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Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 16, 2022

9:30 am

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Stacey Montooth – Executive Director
Sarina Nez – Officer Coordinator
Sari Nichols – Program Officer
Bobbi Rahder – Museum Director

Others Present:

Chair Randi Lone Eagle – Summit Lake Paiute Nation
Chair Jimmy John Thompson – Timbisha Shoshone Nation
Karenza Espino – Nevada Housing Division (sub for Steve Aichroth) – Tribal Liaison
Tiffany Davis – Silver State Health Insurance Exchange – Tribal Liaison
Scott Anderson – Secretary of State Office – Tribal Liaison
Dominique Etchegoyhen – Department Conservation and Natural Resources – Tribal Liaison
Chris Yarrow – Nevada Department of Transportation – Tribal Liaison
Melyssa Navis – US Department of Forestry – Tribal Liaison
Crystal Harjo – FEMA R9 – Tribal Liaison
Monica Schiffer – Nevada Medicaid – Tribal Liaison
Colleen LaBelle
Mildred Garcia

I. Convene meeting, roll call, and establish quorum

Chairman Lathouris convened the meeting. Executive Director Montooth took roll call. A quorum was established.

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's audio issues were resolved.

IV. Initial Public Comment

Scott Anderson, Secretary of State, Tribal Liaison announced his retirement; presented NIC Executive Director Stacey Montooth with National Association of Secretary of States Medallion Award which honors leaders in their communities that go above and beyond in assisting a Secretary of State's Office, specifically her work for voting access for Nevada Tribal nations. Director Montooth accepted the award with gratitude.

V. Old Business (For Discussion and Possible Action)

A) Consultation Policy

Chair Lathouris noted that the Commission is continuing to collect responses to its draft policy.

- As a group, reviewed policy feedback made since last meeting
- Discussed the definition of sovereignty and government-to-government consultation
- Discussed the definition and clarification of the word "consultation"
- Reviewed suggested language/changes in policy

B) Agency Budget Needs

Director Montooth provided update as requested during November 11, 2022, virtual meeting. She outlined potential stand-alone NIC organizational chart and answered questions from Commissioners.

- Commissioner Wadsworth suggested that NIC continue to ask for Tourism transfer funding.
- Commissioner Lathouris underscores that jobs/position in org chart are *potential* positions
- Commissioner Wadsworth asks if Native Preference can be used for State recruitment
- Commissioner Lathouris clarifies Tribal Preference, contrasting an enrolled person in a federally recognized Tribe as a political, not race driven qualifier

VI. Final Public Comment

Chair Lathouris acknowledges the Las Vegas Desert Dogs, Las Vegas' National Lacrosse team's inaugural match on December 16, 2022, and complimented the outreach to Tribes and the focus on the sport's Indigenous history.

VII. Adjournment

Commissioner Emm moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Lathouris adjourned the meeting at 11:24 by consensus.