

Tribal Consultation Task Force (hybrid)

July 23, 2024 at Seven Feathers Casino Resort, Huckleberry Room

Scheduled: 1:30-3:30pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Voting Members, In person

- **Dee Pigsley**, Chairperson, Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians
- **Corinne Sams**, Board of Trustees Member, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla
- **Julie Johnson**, Tribal Affairs Director, Oregon Health Authority
- **Patrick Flanagan**, Executive Director, Legislative Commission on Indian Services
- **Natalie Ball**, Tribal Council Representative, Klamath Tribes
- **Brenda Meade**, Chairperson, Coquille Indian Tribe
- **Doug Barrett**, Chief and Tribal Council Representative, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians
- **Jon George**, Tribal Council Representative, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- **Shana McConville Radford**, Tribal Affairs Director, Office of Governor Tina Kotek

Voting Members, Virtual

- **Tracy Kennedy**: Chairperson, Burns Paiute Tribe
- **Bobby Brunoe**: Secretary-Treasurer, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- **Anna Richter-Taylor**: Representative, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- **Tawna Sanchez**: State Representative

Voting Members Absent

- **State Agency Representative**: One governor-appointed agency representative seat
- **Bill Hansell**: State Senator

Meeting guests, In person

- **Cameron Miles**, Government Accountability Attorney, Office of Governor Tina Kotek
- **Yasmin Solorio**, Executive Assistant, Office of Governor Tina Kotek

Opening

The Tribal Consultation Task Force was called to order by Shana Radford, at 1:39pm at the Seven Feathers Casino Resort in Canyonville, OR. Introduction of agenda titled "HB 3173 Tribal Task Force Agenda".

Introduction of Task Force Members

Members in person and virtually provided brief introductions. Members responded to proposed question on why the taskforce work is important to them.

Overview of HB3173

Patrick Flanagan shares unique position of the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS) between both state agency and tribes. Emphasizes coordination is staff level; Consultation is Government-to-Government with direct leadership.

2:12 pm Patrick Flanagan introduces materials titled "2024 Tribal Consultation Taskforce Materials.docx"

2:17 pm Brenda Meade comments the importance to define meaning and intent of what "consultation" truly means. Emphasizes needs across state agencies to standardize consultation with tribes, as levels of consultation differ with each state agency.

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Jon George comments the "make a reasonable effort" language is not the same as consultation, as the meaning differs for each person.

2:26 pm Shana Radford mentions Minnesota, Washington, Michigan, and California have a similar Tribal Consultation task forces and/or a LCIS office. Shana offers suggestion to extend an invitation to other states to share how they move their consultation work forward. Jon George asks how Washington does their work as they have around 30 tribes. Shana Radford comments she will gather that info and provide at a later date.

2:29 pm Julie Johnson mentions the importance to reference federal trust responsibility, SB 778 state law, state agency, and tribal consultation. Recognizing how each tribe defines consultation is different and the importance of respecting and understanding each.

2:32 pm Doug Barret shares comments on importance of state agencies to ask tribes to the table from the start.

2:33 pm Tracy Kennedy shares comments on how sometimes more resources provided for additional tribal liaisons can be overwhelming; it often is confusing on who to work with, can be overburdening, and often folks do not listen.

Break called by Shana Radford at 2:30pm. Members reconvened at 2:42pm.

Public Records

Public records overview by Cameron Miles. Review of document titled "Board, Commission, Task Force and Workgroup Compliance".

- Seven members cannot get together to share or talk about the taskforce.
- All members can communicate with Task Force Chairperson to bring items for meetings and materials to be discussed.
- Meeting materials and minutes will be posted to the website.
- Public records handout distributed. Noting 4 year retention period.
- Robert's Rules - Statue requires chair be elected for the taskforce. Vice chair(s) can also be elected.
- Report is due Sept 15th. The taskforce officially dissolves December 31st, unless legislature extends.

Additional Business

Tawna Sanchez shared extension is unable to happen until next legislative session. Taskforce can still continue to meet until legislature passes extension.

Shana Radford shared there is work being done to hire a facilitator to assist with task force.

Anna Richter Taylor poses question if could governor extend the task force through exec order. Cameron Miles shared extension is likely unlikely but Governor's staff can continue to support logistics.

Dee Pigsley proposes question if there any funds attached to this taskforce. Shana Radford confirms there are \$30K in funds available to support task force in short session.

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Tawna Sanchez shares there was hope to bring in a consultant to help. If legislation is needed, Tawna Sanchez can put a placeholder in September to try and move it as quickly as possible. Suggestion of extension likely the better option.

Selection of Chair

Doug Barrett brings forth discussion of taskforce chair nominations. Dee Pigsley nominates Corinne Sams for taskforce chair.

2:58 pm Unanimous decision, no oppositions, Corrine Sams is voted Chair for the Tribal Consultation taskforce.

2:59 pm Brenda Meade shares comments on public records and recognizing sovereign nations.

3:01 pm Shana Radford defers meeting business over to taskforce Chair Sams. Chair Sams opens discussion and supports for a Vice-Chair. Dee Pigsley nominates Brenda Meade for Vice-Chair. Anna Richter Taylor offers nomination for Vice-Chair.

3:04 pm Unanimous decision, no oppositions, Brenda Meade is voted Vice-Chair for the Tribal Consultation taskforce.

Taskforce members then view new Tribal Consultation Website:

<https://www.oregon.gov/gov/policies/Pages/tribal-consultation-taskforce.aspx>

Proposed Future Meeting

3:05 pm Chair Sams motioned to vote for future meeting cadence. Task force members suggested a retreat for August or September. Members unanimously voted for a follow up retreat scheduled for August 29-30, 2024 to be hosted by Grand Ronde tribe.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:17pm by Chair Corrine Sams.

**Minutes were approved by the task force during the 8/16/24 virtual convening.*