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135 Capital Square Drive - Zia Pueblo, NM - 87053

Membership Business Meeting

Santa Ana Pueblo, NM

October 21, 2014

**Call to order:** President Michael Chavez called the business meeting to order at 9:15.

**Posting of colors/Honor song:** Floyd Tortalita from the Pueblo of Acoma sang the honor song.

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by Ronald Boni of the San Carlos Housing Authority.

**Welcome:** Eugene Otero, Lt. Governor, from the Pueblo of Santa Ana gave the welcome address. Mr. Otero, welcomed all the members to the Pueblo of Santa Ana and wanted to invite everyone out to visit several of the attractions that are available in their area. He asked the membership to come and visit these areas.

**Opening remarks/Introductions:** President Michael Chavez introduced himself and asked everyone to do the same and inform everyone present where they were from and how they are associated with housing.

**Roll call: (Establish a Quorum):** Roll call was given by Marlene Garcia. Roll call was established with a total of 13 members. There were 9 members present and 4 proxies to establish a quorum.

**Approval of Agenda:** The President asked the membership to review the agenda, so changes can be made if needed. Motion was made by the Pueblo of Acoma to approve the agenda, motion second by San Carlos Housing Authority. The agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were from the membership meeting held at Ysleta del Sur in El Paso, TX on March 18, 2014. The meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Pueblo of Zia, and motion second by San Felipe Housing Authority. The March 18, 2014 minutes was approved.

The minutes from the June 2, 2014 meeting held in Kansas City, MO, were for review only. There was not a quorum at this meeting so the minutes were not acted on and provided for information purposes only.

**Announcements:** Michael Chavez announced that Zuni Housing Authority will be having their ground breaking ceremony on October 23, 2014 for their new Low- Income Housing Tax Credit project. .

Nancy Harjo-Serna of Amerind wanted to announce and welcome members to their combined AMERIND/NAIHC Annual Meeting coming up in May 2015 at the Talking Stick Resort and Casino in Scottsdale, AZ . She also, asked for assistance from Region 8 regarding, ideas and recommendations for guest speakers, the welcome, and veterans groups for the posting of colors. It was recommended that perhaps Floyd Tortalita can do an honor song at the opening session.

### **Reports:**

HUD –The HUD report was provided by David Southerland of the Albuquerque SWONAP office. E-Loccs system is now available and open for registrations, so you will have to get into the system and get registered as soon as you can. It will not be available after a certain period. It is important that your tribal representative get registered so they will be able to get into the system. The HUD staff has been sending out notices to the Housing staff to encourage them to get this completed.

AMERIND – Derek Valdo, CEO of AMERIND gave an update on the different programs that Amerind has made available for the membership. AMERIND will finish out strong this year if we don't have any claims in the next three months. The renewal notices were sent out to the membership, if you didn't get yours it will be coming in the mail or call AMERIND.

Members will be able to get a reserve refund again this year. The Board has made a decision to do refunds to the members of AMERIND that have paid their insurance premiums. This payment can also go towards your insurance payment for the next year.

NAIHC – Floyd Tortlita our NAIHC representative gave an update on the funding issues that NAIHC has been facing in the past months. Everyone is aware that funding has been a concern and NAIHC is working hard to protect what funding is available. Reauthorization did expire in 2013. NAIHC has requested that it be put on in the President's budget. The President's proposed budget is more than 1.2 billion more than the previous years. There will be some changes in the language for the proposal. NAIHC is still working with what has been funded each year and this may not meet our needs, so that is why we need to look at the language and make changes.

Updates include the NAIHC Legislative conference to be held in Washington, D.C. on February 16-20, 2015, at the Mayflower Hotel. More information will be received on the Neoga tied Rulemaking committee conference calls once they meet again. They will not reconvene until August of 2015. The group has been providing information to the Legislative committee.

Floyd gave the membership his new phone numbers for the Housing Authority- (505) 552-7528 office and (505) 908-1124 cell.

SWTHA Financial Report – Rachel Salas the SWTHA treasurer gave the membership the updated financial report. Currently in the checking account there is a balance of \$1,501.77. The savings balance is \$37,660.69 with an interest of \$4.84.

MFA Housing Programs – Eric Schmieder of the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority gave a background of the New Mexico agency, he noted that this agency was just like other financial agencies where it had to borrow money to start the agency. Mr. Schmieder gave an update on several of the different loans that they have worked within the last 40 years. It is now easier because of the higher income limits of up to 120%. He encouraged the membership to look into these loans and take advantage of them.

Eric asked Michael Chavez to talk about their Tax Credit project in Zuni. Mr. Chavez gave an overview of his housing authority's process on successfully implementing the Tax Credit program at Zuni, and the 38 rental units they will be rehabbing, with the Tax Credit funding. The program can be complicated, is very detailed, and there is a lot of work required. However, it is worth the effort and a good way to construct new homes or rehab existing homes. Mr. Chavez also announced that Zuni will be applying for its second tax credit project in 2015.

#### **Old Business:**

Recruitment Efforts/Strategy – The SWTHA membership is still not where it should be. The organization is still trying hard to recruit members. There are approximately 46 tribes in our region and we would like to ask those tribes to join our organization. We need to meet with additional tribes to try and get more information about SWTHA to them. A huge part of the recruitment is the strategic plan. We need to develop a plan so that the tribes will know what our organization is trying to deliver to them. Why they should be a part of our organization and let them know what we have to offer.

Prior to the next meeting on November 14, 2014, the tentative strategic planning board will review whatever proposals or recommendations may come in from our members. If needed you may direct any comments to our Vice-President Linda Alvarez.

SWTHA Annual Meeting Events – The next meeting will be held at the Casino Del Sol resort and Casino on the Pascua Yaqui reservation in Tucson, AZ, in March or April 2015. There is a recommendation that we hold other events during the meeting. Maybe we can have a volleyball tournament or schedule a tour of the area. It would be great to visit the local tribe and museums.

SWIHA - Update on the SWHIA organization. The organization was never dissolved and this has been an ongoing issue. Due to the fact that the organization was never dissolved there is still money in the SWIHA account, estimated at about \$80,000.00. Some of the money in the account did come from the states of Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas. The Alliance

membership still feels that the assets should be divided amongst the different members that belonged to the organization.

A meeting was in Las Vegas, NV between Region 7 & 8 where dissolving the organization was discussed. Region 7 does not want to dissolve the organization. At this meeting a work group was established to make recommendations on how to resolve this issue and address it. Since then there has been no communication between the group and they are not sure what is going to be done.

Isaac Perez of Pueblo of Isleta will talk with his legal counsel and find out if there are any other options available to address this issue. It doesn't seem to be going anywhere.

#### **New Business:**

Membership Resolution Supporting NAHASDA Reauthorization – President Michael Chavez presented a resolution to the membership for review and approval. The resolution requests that House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy help ensure that H.R. bill 4329 is considered by the House of Representatives and it asks that the House of Representatives pass H.R. 4329. It also requests that Congress support the reauthorization of this bill. Motion made by Pueblo of Isleta to approve resolution. Motion was second by San Carlos Apache Housing Authority. Motion approved.

2014 AMERIND Scholarships – Rachel Salas, Treasurer gave an update on the Scholarships that were awarded this year. There were five freshmen awarded a total of \$750.00 these included:

- 1.) Ashley Beltran - Ysleta Del Sur – Nursing
- 2.) Irene Garcia - Ysleta Del Sur - Music Therapy
- 3.) Kimberly Chapman -Pueblo of Zuni – Exercise Science
- 4.) Jerome Tsalabutie – Pueblo of Zuni – Business
- 5.) Mariah Charlie – Pueblo of Zuni – Nursing

There was one Junior awarded \$1,000.00:

- 1) Dominic Peacock – Pueblo of Acoma – Political Science/Economics

Of the \$5,000.00 awarded to the Alliance, a total of \$4,750.00 was awarded. The remaining \$250.00 will be carried over for the next year.

2015 Scholarship Schedule – Rachel also gave an update of the next round of scholarships and deadlines. Applications will be taken until at least December 11, 2014. Review will be through December 18, 2014. A Conference call will be held on January 13, 2015 (review) and tentatively January 19, 2015, the Board will determine who will be awarded and checks will be made out to the individuals.

#### **Schedule of Meetings 2015:**

President Michael Chavez gave an update of the meetings for 2015. Annual meeting will be held in Tucson, AZ at the Casino Del Sol Casino & Resort. The date has is still being decided as it will be close to the date of the AMERIND/NAIHC meeting. Once the dates have been selected the membership will be notified. The Board is also looking at setting the meeting dates for FY 2016.

**Open discussion:**

No discussion.

**Adjournment:**

Being there no other business a motion was made by Tamaya Housing Incorporated to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Ak-Chin Housing Department. Meeting adjourned at 4:15.