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**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 18, 1998  
AND  
JUNE 19, 1998  
FOLLOW-UP VOTING RESULTS  
RE: THE TWO JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> AGENDA ITEMS**

**PRAYER:** No prayer was offered at this meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Secretary unofficially called the meeting to order at approximately 6:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Chuck Fisher took the roll. C. Fisher was the only member physically present at the time the meeting began. It might be noted here that members of both the Housing Commission and Natural Resources Department were present for the meeting. Kathy Berentsen and Bill Memberto had made arrangements to be present at the meeting via phone and both were available and accessed individually on several occasions in the course of the meeting, including before the meeting (in preparation for it). It should be noted that the existing phone service to the Community Center does not have the capacity of handling conference calls. Steve Parsons had given his proxy to Bob Guenthardt who was absent (on vacation). It was believed that Bob gave a proxy but this was not known. It was also believed Steve Parsons had made arrangements to transfer his proxy to C. Fisher, however, there was no evidence of this at the time of the meeting (later determined to be a fact). Don Koon was not present (later learned that he did not receive timely notice of the meeting). Kim Kequom arrived late (approximately 6:20 p.m.). It was noted that a quorum was not present.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: The agenda (attached) related to this meeting was never adopted (no quorum was established). The two meeting agenda items were discussed in a preliminary fashion via phone with both Kathy and Bill (individually) early in the meeting. (The two agenda items follow: (1) approval of the Tribe's Indian Housing Plan (1 and 5 year plans), and (2) submission approval and resolution for the watershed/water quality monitoring grant application). After Kim arrived, both Chuck and Kim had subsequent discussions with both Bill and Kathy (by phone) regarding to both agenda items.

Also regularly discussed among the Council members present or available was the question of how we should handle the matter of the questionable quorum we had with respect to this meeting. As previously stated, it needs to be clearly noted that the phone services available at the Community Center (where the Tribal Council meeting was held) simply do not allow for conference calls: there are two separate single phone lines available, i.e., no multiple line service. As a result, Kathy and Bill could not be on-line at the same time and thus four (4) Tribal Council members could not be present in order to constitute a quorum.

The Council members available determined there was no quorum. Due to the fact that both agenda items had timelines involved and each needed to be acted on in a timely manner, it was also decided that the Secretary would, on June 19, 1998, make a series of phone calls to all Tribal Council members in order to obtain their official vote on each agenda item. With this understanding, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m. On behalf of the Council, Kathy Berentsen offered apologies to the staff and members present.

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, the above-mentioned series of phone calls to Council members was accomplished, beginning at approximately 11:00 a.m.

The Tribal Housing Plan was under the "Old Business" agenda. The Council did approve the Tribal Indian Housing Plan (one and five year plans) submission to HUD by July 1, 1998. The final vote related to this matter (as determined by phone) was as follows: 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

With regard to the Watershed/Water Quality Monitoring Program Grant (June 18 Tribal Council Meeting agenda item #2, the "New Business" agenda item), the Tribal Council also approved this application. The final vote related to this matter (again determined by phone) was 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

Above noted results were made available to the T. Carter, Assistant Manager, prior to the end of the day, June 19, 1998.