



**BISHOP TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 28, 2009 @ 6:00 PM
BISHOP TRIBAL CHAMBERS
MEETING MINUTES**

APPROVED

I. **INVOCATION:** June Piper, Tribal member

II. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Monty Bengochia and Motioned by William Vega and seconded by Donald Watterson to approve the agenda with additions MSC.

Tribal Council :

Monty Bengochia, Chairman Present
William Vega, Vice Chairman Present
Jasmine Andreas, Secretary Present
Donald Watterson, Member Present
Tucheh Stone, Member Present

Staff Present:

Michael Lumsden, COO
Valerie Spoonhunter, BITC Secretary

III. **MINUTES OF:**

April 30, 2009– Motion to approve with corrections by Tucheh Stone, 2nd by Jasmine Andreas. **MSC.**

IV. **GUESTS:**

a). Norman Bernard, Tribal Member - Not Present. Norman is concerned with his housing insurance payments, and why he has to continue making them. It was explained that until home owners were able to obtain the deeds to their homes and they were listed as part the tribe's housing stock they needed to be insured. Robert Vance, CDD Director, produced letters that were written to the Sacramento, BIA requesting the deeds and also correspondence sent the BIA office in Washington D.C. requesting support in obtaining the deeds from the local BIA.

Monty directed copies of these letters be sent to Norman and Senators, Boxer and Feinstein.

b). June Piper and Amanda Denver - June and Amanda are members of a Seatbelt Surveillance Coalition. They have been conducting the surveillance on the reservation. The purpose is to educate community members on the importance of using seatbelts. They came before the Tribal Council as a courtesy and to inform them of this very important issue. They also stated they will be having a community event at the New Community Center on June 3, 2009 @ 2:30, with the Red Cross for disaster preparedness.

c). Joan Huff - Joan was requesting a donation of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for the children's pow wow. They had not anticipated the number of traveling drums that would be attending and needed the additional funds for them. They also asked if any of the Council members would be in attendance to be flag bearers. Donald Watterson and Tucheh Stone volunteered.

A motion to approve the one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) was made by Tucheh Stone and 2nd by Donald Watterson. Vote, 3 for, 0 against and 1 abstention. **MSC.**

V. **STAFF AND COMMITTEES:**

a). Robert Vance, CDD Director – Resolution # T2009-20 Conflict of Interest. This resolution is required by HUD and needs to be posted. A motion to approve by Jasmine Andreas, 2nd by Tucheh Stone, **MSC.**

VI. NEW BUSINESS

b). Gloriana Bailey, General Manager, - Resolution # T2009-18, seeking a loan in the amount of three point one million dollars. (\$3,100,000.) for casino remodel. Motion to approve was made by Tuche Stone, 2nd by William Vega. **MSC.**

There were questions from members in attendance regarding why the loan was needed and the availability of funds from the Bishop Paiute Development Corporation. They also questions what impact the payback would have on the revenue the tribe receives from the Casino.

Gloriana explained the payback would have very little impact.

- Resolution T2009 – 19, Electrical Easement for Southern California Edison. This will give access to the pow wow grounds for permanent lighting. A motion by Jasmine Andreas, 2nd by William Vega. **MSC.**
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c). Resolution # T2009 – 21, Signatory Authority - A motion to authorize the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to sign all future documents and approving the Memorandum of Agreement between Indian Health Service/Phoenix Area Office and the Bishop Paiute Tribe, was made by Tuche Stone, 2nd by Jasmine Andreas. **MSC.**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

a). Michael Lumsden, COO – Gave a brief report on the status of the Cultural Center. He stated that the tribe was now writing some grants to secure funds to renovate the building. There will be a meeting on June 11, 2009 @ 9:00 AM in the Tribal Chambers regarding the center

b). Monty Bengochia, Chairman - Reported that he attended the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB) meeting in Santa Rosa California.

c). Meeting Dates: June 8, 2009 5:00 PM– to review draft agreement between the Tribe and the Eastern Sierra Community Service District.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to enter into executive session by Tuche Stone, 2nd by Donald Watterson. **MSC.**

Motion to convene in open session by Tuche Stone, 2nd Jasmine Andreas by. **MSC.**

- In the matter of CEO A motion was made by Tuche Stone, 2nd by Jasmine Andreas to except amendments to the CEO job description. **MSC.** The CEO's performance evaluation was approved by consensus.
- In the matter of Lorraine Ray - A motion to approve Lorraine Ray to the position of Chief Fiscal Officer was made by Jasmine Andreas, 2nd by Donald Watterson. **MSC.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Donald Watterson, 2nd by Tuche Stone . **MSC.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Valerie L. Spoonhunter,
Tribal Council Secretary