

Minutes of the
PRINCE OF WALES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Chairman Benner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Coffman Cove, Craig, Craig Tribal Association, Kasaan, Organized Village of Kasaan, Klawock, Naukati, Thorne Bay, Whale Pass, Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce.

INTRODUCTIONS

Those present were: Wayne Benner, City of Thorne Bay; Lisa Roseland, City of Thorne Bay; Brian Templin, City of Craig; Greg Mickelson, AP&T; Della Coburn, City of Kasaan; Carrie Sykes, Organized Village of Kasaan; Tyra Huestis, City of Whale Pass; Millie Schooneover, Craig Tribal Association; Dennis Nickerson, POW Tribal Stewardship Consortium; Misty Fitzpatrick, Coffman Cove & Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce; Tyler Gunn, United States Forest Service; Rebecca Bellmore, Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition; Matt Anderson, United States Forest Service; Candy Hempel, Naukati Bay; Dorothy Sheppard, Naukati Bay; Hal Sheppard, Naukati Bay; Jessica Petty, Naukati Bay; Carole Kraemer, Whale Pass; Leslie Isaacs, City of Klawock

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Hempel moved to approve the agenda. Sheppard seconded the motion. With no opposition from the membership, the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sheppard moved to approve the agenda. Schooneover seconded the motion. With no opposition from the membership, the motion passed.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Prince of Wales Landscape Assessment Team (POW LAT) Update
Anderson reported that POWLAT submitted proposals to the United States Forest Service on June 5, 2017. Following submission the Forest Service issued a corrected notice of intent into the Federal Register. The submission closely mirrored the POWLAT submission. Anderson stated the notice would go through an environmental impact statement, analyzing all proposals POWLAT put forth in addition to all other public comment. Anderson stated it would be up to POWLAT to choose whether to continue as a group.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Telecommunications on Prince of Wales Island – The Alaska Plan

Fitzpatrick requested everyone review the draft letter included with the meeting agenda/packet and make certain their communities service level had been accurately described. Once finalized Mr. Benner would sign and send the letter to Kreiss-Tompkins office and other entities chose by SEASWA. Benner felt the regulatory commission should receive a copy. Benner stated Kreiss-Tompkins office would forward the letter to other pertinent agencies.

2. Transportation plan approvals

Benner reminded everyone to get plan approvals approved and submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation by Rebecca Bellmore, SE Alaska Watershed Coalition (SAWC) on proposed grant to study community water sources

Bellmore stated SAWC were seeking funding by submitting a grant proposal to NOAA for a one year study to explore the potential effect of climate change on disinfectant by-product (DBP) formation. SAWC would like to work with one or two water utilities on POW to attain detailed measurements of source water for concentrations of organic matter. Bellmore wanted to hear from interested communities and would appreciate letters of support for the proposal.

2. Presentation by Dennis Nickerson, Environmental Planner, POW Tribal Stewardship Consortium on recycling program

Nickerson stated he would speak of recycling and the efforts Tribes and Village Corporations have made to unify as a Tribal Conservation District (TCD). Nickerson explained a tribal conservation district blends local and traditional knowledge with technical resources to actively manage natural resources in a defined area. A TCD is a regulatory agency formed by gathering resolutions and sets local priorities for conservation so natural resources can continue to thrive for subsistence economic opportunity, resource development and cultural preservation. Currently seven entities were part of the TCD and all of POW was included. Nickerson stated funding and technical assistance was available through the US department of agriculture and provided handouts of high priority areas where the TCD would be seeking funding. One of the items the POW Tribal Stewardship Consortium wanted to address was recycling. Nickerson provided a Memorandum of Understanding for POW. Nickerson stated the consortium had applied for a recycling center to be located between Craig and Klawock, construction was hoped to begin October 1, 2017. Fitzpatrick asked if she contacted the Chamber and asked them to publish an article on recycling, detailing individual options available, could she suggest the Chamber office contact the POW Tribal Stewardship Consortium for direction on the specifics of recycling. Nickerson replied yes, after October 1st.

3. SEASWA update – Wayne Benner

Kasaan, Klawock, Coffman Cove, Thorne Bay, Craig and Hydaburg belong to

Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority (SEASWA) and have signed agreements with Republic Services which included recycling. SEASWA would like to feasibly ship scrap metal from SE Alaska as recycled materials. Benner stated that once set up properly, recycling would save communities quite a bit of money. Isaacs concurred that with current economics and low recyclable volume on POW money would not be made recycling but, as a municipality he looked at recycling as a cost reduction. SEASWA had contracted with Waste Management for an initial clean-up of the island and a yearly clean-up of scrap metal. Benner stated another 1000 tons of scrap were needed for recyclables to break even rather than cost each community. Sheppard inquired how on-going recycling would be handled. Benner replied that Thorne Bay would plan to have a dumpster in town, unlocked at certain times, for recycle collection. Benner reported he had been working with Waste Management and once SEASWA member communities had agreements signed and a plan in place it was hoped that a 30 day notice would be put out for everyone to bring in scrap. Benner advised everyone to stay tuned as SEASWA was committed to cleaning up the island.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENTS

Benner stated Saturday, July 29, 2017 there would be a barbeque in Craig at the Ball Park, (in case of rain, moved to the Craig city gym) Senator Stedman would be in town.

NEXT MEETING

September Hollis Fire hall 1 pm. Lunch hosted by Hollis at 12:00
November – Isaacs nominated Boling as the November host ☺

ADJOURNMENT

Benner adjourned the meeting at 2:37 pm.