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Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 21, 2022

9:30 am

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Commissioners Present:

Kostan Lathouris – Chair
Brian Wadsworth – Vice Chair
Staci Emm – Commissioner
Tammi Tiger – Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

Kelly Krolicki – Commissioner

Staff Present:

Stacey Montooth – Executive Director
Sari Nichols – Program Officer

Others Present:

Gregg Ott – Deputy Attorney General
Robert Graff – Nevada Department of Tourism
Josie Burnett – Department of Emergency Management – Tribal Liaison
Jay Martin – Department of Emergency Management – Tribal Liaison
Evette Cullen – Department of Health and Human Services (Welfare Services) – Tribal Liaison
Monica Schiffer – Department of Health and Human Services (Financing Policy) – Tribal Liaison
Melyssa Navis – US Department of Forestry – Tribal Liaison
Briza Virgen – Department of Health and Human Services (Financing Policy) – Tribal Liaison
Cliff Banuelos – Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN) – Tribal-State Environmental Liaison

I. Convene meeting, roll call, and establish quorum

Chairman Lathouris convened the meeting. Executive Director Montooth took roll call. A quorum was not established. It was noted that Commissioner Emm would be joining 5 minutes late. She arrived at 9:36 am, and Commissioner Wadsworth joined at 10:06 am.

II. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Chair Lathouris read the Land Acknowledgement statement.

III. Introductions of Meeting Participants

Chair Lathouris requested visitors put their names and titles in the chat as part of this meeting's notes. He also noted that Commissioner Emm had joined, and that quorum was established.

IV. Initial Public Comment

There were no public comments.

V. Old Business (For Discussion and Possible Action)

A) Consultation Policy

Chair Lathouris noted that the Commission is continuing to collect feedback.

B) Agency Budget Needs

Chair Lathouris opened discussion on possible budget concerns if the Nevada Indian Commission were to become a stand-alone agency. Director Montooth explained the pros of the NIC separated from the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs and the potential positions needed, including:

- Curator II
- Educational Program Specialist
- Economic Development Specialist
- Environmental Specialist
- Fiscal/Human Resources staff
- Information Technology staff

Fiscal/HR and IT potentially could be contracted through the Department of Administration and Enterprise Information Technology Services (EITS), respectively. The Office of New Americans, a small, newly created agency contracted for these services. Further, there will be a Health and Human Services specialist paid for by the Department of Health and Human Services and working out of the NIC Office.

The current funding structure for the NIC was addressed:

Budget account 2600 is 75% General Fund and 25% Transfer from Tourism

Budget account 2601 is 38% General Fund and 62% Transfer from Tourism

Commissioner Tiger asked about other funding sources e.g., taxes collected from cannabis; the funding from the State Fiscal Recovery Funds

Chair Lathouris wants to ensure that if the NIC is established as an independent agency, we still collect tourism transfer funds, especially for the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum.

Commissioner Wadsworth questions having an Environment Specialist as ITCN already had one imbedded with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

VI. Final Public Comment

Commissioner Emm reminded the participants of the 50th Annual ITCN Convention on Dec. 11-15. She confirmed she is working to be included on the executive leadership agenda to provide a presentation on the importance of the history and current needs of Tribal Water Rights

Executive Director Montooth apologized for not updating the agenda's land acknowledgement to reflect 28 Nations.

VII. Adjournment

Commissioner Emm moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Lathouris adjourned the meeting at 10:51 by consensus.