

Tribal Transportation Planning Organization

Kalispel Tribe, Airway Heights, WA

October 2, 2012

Minutes

I. Introductions, Call to Order, Minutes

Jim Longley (Nisqually Tribe, TTPO President), welcomed everyone to the TTPO and made introductions.

II. Kalispel Tribal Welcome

Kalispel Tribal Elder Francis Cullooyah thanked everyone for attending this meeting and provided the blessing. Sev Jones (Kalispel Tribe), welcomed everyone, and said he looks forwards to the conference, continued partnerships, and provided a brief overview of Kaltran, their growing service, and their new 38 passenger bus.

III. Roll Call

Keri Shepherd (Nooksack Tribe, TTPO Secretary) clarified that the following members will vote for their employing tribe: Skokomish Tribe-Lennea Wolf, Kalispel Tribe- Julia Seyler, Colville Tribe-Jane (not on the sign- in sheet), Spokane Tribe-Dez Hayes, and Stillaguamish Tribe-Casey Stevens. There were 14 total voting member tribes present.

IV. Treasurers Report

Annette Nesse (Jamestown S'Klallam, TTPO Treasurer), reported a balance of \$23,333.40 (same as in August) and the TTPO will be purchasing insurance soon (current bids \$1500 and \$1850),

V. Kalispel Tribe Transportation Project Presentation

Julia Seyler (Kalispel Tribe) gave a full presentation on the Kalispel Tribe's transit program, Kaltran, and how they solved grant shortfalls that occurred recently, and other issues. ARRA funded a 38- passenger bus purchases, operating expenses for the current 130 miles of routes (2), and 6 days of operation per week, 16 hours a day. One of their huge challenges was marketing, and they ended up using Facebook as a tool. Ridership has doubled since the 2009 start-up. Kaltran recently completed a ridership survey and found high use by low-income riders; top uses were found to be: employment, exercise, resource access, healthcare, and job search.

The program is currently funded by WSDOT, FTA, JARC, private foundations, BIA IRR, and other tribal departments. Kaltran staff estimates that each rider saves \$300-600 a month by riding the bus.

Mike Cardwell (Quinault Tribe) asked if funds from the tribe's gas tax are being used. Answer: not at this time.

Gordon Neilson (Skokomish Tribe) asked how they gathered survey information and how good was the participation. Answer: in- person, emails, Pow Wows, elder's lunches, on- the- bus surveying, and in- office surveying (200 responses).

Casey Stevens (Stillaguamish Tribe, TTPO VP), stated that they paid 5\$ per completed survey at Stillaguamish and received about 200 responses.

Michael Cardwell stated they gave t-shirts away @ Nisqually, and Jim Longley stated they also did formal sit- down dinners at NIT.

VI. Eastern WA University Tribal Planning Program

Megan Nicodemus (WSDOT Tribal Liaison) introduced Margo Hill (Attorney, Judge, and Spokane Tribal Member). Margo handed out flyers explaining the EWU program and also mentioned that EWU now offers a Masters in Planning program. Margo said she is very pleased with the planning and teaching program at EWU. She recognized Dez Hayes and Julia (both Spokane Tribe employees) as recent tribal member graduates of EWU program. Margo next gave highlights of the program: fee- to- trust transfers, Indicators Project, law, economics, and transportation.

The Indicators Project came about because of a huge lack of data in Indian County, and Margo stated that it is needed for good public policy development. The project shows how a tribe's economy and transportation are closely linked in Indian country. The Project for the Spokane Tribe included 17 data sets and over 150 tables which help to present and drive growth.

EWU also has a one-year old program, called Local Employment Data Handout that provides annual data for various communities. It shows the close connection between a tribe's economy and the transportation mobility of its members.

VII. State Program Report/Federal Programs Report

Alison Camden announced an overview on MAP-21 implementation would be offered at the next day at 2 PM.

Jim gave a brief update on the AUTO (the non-tribal gas dealer association) lawsuit. Recently, after the suit was moved to Grays Harbor County the court ruled against AUTO that it had no right to sue tribes. AUTO has since appealed that ruling to the Supreme Court. The lawsuit contends that tribes are undercutting private stations by charging less for gasoline, as a result of the 75-25 refund agreement with tribes.

Jim Introduced Bill Iyall, Cowlitz Tribal Council Chair who represented tribes as a member of the Governor's Task Force on MAP-21-21. Bill phoned in his report as he was traveling back to the Cowlitz Reservation. Bill stated that he felt his participation on the Task Force was a good opportunity for tribes to have a voice in this high-level goal-setting process. The Task Force, representing a broad sector of agencies and jurisdictions statewide, was tasked by the governor with recommendations on how best to distribute MAP-21-21 funds. In their two meetings (September 17 & 25) the Task Force discussed HSIP, Transportation Alternatives (replaces the Transportation

Enhancement program), CMAQ (air quality), and the National Highway Performance Programs.

Bill announced that the Task Force recommended that the Safe Routes to School and recreational trails will be funded at current levels. Distribution of funding will continue through Washington State's RTPOs and MPOs.

Bill feels that Tribes should help select transportation projects when grants are being awarded and said he hopes this process continues.

Jim Longley introduced Francois Larravee from Hopelink which provides human services and and public transportation in King County.

Francois stated he'd like to partner with, and learn more about Tribes in Hopelink's service area.

Richard Rolland asked if Hopelink currently works with Daybreak Star Center.

Francois said no, but that individuals associated with them do.

VIII. TTPO Business Discussion

Jim Longley stated that the administrative details completing the reorganization of TTPO to a 501(c) 4 status have been finished and have been forwarded them to the Board for a vote/comment. Once approved, they will be sent to the full membership for consideration and adoption.

IX. Good of the Order/ Announcements

Michael Cardwell—announced a raffle for youth college fund

Casey Stevens – reminded everyone about the presentation the next day of transportation vignettes.

Michelle Siedenburg (NWTTAP)-reminded everyone about the National Tribal Transportation Conference to be held in Phoenix in November and ATNI/NWTTAP Conference at Crown Plaza in Portland, OR in April 2013.

X. Next Meeting

Samish Tribe may host if possible, if not, it will be held at Puget Sound Regional Council in downtown Seattle at the end of January, tentative date: January 30th. This meeting will include the annual Board meeting and the TTPO quarterly meeting where officers, chair, and Board elections will be held.

XI. Meeting adjourned.