

NORTH DAKOTA NATIVE TOURISM ALLIANCE

October 8, 2020 at 10am
Phone Conference
Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

1. Call to order/Roll call- establish a quorum

Meeting called to order at 10:12 am by President Les Thomas

Roll Call

Present: Les Thomas- President, Turtle Mountain Band
Selina LaFontaine- Secretary, Turtle Mountain Band
Darin Morsette -Vice-President, MHA Nation
Gary Snow, MHA Nation
Jen Martel – At Large, Standing Rock Tribe
Doug Sevigny, Treasurer- Spirit Lake Nation
Quorum Determine

NOT Present

Tamara St. John – Wahpeton Sisseton Oyate – Excused
Jason Morsette - MHA- Excused
Barb LittleOwl, Standing Rock Tribe- Excused
Eric Grey Cloud, Standing Rock- Excused
Collette Brown, Spirit Lake Nation- Excused

NDNTA Advisory Committee Members

Anna - GW
Stacey -StrenthenND

Others Present

None

2. Opening Prayer: By Gary

3. Agenda Review – No Conflict of Interest

4. Approval of Agenda

Les asks to move Stacey LaCompt up on the agenda as she has to leave the meeting early.
Stacey will be moved under New Business C. to A. and under Old Business B to A.

Les requests to add to the agenda under New Business F. Governor Budget

Les calls for the motion, Selina makes the motion. Doug seconds the motion. **All in favor, NO Abstentions, Motion Carried.**

Les makes the statement “If at any time during the meeting there needs to be a change/add to the agenda we can.”

5. Approval of Minutes - 9-8-20 minutes Approved

Les calls for the motion, Gary makes the motion. Doug seconds the motion. **All in favor, NO Abstentions, Motion Carried.**

6. Monthly Financial Report - Doug

Doug gave the board a review of the bank statement 9/20. Doug states that the Big Fire Check has been received and reflects in the bank statement. Remaining Balance; \$17, 361.45.

Les calls for the motion, Selina makes the motion. Darian seconds the motion. **All in favor, NO Abstentions, Motion Carried.**

7. New business

a. Request from Stacey LaCompte (see attached)

Stacey is requesting for NDNTA to give a statement on the work she is doing assisting/advising us for her new position on Strengthen ND as the Indigenous Communications & Tribal Advocate - Building Bative Enterprise working in Indian Country. Board approved and Les will Sign

b. Matador Network Request (see attached)

Recommendations from the board and Advisors is to ask the Matador Rep to send NDNTA the questions and we can as a board put out a statement.

c. Indigenous Tourism for the Americas

Selina is on the ITA Advisory Committee and gave the board an update as to how the working sessions will go, the ITA AC gave some suggestions on the laid out week agenda. Anna informed the board that if any board member would like to participate along with our local tourism leadership teams, there is a form to fill out.

Darian, Selina, Les along with Stacey and Anna are signed up for the ITA.

d. Request from Fred Walker (see attached)

Recommendations from the board and advisors is to ask Dakota Goodhouse from UTTC to be able to speak to the company requesting a Rep to speak about Native History Etc. Discussion Held; Selina and Darian were attached in an email from Fred Walker requesting if an NDNTA Rep be the person. Selina stated that she did recommend Kade Ferris and if the Board has any of their historians who could represent. Anna and Stacey both recommend that we have our THPO come together to create an overall of the history of the tribal nations. Les will reach out to Dakota Goodhouse.

- e. UTTC Update (Les)
Les went to the October UTTC Board meeting where he states that they gave him two minutes to give an update and that he was met with good feedback on NDNTA work. The Board asked if Les can have their meeting minutes from UTTC meeting for our records. Les will get a copy to the board.

 - f. Governor Budget - Les
Les states that the Governor's budget has been cut and should we still submit. Recommendations from the board and Advisor is to not go through the Governor budget and go before legislation. Lets meet with Senator Marcellais and Ruth Ann Buffalo and ask their input. Darian stated that the Legislation is in 2 months and is that even enough time. Discussion at the next board meeting as Anna will have more details for us.
8. Old business
- a. Updated on NATIVE Act/GW Contract (GW) i) NDNTA Subcontract Requirements - Anna GW (see attached) with sub committee
 - i. Update on Legal Review of Policies - Stacey states that the signed contract has been received by Big Fire and Leonika's team are currently working on our Policies.
 - ii. Update on 501c3 Status - Selina and Doug have had a conversation on the 501 c3 and Selina will work on the online application and will have the amount of the application debted directly from the NDNTA Bank Account.

Stacey Recommendations to Doug to work on the online banking account and for the executive officers to be able to review NDNTA Account.

Les ask for the motion to allow online banking. Darian makes the motion. Gary seconds the motion. **All in favor, NO Abstentions, Motion Carried.**

b. Senator Hoeven Letters and Calls with his Tribal Liaison

Anna thanked the board on GW behalf in writing a letter to support our continued work and she informed the board that GW has received the Contract and will give us more details hopefully at our next meeting. One thing stressed is we should be keeping our Senators informed of our progress.

9. Tribal Updates

MHA - Darian - working on a virtual website, researching grant opportunities, Earth Lodge Project and Mapping.

SL - Doug - waiting for the tourism budget,

SR - Jen - College is working through virtual classes but their tourism office is still closed to the public, College is waiting on Tribe with a plan for tourism.

TM - Selina has been working from home with a lot of work for NDNTA, Selina has been working on the ND Parks & Rec OHV Stakeholder Meeting - Turtle Mountain Region and the state. Les has been working on tribal flag raising with the International Peace Gardens and putting a team together.

Les call for the Adjournment of the meeting, Doug makes the motion, Gary seconds. **All in favor, NO Abstentions, Motion Carried.** Meeting adjourned at 11:13am

10. Next regular scheduled meeting November 3, 2020