

# **ATTHIA ARPA Meeting Notes**

November 29, 2021 at 7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by the interim Chair, Tasha Hotch at 7:00 p.m.

### **Members Present**

Tasha Hotch, Laurie Cropley, Chris Cropley, Roald Helgesen, Shirley Kendall, Marvin Adams, Alvin Edenshaw

## Introductions

Skipped, we all know each other.

## **Background of ARPA Funding**

An overview of how much money the council can allocate and the administration process for those funds.

#### **Review proposals in development**

#### Feasibility Study

Pay an outside resource to help identify the needs of the community. The proposed Contractor has worked with Central Council as well as other tribes and within the tribal health system. (\$45,000)

Motion by Marvin Adams, second by Chris Cropley to approve the feasibility study.

Discussion: Is this being done by another tribal entity? This is our opportunity to see what the needs are of our citizens without us trying to engage in a survey—or guess the needs of the community.

Vote 5 to 1, motion carries.

#### **Direct Donations**

These items were presented as a block of areas of need that we could directly assist tribal citizens. Including supporting non-profits that also provide direct support to our community members.

- Housing stability or eviction prevention. People about to be homeless, a temporary amount that can be provided to individuals attesting that they are immediately in jeopardy of losing their housing = \$50,000
- 2. Direct support for households WITH COVID \$500 (388 citizens est.) = \$194,000
- 3. DV Housing shelters support that are taxed during this time = \$20,000
- 4. Homeless Shelter Support = \$50,000
- 5. Business Support for economic impact (\$5k) for small business. \$5,000 x 100 = \$500,000
- 6. Supplemental assistance to households for Food (2,000 x \$500) = \$1,000,000

- 7. Supplemental assistance to households for Oil or gas (2,000 x \$150) = 300,000
- 8. Assistance to ANB & ANS local camps restricted to helping households or individuals' economic impacts from COVID = \$20,000

Total: \$2,134,000

Motion to approve all recommendations Marvin Adams, second by Alvin (Dooner) Edenshaw.

Discussion: Like that this is meeting our people where they are at. We should approve this as soon as possible to make these funds available for our people. I like the multiple approaches.

Vote: unanimous, motion carries.

#### **Future Project Ideas**

Food Distribution

Donations to additional non-profits (Native Basketball League)

#### **Miscellaneous Discussion**

Food Distribution on December 11, 2021. Fish/Turkey

Approval of Committee Recommendations should be held at a Special meeting.

The CHAIR will call a Special Meeting of the Anchorage Tribes Community Council for this Thursday at 7 p.m.

Next meeting will be as needed at the discretion of the chair.

Adjourned 8:34 p.m.