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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SCHEDULED HOUSING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Wednesday, November 15,
2023**

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

PRESENT: Chad Martin, Board Member
Patricia Kakazu, Vice-Chair Tanya
Manuelito, Board Member
Leslie Ramczyk, Board Member
Jamie Fleming, Secretary Carole
DeMain, Board Member

ABSENT: Daniel Grover, Chairman

ALSO PRESENT: Jean Thayer, Executive Director
Shauna Coons, Attorney Sean
Andersen. LCOPD

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Tanya Manuelito, seconded by Jamie Fleming
Motion carried 6-0-0

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman

The TGB appointed Daniel Grover as the Chairman pursuant to the Housing Code.

Vice-Chairman

Patricia Kakazu and Leslie Ramczyk were nominated for Vice-Chairperson. Leslie declined the nomination. Patricia accepted the position. Motion carried 5-0-0

Secretary

Jamie Fleming and Carole DeMain were nominated for Secretary. Carole declined the nomination. Jamie accepted the position. Motion carried 5-0-0.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF October 18, 2023

Motion made by Jamie Fleming, seconded by Chad Martin
Motion carried 5-0-0

LAW ENFORCEMENT - Officer Sean Andersen

- ▶ Suspects that were involved in the break-ins have been identified but no arrests were made. There are warrants out for their arrests for missing court. Once they have been arrested and gone to court the D.A.'s office will contact us for restitution.
- ▶ Activity has slowed down since the new curfew has been put in place. A few citations have been issued but there have been no break-ins. TGB will review the curfew in December.

ATTORNEY - Shauna present

- ▶ We have been discussing "Essential to the well-being of the tribe", specifically Law Enforcement. Do we give them 5 Preference Points on the application. What does the Tribe consider essential? Work Force, doctors, dentists, teachers, etc.? Shauna suggests we don't make it exclusive, but guidelines as to what careers qualify as essential. Meet with TGB & BOC to determine "Essential". Our policy only states "Non-Indian Applicant Essential to the Well-Being of LCO Families."
- ▶ Residency requirements are still in the policy at PRP.7.060 (j).
- ▶ Discussion on whether we could serve over income families.

10% of the Block Grant funds can be used to assist over-income families. If families, at the time of move-in, were income eligible and have since exceeded the income limit, may be eligible in that 10% rule.

TGB asked why, when the codes were changed, the Law Enforcement provision was taken out. Jean explained to them that Housing was not part of amending the codes. TGB made some changes last Spring without prior notice to Housing. Clarification had to be made regarding the roles of ED and BOC. Legal amended that section.

TRIBAL COUNCIL - None present

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT - JEAN THAYER. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- ▶ Jean let the Board know that TC VI will be closing soon. Wasn't sure where we are with the TSRs. Not receiving any cooperation on this. Shauna will discuss this with the Legal Department.
- ▶ There have been Teams meetings regarding the Procurement for the ARPA Funds.
- ▶ Sent the Request for Bid for the attorney to several people. In the end Shauna was the only one who submitted her bid and is now our attorney.
- ▶ Kristen Wakeham is working on our Self-Monitoring Checklist and should have it done by the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

- ▶ Jean asked, at the request of CVS, to lower the Pledged Securities to \$2.5M. We are currently at \$4M, but that amount is too much as we have \$2.5 in the bank. We will also have an additional \$250K in FDIC coverage.

OLD BUSINESS

- ▶ Rent Increases - tabled.

INFORMATION SHARING

- ▶ Leslie updated us on the 4-day NAIHC/HUD Housing Summit she attended in St. Paul. Very informative and well organized. Community wellness "Strong Hearts" shared a hotline for Domestic Abuse, homelessness, and mental health 1-844- 7native. They can help locate many different resources in the person's community.
- ▶ She brought up the Waiting List and the fact that some have not updated their application, which is supposed to be done annually. Jean will investigate this and make sure applicants are following up, along with the employees.

Patricia inquired about the Christmas Party. Jean said it is unknown now but will let them know.

NEXT REGULAR meeting date Wednesday, December 20, 2023

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion made by Leslie Ramczyk, seconded by Carole DeMain to adjourn at 11:01 a.m.
Motion carried 5-0-0

Jamie Fleming
Lac Courte Oreilles Housing Authority Board