



SUSANVILLE INDIAN RANCHERIA

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
OF THE
SUSANVILLE INDIAN RANCHERIA
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
APRIL 19, 2016
4:00 PM**

- A. Call to Order.** Meeting called to order by Tribal Chairman, Brandon Guitierrez, at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was present.
- B. Roll Call.** Taken by: Tribal Vice-Chairman, Arian Hart. Present were: Brandon Guitierrez, Tribal Chairman; Arian Hart, Vice-Chairman; Tina Richards, District 1 Councilwoman; Robert Joseph, District 2 Councilman; Marvena Harris, Member At-Large; and Tina Sanchez, Member At-Large. Absent was Aaron Dixon, Sr., Secretary / Treasurer.

RECORDER: Ilma Willard.

STAFF: Anna Pasqua, Meredith Gosejohan, Dan Howard, Jim Mackay, Valerie McCormick, Deborah Olstad, and Keven Ormiston.

GUESTS: Marvin Benner, Sr., Jessica Bernardino, Deana Bovee, Marian Calvin, Lupe Carman, Scott Dixon, Valerie Edwards, Thomas Flores, Marvin Harris, Mervin Lent, Jr., Amelia Luna, Melissa Martin, Freda Owens, Joleen Robles, Marty Robles, Patricia Webber, Anna Young, Marlowe Cassadore, and Jennifer Moreno.

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- C. Review and Approval of the Agenda.** Chairman Guitierrez announced that agenda item E.2, California Indian Manpower Consortium (CIMC), will be FYI. He also requested to change the speaker for item E.5, Gaming Commission Report, to Scott Dixon, and to change the speaker for item E.8, Natural Resources Department Report, to Meredith Gosejohan.

MOTION to approve the agenda with the changes.

Made by: Arian Hart,

2nd by: Robert Joseph.

Vote: 6 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Arian Hart, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph, Marvena Harris, and Tina Sanchez), 0 No, 0 Abstaining.

- D. Reading of the Minutes of March 25, 2016 for approval.**

MOTION to approve the March 25, 2016 minutes as presented.

Made by: Robert Joseph,

2nd by: Arian Hart.

Vote: 5 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Arian Hart, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph, and Tina Sanchez), 0 No, 1 Abstaining (Marvena Harris).

Reading of the Minutes of April 05, 2016 for approval.

MOTION to approve the April 05, 2016 minutes as presented.

Made by: Robert Joseph,

2nd by: Tina Sanchez.

Vote: 6 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Arian Hart, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph, Marvena Harris, and Tina Sanchez), 0 No, 0 Abstaining.

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E. Reports.

1. **California Tribal TANF.** Jennifer Moreno presented her report and answered questions regarding tribal member participation in the TANF program.
2. **California Indian Manpower Consortium (CIMC).** This report was for informational purposes only.
3. **Neighborhood Watch.** On behalf of the Neighborhood Watch Chairperson, the Neighborhood Watch Secretary presented the report. She announced that more volunteers were needed and provided information regarding gun safety classes and upcoming meetings. She then answered questions regarding pending volunteer applications, the distribution of SIR ordinances, the submission of incident reports, and the SIR Neighborhood Watch Policy.

Chairman Guitierrez requested that the volunteer applications be processed faster.

4. **Native Elders Circle.** The Native Elders Circle Chairman provided a written report and reviewed the events of the previous NEC meeting including a conflict he encountered regarding approving their agenda and how funds were appropriated. After requesting the TBC's consideration, he answered questions concerning their bylaws, quorum, and total budget.

After considering the request made by the NEC Chairman, Chairman Guitierrez advised him to review the NEC bylaws, procedures, and regulations to determine how the chair exercises its authority.

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5. **Gaming Commission.** On behalf of the Gaming Administrator, the Gaming Commission Chairman reviewed the report and answered questions regarding the gaming compact negotiations, the State of California's insistence for waivers of sovereign immunity, and the California Tribal Steering Committee's stance regarding the issue.

6. **SIRHA.** The SIRHA Programs Manager reviewed his report and requested support from the Tribal Business Council to move forward with the Low Income Housing Tax Credit construction project after discussing various details. He presented three alternate lot development plans and noted that the SIRHA Board of Commissioners had selected the third option. Questions were answered regarding waiving sovereign immunity and the presence of sensitive cultural resources. The SIRHA Programs Manager stated that the project will be brought back to the next Tribal Business Council meeting for approval.

Chairman Guitierrez asked if the Elder Springs issues had been addressed and requested that the SIRHA Board of Commissioners respond in writing to the incident reports provided by the SIR Neighborhood Watch.

7. **Education Department.** The Education Programs Director announced the Graduate Pictures Project titled "For the Honor of our Relations", discussed the details, and requested that the word be spread in order to reach interested candidates. She also reminded everyone about the Education Survey and the need for more responses, announced the deadline, and said that forms would be available at the table near the entrance to the room. After reviewing her report, she answered questions regarding CCDBG developments.

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8. **Natural Resources Department.** The Natural Resources Director reviewed her report, included some updates, and answered questions regarding language grants and forestry services.
9. **Human Resources.** The Human Resources Manager reviewed her report and discussed open positions.
10. **Fiscal.** The Fiscal Controller used the overhead projector to review his report and explain various aspects of its contents. He announced a change to his staff and discussed the resultant open position. He also mentioned that a separate Pow Wow account has been established to track the event's funds.

F. Unfinished Business.

1. **SIR-LCTC Agreement for Caltrans Funds.** The Tribal Administrator presented the Agreement between the Lassen County Transportation Commission and the Susanville Indian Rancheria for the Allocation of Funding Approved by the California Department of Transportation for approval and explained how it will allow the tribe to receive the Caltrans funds from the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant.

MOTION to approve the Agreement between the Lassen County Transportation Commission and the Susanville Indian Rancheria for the Allocation of Funding Approved by the California Department of Transportation as presented.

Made by: Robert Joseph,

2nd by: Arian Hart.

Vote: 6 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Arian Hart, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph, Marvena Harris, and Tina Sanchez), 0 No, 0 Abstaining.

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2. **Invitation to Bid for the Long Range Transportation Plan.**
The Tribal Administrator presented the Invitation to Bid for the Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Plan for approval.

MOTION to approve the Invitation to Bid for the Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Plan.

Made by: Robert Joseph,

2nd by: Tina Sanchez.

Vote: 6 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Arian Hart, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph, Marvena Harris, and Tina Sanchez), 0 No, 0 Abstaining.

3. **Burial Fund Ordinance No. 2005-003, Revision F.** The Tribal Administrator presented Burial Fund Ordinance No. 2005-003, Revision F for approval and stated that it contained the changes approved at the previous Tribal Business Council meeting.

MOTION to approve Burial Fund Ordinance No. 2005-003, Revision F as presented.

Made by: Robert Joseph,

2nd by: Marvena Harris.

Vote: 6 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Arian Hart, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph, Marvena Harris, and Tina Sanchez), 0 No, 0 Abstaining.

4. **Leo Guitierrez Estate Ballot Measure.** Chairman Guitierrez declared a conflict of interest and abstained from the conversation. The Tribal Administrator presented the proposed ballot measure. It was noted that a more uncomplicated map and a list of pros and cons should be included.

CONSENSUS to TABLE the Leo Guitierrez Estate Ballot Measure agenda item so that Vice-Chairman Hart may produce a map and a list of pros and cons for the ballot measure.

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5. **DMC&H Solar Project Ballot Measure Results.** Chairman Guitierrez announced the results for the DMC&H Solar Project ballot measure, stating that there were 104 'no' votes, 68 'yes' votes, and one spoiled vote. He said that the quorum for this vote was 218 responses and declared that, since the quorum had not been met, the measure had failed and there would be no solar project as a result of this ballot measure.

G. Action Items.

1. **Tribal Member Sponsorship Request (Marian Calvin).**
Tribal member Marian Calvin requested approval for her sponsorship request to provide food and supplies for the Annual Women's Meeting at the Susanville Indian Full Gospel Church and provided details about the event.

MOTION to approve the tribal member sponsorship request made by Marian Calvin in the amount of \$350 to provide food and supplies for the Annual Women's Meeting at the Susanville Indian Full Gospel Church scheduled for April 29-30, 2016.

Made by: Robert Joseph,

2nd by: Marvena Harris.

Vote: 6 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Arian Hart, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph, Marvena Harris, and Tina Sanchez), 0 No, 0 Abstaining.

2. **Tribal Member Sponsorship Request (Benjamin Wheeler).**
On behalf of tribal member Benjamin Wheeler, Anna Young requested approval for his sponsorship request to register with the 2016 AAU Triple Threat travel basketball program.

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MOTION to approve the tribal member sponsorship request made by Benjamin Wheeler in the amount of \$135 to register with the AAU Triple Threat travel basketball program for the April - May 2016 season.

Made by: Robert Joseph,

2nd by: Marvena Harris.

Vote: 5 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Arian Hart, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph, and Marvena Harris), 0 No, 1 Abstaining (Tina Sanchez).

- 3. Tribal Member Sponsorship Request (Elijah Wheeler).** On behalf of tribal member Elijah Wheeler, Anna Young requested approval for his sponsorship request to register with the 2016 AAU Triple Threat travel basketball program.

MOTION to approve the tribal member sponsorship request made by Elijah Wheeler in the amount of \$135 to register with the AAU Triple Threat travel basketball program for the April - May 2016 season.

Made by: Robert Joseph,

2nd by: Tina Richards.

Vote: 5 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Arian Hart, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph, and Marvena Harris), 0 No, 1 Abstaining (Tina Sanchez).

- 4. Cradle Valley Timber Harvesting Plan.** The Natural Resources Director presented two options regarding the Cradle Valley Timber Harvesting Plan, explained the details, and recommended that the plan be allowed to expire unless the tribe planned to move forward right away with harvesting the timber. She answered questions regarding contracting the work, more options once the land is in trust, and whether there were any environmental concerns.

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MOTION to allow the Cradle Valley Timber Harvesting Plan to expire.

Made by: Arian Hart,

2nd by: Robert Joseph.

Vote: 6 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Arian Hart, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph, Marvena Harris, and Tina Sanchez), 0 No, 0 Abstaining.

- 5. May 07, 2016 General Council Meeting Agenda.** The Tribal Office Manager presented the General Council agenda for May 07, 2016 for approval and was directed to change the speaker for the LIHC report to Jacqueline Bae, who was announced as the new LIHC COO.

MOTION to approve and send to the general membership the General Council agenda for May 07, 2016 with the change of the LIHC speaker.

Made by: Robert Joseph,

2nd by: Arian Hart.

Vote: 6 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Arian Hart, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph, Marvena Harris, and Tina Sanchez), 0 No, 0 Abstaining.

- 6. Resolution SU-BC-054-2016 (NCAI Membership).** The Tribal Office Manager presented Resolution SU-BC-054-2016 (MEMBERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS) for approval to reflect the new Vice-Chairman.

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**MOTION to approve Resolution SU-BC-054-2016
(MEMBERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF
AMERICAN INDIANS).**

Made by: Tina Sanchez,

2nd by: Tina Richards.

**Vote: 5 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph,
Marvena Harris, and Tina Sanchez), 0 No, 1 Abstaining (Arian
Hart).**

- 7. Resolution SU-BC-055-2016 (Designated Tribal Officials for
OST). The Tribal Office Manager presented Resolution SU-
BC-055-2016 (RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
DESIGNATED SUSANVILLE INDIAN RANCHERIA
TRIBAL OFFICIALS TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH THE
OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE, BUREAU OF
INDIAN AFFAIRS, PACIFIC REGION) for approval to reflect
the new Vice-Chairman.**

**MOTION to approve Resolution SU-BC-055-2016
(RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED SUSANVILLE
INDIAN RANCHERIA TRIBAL OFFICIALS TO CONDUCT
BUSINESS WITH THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE,
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, PACIFIC REGION).**

Made by: Tina Sanchez,

2nd by: Tina Richards.

**Vote: 5 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph,
Marvena Harris, and Tina Sanchez), 0 No, 1 Abstaining (Arian
Hart).**

- 8. Resolution SU-BC-056-2016 (CATG Membership). The
Tribal Office Manager presented Resolution SU-BC-056-2016
(RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUSANVILLE
INDIAN RANCHERIA TO JOIN THE CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS [CATG]
AND APPOINTMENT OF VOTING DELEGATES) for
approval to reflect the new Vice-Chairman.**

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**MOTION to approve Resolution SU-BC-056-2016
(RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUSANVILLE INDIAN
RANCHERIA TO JOIN THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION
OF TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS [CATG] AND APPOINTMENT
OF VOTING DELEGATES).**

Made by: Tina Sanchez,

2nd by: Tina Richards.

**Vote: 5 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph,
Marvena Harris, and Tina Sanchez), 0 No, 1 Abstaining (Arian
Hart).**

**** 6:25 p.m. Member At-Large Harris left the meeting.**

9. Resolution SU-BC-057-2016 (ITCC Membership). The Tribal Office Manager presented Resolution SU-BC-057-2016 (MEMBERSHIP WITH THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA, INC. [ITCC]) for approval to reflect the new Vice-Chairman.

**MOTION to approve Resolution SU-BC-057-2016
(MEMBERSHIP WITH THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF
CALIFORNIA, INC. [ITCC]).**

Made by: Tina Sanchez,

2nd by: Tina Richards.

**Vote: 4 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph,
and Tina Sanchez), 0 No, 1 Abstaining (Arian Hart).**

10. Resolution SU-BC-058-2016 (NIGA Membership). The Tribal Office Manager presented Resolution SU-BC-058-2016 (NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016) for approval to reflect the new Vice-Chairman.

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MOTION to approve Resolution SU-BC-058-2016 (NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016).

Made by: Tina Sanchez,

2nd by: Tina Richards.

Vote: 4 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph, and Tina Sanchez), 0 No, 1 Abstaining (Arian Hart).

- 11. Resolution SU-BC-059-2016 (CTSC Membership).** The Tribal Office Manager presented Resolution SU-BC-059-2016 (AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN THE 1999 COMPACT TRIBES STEERING COMMITTEE) for approval to reflect the new Vice-Chairman.

MOTION to approve Resolution SU-BC-059-2016 (AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN THE 1999 COMPACT TRIBES STEERING COMMITTEE).

Made by: Tina Sanchez,

2nd by: Tina Richards.

Vote: 4 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph, and Tina Sanchez), 0 No, 1 Abstaining (Arian Hart).

- 12. California Tribal TANF Delegates.** The Tribal Administrator discussed the need to specify the delegates for the California Tribal TANF program.

MOTION to appoint the position of Secretary/Treasurer as the primary delegate and the position of the District 2 Councilmember as the alternate delegate for the California Tribal TANF program.

Made by: Arian Hart,

2nd by: Tina Sanchez.

Vote: 4 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Arian Hart, Tina Richards, and Tina Sanchez), 0 No, 1 Abstaining (Robert Joseph).

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**** 6:34 p.m. Member At-Large Harris returned to the meeting.**

H. Discussion Items.

1. None.

**** 6:35 p.m. Regular session ends, closed session begins.**

I. Closed Business Items.

- 1. Tribal Member Request (Joleen Robles).** This item was discussed in closed session.
- 2. ICWA Report.** This item was discussed in closed session. No action was required.
- 3. TBC Executive Session.** This item was discussed in closed session.

**** 8:29 p.m. Closed session ends, regular session begins.**

MOTION to grant tribal member Joleen Robles' request for an investigation regarding her claim for discrimination.

Made by: Robert Joseph,

2nd by: Marvena Harris.

Vote: 5 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Arian Hart, Robert Joseph, Marvena Harris, and Tina Sanchez), 0 No, 1 Abstaining (Tina Richards).

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MOTION to approve the request made by the Constitution Committee for the purchase of a Post Office Box for a six month term.

Made by: Arian Hart,

2nd by: Robert Joseph.

Vote: 5 Yes (Brandon Guitierrez, Arian Hart, Tina Richards, Robert Joseph, and Tina Sanchez), 1 No (Marvena Harris), 0 Abstaining.

CONSENSUS for the Tribal Business Council to formally recognize the niece of Hilary Crosby with a certificate for her High School graduation.

CONSENSUS to send a letter to the resident at Lot 7 on the Lower Rancheria stating that if the tribal member is not in compliance regarding his delinquent debt to the Susanville Sanitary District within 90 days of the date of the letter, then the Tribal Business Council will hold a Special Meeting to conduct a hearing on the cancellation of his land assignment.

- J. Adjourn Meeting.** Meeting adjourned by Tribal Chairman, Brandon Guitierrez, at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by:



Aaron Dixon, Sr., Secretary/Treasurer

ATTEST:



Brandon Guitierrez, Tribal Chairman