



Board Caucus Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 10:00am

This meeting was held via web conference

Meeting Minutes

CAUCUS ATTENDEES

Chair David Postman
Member Ollie Garrett
Dustin Dickson, Executive Assistant

GUESTS

Chairman Tom Wooten
Vice Chairman Tim King
Tribal Council Treasurer Tamara Rogers
Tribal Council Member Jenna Burnett
Chief Operating Officer Kimberlee Anderson
Lea Ann Easton, Counsel
Nicola Reid, Compliance and Adjudications Manager

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Member Garrett moved to approve the April 12, 2022, Board caucus minutes

SECOND: Chair Postman seconded.

ACTION: Chair Postman approved the motion.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF TRIBAL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – NICOLA

Chair Postman: We're honored, this morning, to be joined by a number of people from the leadership of the Samish. I want to take a moment to introduce the Chair, who we'll ask to introduce those that have joined him. So, welcome Chairman Tom Wooten. It's great to see you again. Thank you for being here.

Chairman Wooten: David, it's good to see you. Absolutely. I'm honored to be here and thank you for your time today, we appreciate that. I would like to introduce my Council Members that are on board, and I believe we've got a few staff as well.

Introductions were made, including Vice Chairman Tim King, Tribal Council Treasurer Tamara Rogers, Tribal Council Member Jenna Burnett, Chief Operating Officer Kimberlee Anderson.

Chairman Wooten: Again, I appreciate you for taking the time to meet with us and to entertain our MOU. I think it's important to us and the citizens of the state. We're looking forward to continued work with you all on issues as they come up. Thank you for that, and it's really good to see you, David.

Chair Postman: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good to see you. Thanks for the work by your Council and counsel, both with the "i" and "e", and everyone for working with us in productive Government to

Government process. It's frankly, what I know of you in my former job, is the way you do it and I appreciate that always. I'm glad we're able to get to this point and I look forward to what the next evolution of this might be. It's always nice to bring something like this to conclusion, and I appreciate you coming with your staff and other elected officials today to join us.

Chairman Wooten: Absolutely, thank you.

Chair Postman: With that, Nicola I'll turn it to you to present the proposal.

Nicola Reid: Thank you Chair Postman.

Good morning Chair Postman and Board Member Garrett. I'm coming before you today for consideration of approval for a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that staff within the agency have worked collaboratively with the Samish Indian Nation. I have had the opportunity to meet with Katie Gargan and Lea Ann Easton who represent the Tribe as their counsel. We have worked collaboratively and quickly on putting the agreement together.

Initially, the Samish Indian Nation will have one beer/wine grocery store, and of course might look to future expansion and amendments. As always, we look forward to that continued partnership.

Do you have any questions?

Chair Postman: I don't. We were able to meet yesterday and go through it in some detail. As I told the Chairman, I appreciate the work on both sides. So, thanks you also, Ms. Reid, for the attention to detail and the Government to Government relationship. I think it looks like a fine agreement.

With that, I'll take a motion to approve the agreement with the Samish Indian Nation.

MOTION: Member Garrett moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Washington and the Samish Indian Nation as described.

SECOND: Chair Postman seconded.

ACTION: Chair Postman approved the motion.

Chair Postman: Thank you again to the Samish People and leadership. Mr. Chairman, it was great to see you.

Chairman Wooten: Absolutely. Again, David, I look forward to our continued work on these issues. I think our goal is to provide services to our citizens and the citizens of this great state we live in as well. I think the benefit of our store will benefit the local community as well. It definitely will. So, thank you again for your time, it's always good to see you.

Chair Postman: Absolutely. And I'll just say for anybody who's watching that is not that familiar with the Samish Nation, I would say this has been your history, to find any possible way to serve your members. I know it's not been the easiest path, but you keep to it and I'm glad we can be a part of that.

Chairman Wooten: Absolutely, David. Our motto is "we'll continue to persevere". We'll work with anybody that wants to work with us and continue to do so. Again, I thank you for your time, Board Members, and look forward to our continued work in this.

Chair Postman: Good luck with this, thank you, sir. And, thank you, Nicola.

Ms. Reid: Thank you for having me before you today.

BOARD MEMBER AND EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT REPORTS

Chair Postman: I've got a quick update on security in retail stores, a mixed report, I'm afraid. There was another robbery last night in Lacy. Shots fired. Thank God nobody was hurt this time. Last I saw there had not been any arrests in that. They have put out a description of the alleged assailants. But it continues to be a threat and a danger, and even though nobody was hurt we all know the trauma that people go through as a witness to this or the near victim of it. It's really something.

A few other things, I did send an update out this morning to licensees, updating on things we've been working on since the roundtable on March 29. There's a lot happening. You'll see today there is an op-ed published by the Governor and Attorney General and others, I believe. Someone can correct me if I've forgotten who the co-byline on the Governor's op-ed is, but, talking about the need for the SAFE Banking Act. There's a letter he'll be sending out. That should be available any moment.

And then, this afternoon, licensees should keep an eye out for a joint message from the LCB and the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI). This was something that we've really heard from licensees, for a need to be really clear about what cashless systems are available and what is allowed under LCB rules. I would say, in a very general statement, we're pretty permissive about those systems. There's been some concern that certain mechanisms would not be allowed, our CFO Jim Morgan has been leading that effort to learn more about it but also help us all learn – and I haven't heard of many things that exist today that would not be allowed under LCB rules. Take a look at that message when it comes out. There'll be a link to a website with a lot of detail. If you have any questions, let us know. I would never assume one way or another as an operator, I would ask. We can help get you an answer, either from the LCB or get you to the right person in the DFI.

So, a lot happening. We'll continue on those paths as well and look for more opportunities to convene in groups when we can.

I want to thank the DFI – Charlie Clark, the Director there and his team – they've been really great. For those of you who are in the business and wonder – they are great advocates for getting SAFE Banking and doing whatever they can to help in Congress, but still looking for what's available today. That state agency, under the direction of the Governor, has been super helpful to us, and that's encouraging.

Just keep an eye out for that news, and others, and we'll hope we don't see more of this soon but that's the world we are in.

Dustin, anything to report?

Dustin Dickson: Nothing from me today, thank you, Chair.

Chair Postman: Thank you. With that we will adjourn the Board Caucus meeting for April 19, 2022, and will see you all next week. Have a good day.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12am.

Minutes approved this 26th day of April, 2022.



David Postman
Board Chair



Ollie Garrett
Board Member

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