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Qagan Tayagungin Tribal Council
Meeting
July 10, 1996

ORIGINAL

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The Qagan Tayagungin Tribal Council meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Arleen Gardner at the City Council Chambers at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present:

Members: Arleen Gardner, Vice President Pam Gundersen, Secretary/Treasurer
Peggy Osterback Glen Gardner Jr.

Absent: Douglas Holmberg

Others Present: Ramona Osterback, Secretary/ Bookkeeper
Sharon Ogata, Jack Foster Jr., Edith Jacobsen, Connie Kochuten

Approval of Agenda: Comment from Arlene Gundersen to address # 10. The tribal council vacant seats/letters of interest to move to # 1 on the agenda before the meeting begins. Glen suggested that he would like to table # 10 and move on and/or leave it where it is. Arleen Gardner felt it was fine where it is on the agenda.

Glen Gardner motions to add to the agenda, # 12. EATS report update.

Peggy Osterback motions to add # 13. an informational letter. Peggy also adds # 14. June Salmon Season.

Glen Gardner motions to approve the agenda as amended. Pam Gundersen seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carries.

Approval of Minutes:

May 25, 1996 Minutes: A correction was made to the minutes, the meeting was recessed instead of adjourned.

May 26, 1996 Minutes: Peggy notes that after Administrator, Anne Dushkin's name should be inserted, so we know who the Administrator was at the time. Peggy Osterback moves to approve the May 25, 1996 Special Board Meeting. Pam Gundersen 2nd. All in favor, motion carries.

May 29, 1996: Arleen Gardner moves to approve the minutes, Peggy 2nds. With a correction to note that Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, does not need to be all capital letters. Ramona states that it automatically prints this way in the computer and will be corrected. Arleen Gardner accepts the minutes as amended, Peggy Osterback 2nds. All in favor, motion carries.

June 15, 1996 Minutes: Peggy motions to accept and makes one correction on page 2, the third sentence from the bottom, that should be written as, Peggy moved to delegate authority. With removal of also. Glen Gardner 2nds the motion as amended. All in favor, motion carries.

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Financial report/A.G. Accounting

Arlene Gundersen gives a verbal report on the Financial Status. A copy of the financial report has been given to each board member. Arlene reports that she revised the account on the computer so we would be able to see exactly where the grant money status is expended. There is still work to be done with the payroll on the computer. We have had problems with the computer so the payroll is not listed on the reports at this time. After this is finished we will have a more accurate number of where we are with the expenses and budget.

We did request an extension on the NPS grant and it has been awarded from June 30, 1996 to September 30, 1996. We have expended an amount of approximately \$4000.00 over, that we requested on this grant.

The ANA Grant: We have approximately \$19,000.00 left in the grant after the expenses have been reported. We have also requested that this grant be extended, we haven't had any response to this date. Arlene has talked to Diane Winford and she has all of the information that we sent. Arlene faxed an informational letter to Diane on the News Release Letter that the AEB wrote to the Governor on the Disaster of the fishing season this year. This should help us with the extension of this grant. Diane expects that there won't be a problem with this. We should hear from them by the end of July.

The IHS Grant: We have over expended on this grant of approximately \$3000.00. These numbers again, will change because of the payroll not being finished, meaning what amount to each grant has not been recorded at this time.

The gaming account: We have spent \$200.00 on this account since it was opened. We haven't heard on the start-up grant that Anne Dushkin applied for. Ramona states that a response has been sent in the mail concerning the gaming grant.

Peggy asks how much money is actually in the account, for the payroll. Arlene explains that she's working on the payroll at this time and couldn't tell what the exact amount is in the account. This needs to be categorized under each grant.

Arlene did call BIA on the tribal operational funds, but got no response. She will call again.

Peggy has concern about the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association /BIA funding information given to the board, the number of members listed, she feels they are incorrect. We need to inform Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association and BIA of the members that we have. Also the Unga Tribe's membership number is incorrect. Ramona will call Unga and check on this. Peggy questions if we should be going by our certified enrollment instead of going by the U.S. Census. The enrollment from the BIA is going by the 1990 Census. If this is going to affect our funding that we receive through Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, we should check on our tribal

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enrollment numbers. Ramona states that we do have 671 members enrolled in the QTT listed in the office files. Peggy feels that this would affect the money that we receive. A letter will be written to Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association regarding the correct number of members in our tribe. Peggy believes that we shouldn't be using the U.S. Census, but use our actual enrollment number, because this will have a bearing on our financial status.

Arlene states that QTT did receive a notice from Dept. of Health & Human Services, in reference to the IHS Grant, they have on their records that we requested \$ 58,162.50. They are requesting a refund in the amount of \$30,621.30 , since we haven't used up all of the funds in a certain amount of time. Looking at this number, Arlene states that this reflects the ANA Grant as well as the IHS Grant. We will inform them and give them the correct numbers that we have filed.

Arlene states that the computer problem as been raised back up to 75%, and is now in working order.

Arlene gave the board a letter in reference to Anne Dushkin's letter that was sent to the ANA Grant Dept. Arlene explains that this letter was uncalled for, and wasn't true. Arlene did do a good job writing the grants and information was made available to Anne, Arlene states that no information was held back from QTT. Arlene gave a letter to each board member on her response to the letter written.(LETTER IS ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES)

Peggy feels that in response to the letter that Anne wrote, the board should have been informed of such a letter. Also Anne should have been given authorization before this letter was written or sent to the ANA staff. Peggy believes that the Council needs to rectify this letter. She also finds that this letter is not truthful and it does have impact on Arlene Gundersen's reputation and her business with any other company and with working with grant agencies.

Arleen Gardner comments that the Tribe was trying to get information and papers that they needed. They never got them, and that the letter that was written to her was true.

Peggy states that anything like this does have a crucial impact on our Tribe. This needs to be settled .

Arlene Gundersen comments that Diane Winford did comment on the letter she received from Anne Dushkin, Diane stated that the statements in this letter were hard to believe and that was one of the reasons the Tribe wasn't given the first extension as requested. Arlene states that something like this should not be written to any grant agency. Some of the things written in this letter is more, less the Tribes own problems and shouldn't have been sent to the grant agency.

Glen states that they were obviously problems and Anne must have had to take this further.

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Arlene Gundersen explained that there were no problems and doesn't know of what other information they are talking about. She did give everything to the Tribe that she had.

Arleen Gardner states that there was minus tons of paper work that they needed and couldn't get ahold of and it had to do with grant information.

Arlene Gundersen explains that she didn't have any current information on grants and that she only had information on the old grant. She did explain this over and over. She doesn't know what happened to the information that they are looking for. As she didn't have it.

Arleen Gardner states that the paper work did turn up later.

Glen states that this is a dead matter now and we should move on. Arleen Gardner agreed.

Peggy feels that if Arlene Gundersen should work on any grants in the future, this letter is very damaging. Arlene has written many grants for the Tribe that we are now functioning on. Her abilities speak for themselves. This needs to be rectified through a letter to Arlene Gundersen.

Edee Jacobsen comments and agrees with Peggy that if something of this sort needs to be done and corrected. If the Tribe did hire Arlene Gundersen again. It wouldn't look good on anybody if this isn't corrected.

Sharon Ogata also comments.

Peggy comments that before any letters were written they should have been brought up to both parties.

Jack Foster Jr. suggests that there should be a form of action through the board before writing a letter of this sort.

Peggy suggests that the board gives a month to think about this. Peggy motions to reflect and respond to Anne Dushkins letter, and clarify this matter. Glen 2nds. All in favor. Glen states that they don't have to vote on this.

At this time Arleen Gardner thanks Arlene Gundersen for her report.

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OLD BUSINESS

Grievance Letter

Arleen Gardner states that the Board has had a chance to read over Anne Dushkin's letter.

Arleen Gardner states that the Tribe should get legal advise. Peggy motions to seek legal advise , to get clarification from an attorney , also on how the Tribe should respond to the grievance letter. Arleen Gardner 2nds. All in favor Motion carries.

Ramona states that the Tribal Office does have two Attorneys listed in the files

NEW BUSINESS

1. TCS Video Production/Correspondence

Ramona gives the Board a report on the Video Production that she put together. She states that a packet was put together on each class which were the Aleut Hat making , Aleut Basket weaving, Kotia Guill, costume making and dance class. This was put together by finding some notes, pictures and very little video. There was no instruction or step by step process to be found. It took 3 days to get this together. Ramona had Peggy and Edee come in and catagorize the photos, so they were put in order. The video had no instruction what so ever. The video and paperwork was sent out to the TCS Video Production Center in Anchorage.

Larry Moore stated that Ramona did a very good job on putting this together, without knowing what process was to be done.

Larry Moore stated that he would prefer someone to come out to produce, voice and music this video. He would like ½ payment up front and last payment when video is final. The tape is expected to be at least 30 minutes long. He would like to do a good video for us, professional with no flaws.

Peggy makes a motion to approve TCS Video to produce this video. Glen 2nds. All in favor with a roll call vote. Peggy, yes; Pam, yes; Glen, yes; Arleen, yes. Motion passes.

Arlene Gundersen states that she did request an extension on this grant (NPS) so that this project can be finished.

Edee comments that she saw a package in the Tribal Office that had a note stating that the Aleut Hat pattern was at her house. Edee states that it is not. Ramona states that the patterns are in the office.

Peggy asks if the Video place wanted someone to travel out to explain the process. Ramona states that , yes , someone needs to go out to produce this video. They need a voice, music etc. Glen states that someone can voice the video here, and send it out. Pam will help Ramona voice this video. Ramona will also check with the video place and see if this is possible.

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Glen asks Arlene Gundersen if there is money in this grant to send someone out to do this. Arlene states that there is in the approximate amount of \$14,000 left to be drawn out. She questions and states that there is a language class that is written on the grant that was applied for which needs to be done.

It was suggested that someone who took all 3 classes, should be the one to be sent out.

Arlene Gundersen states that the budget has not yet been broken down, so there isn't an actual budget cost on how much is left in the NPS grant.

Arlene gives a rough calculation of \$4500-5000 in the budget yet to be used. The video place estimated \$5000.00 for the video.

2. Budget Process/BIA

The packet included was a priority listing that BIA wanted. Peggy reads the list of priorities that need to be categorized in order to our needs.

The board lists each category in order that they see fit. Ramona will get the list from Peggy or Pam and send it to BIA.

3. Unga Tribal shares of BIA/TPA Funding

Peggy states that she noticed in the BIA Funding, that the enrollment numbers were taken by the 1990 Census and not by Tribal enrollment. She feels that these numbers are not correct. Our enrollment should go by what is certified and what we actually have. Also the same with the Unga Tribe. Peggy got a call from Bob Juettner on the fisheries. He called BIA to see if there was any money to help people out, he was told that our funds were compacted. Peggy doesn't know if they were in the past or not with Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association for these programs. Glen states that Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association did compact last year. This is with all of the BIA programs. This letter was in referral to self governance. We need to check and see if we are compacted or not.

Arlene Gundersen said that she will check with Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association on this. Peggy makes a motion to get together with the Unga Tribe before making the decision on the numbers of priorities, before we send them out. Glen 2nds. All in favor. Motion carries.

At this time the Council takes a 5 minute recess at 8:10 P.M.

Peggy asks that Ramona set up a meeting with the Unga Tribe when every one is in from fishing.

Arleen Gardner calls the meeting back to order at 8:20 P.M.

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4. AFN/ 1996 Annual Convention Delegate

Arleen questions if we have funding to send a delegate for this meeting.

Arlene Gundersen states that the Shumagin Corporation has paid for all of the entry fees for the membership.

Glen suggests and motions that we go back to the Shumagin Corporation and ask if they would be willing to pay for this again. As there aren't any funds available in the Tribal Budget. Peggy 2nds the motion. All in favor with a roll call vote. Arleen, yes; Glen, yes; Pam, yes; Peggy, yes.

5. FY-96 ANILCA

Subsistence Request For Proposal (RFP). Ramona states that she doesn't know a whole lot on this at this time. The board was given a memorandum on this subject.

Peggy asks Arlene Gundersen if she is familiar with ANILCA. Peggy suggests that since the deadline is July 19, 1996. Being that this has to do with subsistence. The general criteria are products that have potential long term benefits. Considered significantly made for subsistent users. If we could come up with some kind of proposal, in any line of subsistence that has to do with our fisheries, caribou, or even a moose hunt. Where we could get an allocation of funding to a project or have something developed before the deadline. A lot of these funds are coming from FY-95, so they're looking to extend these funds, instead of turning them back.

Peggy makes this a motion. Glen 2nds. With a roll call vote, Peggy, yes; Pam, yes; Glen, yes; Arleen, yes. Motion carries.

6. Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association EPA, Proposed MOA

No action taken. Peggy motions to table this until the next meeting. Glen 2nds.

7. LCSA Grant Information

Ramona explains that this was the previous project done with the City of Sand Point. They chose not to re-apply. The library was closed this summer. This was passed over to the Tribe by the City Office to see if we would like to do this. This would help keep the library open. The School District also chose not to do this grant.

Peggy motions for the Tribe to submit a grant application for the Library Program. Glen 2nds the motion. Glen asks if Ramona would get help writing this. Peggy states that she will help. With a roll call vote, Peggy, yes; Pam, yes; Glen, yes; Arleen, yes. Motion Carries.

8. Resolution 96-26/JOM Program Support

This will be wrote up as corrected.

Peggy motions to approve the JOM Program. Pam 2nds. Motion carries with a roll call vote. Arleen, yes; Glen, yes; Pam, yes; Peggy, yes.

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9. AITC/Natural Resource Specialist, grant agreement

Peggy motions to table this until the next board meeting. Glen 2nds. No action taken.

10. Tribal Council/Vacant seats/Letters of interest

The Tribal Office received 3 letters of interest to sit on the Tribal Council. One from Jack Foster Jr., Connie Kochuten and Edee Jacobsen.

Glen moves to table this at this time so we can get more people to apply. Arleen 2nds.

Peggy asks if we can put a deadline on the posting this time, as there was no deadline on the previous posting. The deadline will be set at August 15, 1996 for letters of interest to be accepted.

11. Administrator position applicants

There are only 2 applicants at this time. Peggy Osterback and Ramona Osterback.

Peggy declares conflict on discussion. No comments, votes or action taken at this time. Glen motions to table this until the next regular board meeting, when a full quorum is present. Pam 2nds. Motion carries.

12. EATS

Glen gives an update report on the EATS Dept. EATS entered into an MOA with Cold Bay. Cold Bay has quite a few Tribal Members. ½ Sand Point and ½ King Cove Members. They are in the process of doing this MOA again. Della asks that EATS brings this up with each Tribal Board, to see if they would approve this before they go on. Pam Knowles is going to come on as an employee, placed in Cold Bay. They need approval of contract for Pam Knowles. To be in favor or not.

A copy is given to the QTT Office. Peggy states that this would be a good idea to look at the MOA so this can be discussed.

Arleen motions to table this until the next regular meeting. Pam 2nds. Motion carries.

Glen states that Carol Smith, EATS Administrator is resigning in September. Azerlea's contract is out at this time. EATS has taken on Mental Health. The billing's will not be going through the Anchorage office no longer. This will be coming back to the community.

13. Information Letter

Peggy reads the informational letter sent out by the AEB. In regards to the Fisheries.

Commissioners will be arriving in Sand Point and King Cove to meet with the people on funding and available programs for the people of our area.

We need to let the people know of this meeting and get all of the support we can.

Peggy motions for the Tribal Council to write a letter to our Delegation, our Governor, and let them know that our Tribal Membership is in immediate need of assistance. Glen 2nds. All in favor. Motion carries.

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Jack Foster comments and questions that if we could call Bob Juettner and ask if and what he was asking for. As this area is a disaster area for the 3rd year.

Peggy requested from Tina Andersen, briefing material on the Federal Government, Subsistence Issues. Our Tribe needs to stay on top of this because it is going to affect our June Fisheries and our fisheries altogether. They are going to appoint a committee, we need to write letters to let them know that we are interested and we do want representation on this committee.

Any one who is interested should request a caribou hunt for our community. Peggy also comments, one of the quotes in the briefing material says that salmon management will be the primary focus. She advises the council to read this material and have this put on the next meeting agenda, even if it takes a special meeting. We need to make some preparation, to get a letter out to make knowledge that we are committed to have someone on this board. Peggy makes this comment a motion. Glen 2nds. Motion carries.

Glen states that he receives grant information , he will bring them to the office when he's finished with them. These have a lot of information on grants, when they become available.

14. June Salmon Season

Most of the fishery topics were discussed previously

Peggy motions to write a letter to the Board of Fish, asking for our June, July, and August Aleut Fisheries back. Glen 2nds . All in favor. Motion carries.

Arleen moves to adjourn at 9:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ramona Osterback". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Respectfully Submitted," text.