

**Burns Paiute Tribal Council**  
**October 23, 2024**

Call to order at 5:07 pm by Chairperson Tracy Kennedy.

**Roll Call:** Tracy Kennedy, Rachel Hofman, Charisse Soucie, Andrew Beers, Jody Richards, Anthony Purcella in at 5:12pm

**Staff Present:** Shannan Meringher, Collin Williams, Desiree Sam, Teresa Cowing, Desiree Sam, Keith MacGeagh, Suzanne Settle

**Community and Others Present:** Peyton Sam, Kashiya Watts

**Approval of Agenda:**

- Tracy Kennedy – Other Business #11 – Gathering Center
- Tracy Kennedy - Other Business #12 – Vote on interest for Tribal Council
- Peyton Sam – New Business #5 - Present letter of request for Community Halloween Party

Jody Richards made a motion to approve the agenda for October 23, 2024 with changes, second by Rachel Hofman. 5 For – Charisse Soucie, Rachel Hofman, Jody Richards, Andrew Beers, Anthony Purcella. 0 For, 0 Abstain, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Request for September 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to be reviewed in work session. Consensus to move to work session.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

**1. Teresa Cowing, Domestic Violence Program**

**a. State of Oregon Tribal Intergovernmental Grant Agreement, Amendment #1**

There was clarification that was needed on the different agenda requests that were presented in May and recently. The grant agreement was presented in May and it was requested that Teresa come back with a more detailed budget. Since then Kristeny Soucie returned with the same grant with additional funding. Teresa cleared it up that it was the same grant with additional funding not an additional amendment.

Jody Richards made a motion to approve amendment 1 with the State of Oregon Tribal Intergovernmental Grant Agreement 179307 from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025 for \$472,026.00, with GL Code 20 12 1D, second by Anthony Purcella. 4 For – Rachel Hofman, Jody Richards, Anthony Purcella, Andrew Beers. 0 – Opposed, 1 – Abstain – Charisse Soucie, motion carried.

**2. Suzanne Settle, Emergency Management**

**a. Request for submission of 5310 Vehicle Replacement Application**

Suzanne presented the request for replacement of the year 2000 bus, the funding through ODOT is set aside to replace the vehicle in the amount of \$100,607.00, matched by STIF Grant. There is

not cost for the Tribe. This is done by ODOT every 5 years and the other bus can be used as a back up.

Jody Richards made a motion to approve the request for submission of 5130 Vehicle Replacement application in the amount of \$100,607.00 July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025, second by Rachel Hofman. 5 For – Charisse Soucie, Rachel Hofman, Jody Richards, Andrew Beers, Anthony Purcella. 0 For, 0 Abstain, motion carried.

**b. Submission of LOI for BPT STIF Advisory Committee**

There were 2 letters of intent submitted for the BPT STIF Advisory Committee vacancies, by Elise Adams and Keith Kennedy. It needs to be sent to the state stating they have a full board.

Rachel Hofman made a motion to approve the 2 letters of intent from Elise Adams and Keith Kennedy to the BPT STIF Advisory Committee, second by Charisse Soucie. 5 For – Charisse Soucie, Rachel Hofman, Jody Richards, Andrew Beers, Anthony Purcella. 0 For, 0 Abstain, motion carried.

**3. Collin Williams – Wildlife Biologist**

**a. Oregon Wildlife foundation grant application to fund sage-grouse migration mapping**

Collin is requesting to submit a grant application to the Oregon Wildlife Foundation in the amount of \$4,870.00 and it will be used for Sage Grouse research in Logan Valley. It will be used to purchase 5 satellite transmitters to be place on the sage grouse, and air time for the transmitters. They want to better understand where the sage grouse in logan valley, typically they are in the Drewsey area, 10 miles away. They are looking to see why they are coming into the area and work with other agencies.

Charisse Soucie made a motion to approve submission of the grant to Oregon Wildlife Foundation in the amount of \$4870.00, second by Anthony Purcella. 5 For – Charisse Soucie, Rachel Hofman, Jody Richards, Andrew Beers, Anthony Purcella. 0 For, 0 Abstain, motion carried.

**4. Keith MacGeagh, Economic Development**

**a. Submittal of EDA Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy – CEDS approval by Tribal Council**

Keith presented the CEDS that was developed by a committee, and TRIBN put it together and it has been out for comment period and edits made. This is a living document and part of the EDA grant. Will help with future project grants.

Charisse Soucie made a motion to approve the submission of the EDA Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, second by Rachel Hofman. 5 For – Charisse Soucie, Rachel Hofman, Jody Richards, Andrew Beers, Anthony Purcella. 0 For, 0 Abstain, motion carried.

**b. Approval of letter of support for Lomakatsi**

Keith presented a letter of support for Lomakatsi's grants submission for a Meyer Memorial grant. This will not exclude the Tribe from applying for grants and is separate from the Tribe.

Jody Richards made a motion to approve the letter of support for Lomakatsi for Oregon Department of Forestry grant proposal, second by Rachel Hofman. 5 For – Charisse Soucie, Rachel Hofman, Jody Richards, Andrew Beers, Anthony Purcella. 0 For, 0 Abstain, motion carried.

### **5. Youth Leadership Council Request**

Aailyah Landers read a letter to the council requesting support for the Community Halloween Party. They were asking for the council to donate bags of candy for up to 150 participants.

Jody Richards made a motion to approve and not to exceed \$300 to the BPT Youth Leadership Council out of aid to tribal government, second by Charisse Soucie. 4 For – Charisse Soucie, Jody Richards, Rachel Hofman, Andrew Beers 0 – Opposed, 1 – abstain – Anthony Purcella, motion carried.

### **Other Business:**

#### **1. Phone Polls – 2 phone polls - Jody Richards**

October 15, 2024

Do you approve the letter to be sent to DOI BIA for BPT request for 2024 FY year end funds?

5 Yes, 0 – Opposed, 0 – Abstain, phone poll passed

October 17, 2024

Do you approve the BIA Tribal Resilience Planning Grant Category 1, in the amount of \$227,533.16 for year 2025-2026?

5 Yes, 0 – Opposed, 0 – Abstain, phone poll passed

#### **2. TC Administrative Position-Discussion w/Jody Richards – None**

Jody presented forms for the grant applications and way to approve them in a group either by resolution or another way. This will be moved to work session.

#### **3. Illicit Drug Epidemic Resolution – Working w/ Dan Hester Table**

#### **4. BIA Lease and Law Enforcement – Keith MacGeagh – Table**

#### **5. Exclusion Review/Discussion-working w/Dan Hester – Table**

#### **6. Childcare Workgroup – Tracy Kennedy – Table**

#### **7. Malheur CEO Bill – update none**

#### **8. Subsistence Tags – Rick Eichstaedt - Table**

#### **9. Follow up Opioid Discussion from work session**

Jody will set up a work session with Julie Johnson to set up a date and then invite proper staff.

#### **10. Letters of Interest for Tribal Council vacancy – Jody Richards**

The deadline has passed, and Jody received a letter from Jim St. Martin and Derek Hawley, both of them are eligible to sit on council.

**11. Gathering Center issues – Tracy Kennedy**

It has been noticed there is some issues with the gathering center and the water issues. There were issues with the toilets flushing and no water to wash dishes or clean the floors. Ken has ordered some pumps that will have some solutions. Keith said they will be working with IHS but that will take more time. They are still trying to track the line to find the shutoffs to get better pressure that comes in the center. The issues in the gathering center should be a priority. All the maps to the facility are not correct.

**12. Filling of Tribal Council Vacancy – Tracy Kennedy**

There are 2 letters of interest and both are eligible, there is tribal council training next week and it would good to have this person if they attend. The council voted by a blind vote and Derek Hawley won with most votes. He will be contacted to see if he is able to attend the training next week and sworn in next Wednesday.

**General Manager Report – Keith MacGeagh**

Keith will be on site next week and will give an update then.

**Executive Session – None**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Work Session: October 29<sup>th</sup>

Tribal Council training – October 29-30, 2024, @ Chamber of Commerce

**Next Regular Tribal Council Meeting: October 30, 2024**

**Adjourn:**

Charisse Soucie made a motion to adjourn at 6:29pm, second by Anthony Purcella. 5 For – Charisse Soucie, Rachel Hofman, Jody Richards, Andrew Beers, Anthony Purcella. 0 – Opposed, 0 – Abstain, motion carried.