



IDAHO JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

Tribal Committee

Tribal Committee Meeting
March 15, 2025
9:30 AM – 1:30 PM MST

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84924643715?pwd=BHXqc3xC2AjiWPTWLSL11WKiC8G4iH.1>

Call to Order (Welcome & Introductions)

Hon. Cynthia Jordan – Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Request for Funding (NAHOVA) Chair
 - Request for funding passed; funding approved.
2. Funds for Video/Essay Contest Marketing Materials Chair
 - Discussion tabled for the June meeting.
3. Approve June 2024 Meeting Minutes Chair
 - Motion passed; minutes approved

Discussion Items:

1. Budget/IDJC Update Marissa Evans, IDJC
2. Video/Essay contest discussion Members
3. Roundtable discussion Members
4. Adjourn Chair

Members Present:

Hon. Cynthia Jordan, Tribal Committee Chair
Clarice Hall, Gerry Benson, Del Rae Kipp

Others Present:

Marissa Evans, IDJC Planning and Compliance Supervisor
Jolene Brooks, IDJC Planning and Compliance Program Specialist and R/ED Coordinator
Haley Meyers, SUDS Program Specialist, IDJC



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MEETING MINUTES:

1. Hon. Cynthia Jordan – Call to Order
2. Introductions of members present
3. Marissa gave a Budget/IDJC Update:
 - a. NA Programs:
 - b. 21 Funds: - 1, 808
 - c. 22 Funds: – 18,986
 - d. 23 Funds – 2 2,000
 - e. R/ED funds have been paused; All other funding will be contingent on the availability of federal funds.
 - f. Ashley Dowell, the new Director, supports the Commission and Councils and the work being done
 - g. 24 Title II funds were approved
 - h. Don Caagby, the new Behavioral Specialist
 - i. Kari was promoted to Behavioral Specialist Manager

Quorum Met:

1. Request for Funding (NAHOVA)
2. Funding for the UNITY: \$11,664. We have the funding available to approve this project
 - Suicide Prevention, mental health, and substance abuse prevention awareness, and peer-to-peer mentoring.
 - Del Rae Kipp: Concerned if other tribes are going to send youth to the UNITY, if we approve funding, we may be in a bind
 - Hon. Jordan – Discussed the availability of funds
 - Gerry – I think it is super important to fund these types of programs for our youth,
 - Del Rae Kipp: I would like to see the children participate in UNITY and present at the IJJA
 - *Gerry would like to make a motion to approve the funding request; Del Rae seconded the motion, and all were in favor.*
 - *Motion passed*
3. Funds for Video/Essay Contest Marketing Materials
 - Discussion to be had during the June meeting
 - *Will be added as an agenda item*
4. Approve June 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - *Gerry would like to make a motion to approve the funding request; Del Rae seconded the motion, and all were in favor.*
 - *Motion passed*



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Roundtable Discussion:

4. Hon. Judge Jordan would like to schedule meetings within the next week to discuss funding and hopefully get it approved.
 - a. Funds for the video essay contest—The funding can be approved at the June meeting.
5. Gerry – Membership challenge: getting the individual tribal council based on the bylaws.
 - a. Appointment by the tribe, but not required by the
 - i. Put on the June agenda to discuss the Tribal bylaws.
 1. Would like to have a June meeting in person to discuss changing the bylaws
 - a. Marissa and Jolene to work on the logistics.
6. Hon. Judge Jordan: March and December meetings will be held via Zoom, and June and September meetings will be held in person.
7. Del Rae Kipp motioned to add the IJJA conference and the tribal speaker's discussion as an action item for the June agenda
 - a. *Hon. Jordan seconded the motion, all in favor; the motion passed*
8. Gerry motioned to add a discussion item regarding funding the IJJA conference to the agenda for June.
 - a. *Action Item added to the June Agenda*

Quorum Met after Del Rae joined the meeting:

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 - *Action items will be discussed in June*
3. Approve June 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - *Gerry would like to make a motion to approve the meeting minutes; Del Rae seconded the motion, and all were in favor.*
 - *Motion passed*



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IJJA Discussion: Del Rae Kipp

Del Rae Kipp:

IJJA will be in Moscow in September. It will be on Tuesday/Wednesday, so people do not have to travel on Sunday. Last year, we discussed doing a panel for a speaker session: Anne Keller, PA, has a presentation about jurisdiction. Hon. Jordan suggested Anne give the presentation, pose a hypothetical question, and open it up to the group/panel for discussion. Hon. Jordan likes the idea of having more participation from the group to have them grasp the material.

- Del Rae Kipp would like to have a panel discussion with judges, prosecutors, and probation
 - Gerry volunteered his co-worker, Bernie, to be on the panel, and Hon. Jordan also volunteered to be on the panel.
 - Del Rae, Gerry, and Hon. Jordan would like to have further discussions about the IJJA panelist in June.
 - Action item will be added to the June Agenda

Tribal Updates:

Gerry: Kootenai

I want to approach Bernie about submitting her resume so she can be part of the council and participate in the session. Hon. Jordan noted that he must follow the bylaws' procedure.

Numbers are picking up. Cases are for battery or disorderly conduct that originate in the school. A fair amount of Para, of tobacco and marijuana. We see the cases mostly involving females.

Del Rae: Nez Perce:

Exciting news, we had SRO start in February. Camille is a tribal member who recently moved back home. We now have 20 officers, as we hired four new officers that were sworn in a couple of weeks ago. Our staff has had a few changes, but we are still here and getting through the changes. We have two judges to get everything covered. Judge Phillips and Judge Anderson. We still have healing wellness courts that are doing well. We are working on getting the peacemaker's court up and running and hope to have it up this year. We had the Diversion program and thought we lost the funding, but we have received an extension and will push forward. Diversion is located in our probation department, and we are seeking someone to fill that position. Our numbers are relatively low. We are still dealing with the fentanyl crisis and have several drug overdoses; a few youths have passed away, but the Narcan is working. We had a couple of suicides in the past few months involving young people. Maybe this is something our council can discuss again.

Hon. Jordan: Coeur D'Alene

I have not had any juvenile criminal cases for years. We have two youth needing care cases, one due to neglect, which has been resolved. The other case involves drug use, and we are still working on that. We now have two police officers. We still do not have a probation department, but we have added a social worker instead of a probation officer.

Gerry noted that he thought adding the SRO to the Nez Perce school was a great idea and would be beneficial.

The next Tribal Committee meeting will be held in person on June 11, 2025. Location details will be provided later.

Haley discussed the JJSUDS funding

Meeting adjourned @ 10:57