was chaotic prior to UNAHA.

The floor vote for the budget is the next step but now they are on recess.

Two bills passed by UNAHA were passed at the National Level: The Rural Housing Reform Act and the Homeowner repairs Act. Items under discussion were the Tax Credit Program, CDFI and Expanded HIP Program. The

management of public lands is a concern, they are performing clear cutting on public lands for golf courses. We may want access to federal lands for affordable housing.

The good news is Tom Cole protected the funding levels along with Kramer & Rounds. It looks like we may keep our funding levels due to our friends in congress, they are holding strong.

The continuing resolution for the Omnibus spending bill may lead to a government shut down.

The TIAC committee where 15 tribal leaders are meeting with HUD will be held the 2nd week of September.

Currently there are nominations under consideration for the TIAC committee.

TIAC is working on streamlining environmental reviews and Home Ownership.

HUD requests for technical assistance takes a long time.

Scott Turner will be meeting with TIAC and items under discussion will be home ownership and self-sufficiency.

We want Secretary Turner to come to Alaska.

BABA applies to IHBG and I need examples of how BABA impacted your TDHE's. You need to update your procurement policies to reflect the BABA requirements. There are a couple of waivers. If the project is over 2.5 million BAB kicks in.

Jody Perez introduces associate members.

AMERIND- Derek Valdo, Jeanie Thompson, and Joanie Rowland

Derek presented current financial standings through a PowerPoint presentation.

Derek states we are spending 1.23 for every dollar collected. Dividends are paid out to IHBG.

In 3 years the commercial side was doubled. Home owners and renters is still available for new applicants because we are losing money.

Actuarial data is used to predict events for each year.

Amerind is in compliance with HUD.

The global insurance market drives the prices, it takes 1,000 houses to pay for one loss. The goal is to build 1.2 billion in surplus. 100% comes from Indian Country.

Sharon Vogel asks about Home Owners insurance.

Derek reports 1st Tribal Lending is offering insurance for home owners.

KEVIN KINGBEIL-BIG WATER CONSULTING- Project with NLIHC

The South Dakota Home ownership coalition has a statewide Native Veterans Housing Needs and Home Ownership study. There is an effort to connect Vets with services. UNAHA is partnering with NLIHC. The national Housing database is building a database so we encourage tribes to share their data.

What is PARK- It is a national housing database.