

KSUT Board Minutes

March 19, 2025

Attended by: Mike, Kirsten, Robert, Mikki, and Susan

Absent: Wade, Gary, Eddie,

Meeting called to order at 5:35.

Robert made a motion to approve the meeting agenda and Mike seconded. Unanimously approved.

Meeting minutes: no revisions. Mike made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Robert. Unanimously approved.

ED Report

The resolution for repayment has been formalized with the tribe and Tami is starting to list topics to update MOA.

Due to/from – 3 payments made thus far. Weekly due to/from current as well. Three significant grant payments are coming in this week that facilitate weekly to/from payment (payroll).

Paid down the Alpine loan to 16M from 75M with some of the funds released by the IRS for the Employee Retention Tax Credit. The remaining funds are set up in a money market account to be held until notice is received that the IRS has finalized the audit.

The lawsuit CPB filed regarding NGWS funds withheld will not be heard as CPB could not clearly show irreparable harm. Despite the Supreme Court decision regarding executive branch overreach on federal funds approved by Congress, the funds have not been released yet.

Employee Policy/Procedure manual. Tami is working on this with Jenn Basignani. Susan and Mike offered to review the updates.

NPR network fly-in (May) – Tami will attend as it is important to gain understanding of the impact of federal funding should it be withdrawn. Upcoming DOGE hearing: “Un-American Airwaves: Holding NPR and PBS Accountable”

GOOD news – Los Lobos has been booked for Party in the Park (July). This will be announced during the spring pledge drive next week. Tickets go on sale May 16. Robert and Susan will join Jim B on air on Friday morning.

Development report – record fundraising year so far!! People are showing support by increasing pledges and making larger gifts. Tami said they received two \$5,000 matching gifts.

Robert asked about policies/procedures – do we follow the Tribe's? Some policies/procedures are different due to the Tribe being a sovereign nation vs. Colorado state laws.

Kirsten commented that she was glad to see Clark is back and it is great to hear him on the air. Both Four Corners and Tribal radio will receive CB Association awards for programming and websites (see Tami's email) in April. Clark is part of that award recognition for his work. Robert suggested that we submit to the IJA as well.

Tami expressed gratitude to Tribe's legal dept for the letter of support they sent to Rep. Hurd regarding the NGWS grant freeze. The Tribe has a weekly meeting with Hurd's office, so there is a solid relationship. A large grant related to water upgrades for the Tribe has also been withheld.

OPEN SUIT member board seat – Tami reached out to Linda Baker but hasn't heard back regarding the idea to expand the SUIT board seat to include First Descendants. She left messages letting Linda know that Eddie was supportive of this idea. Mikki agrees with the idea as well. Additional discussion was held regarding alerting the Tribal Council of the boards plans to update the bylaws to include First Descendants. Tami asked if that would apply for one of the required three seats. The consensus was to begin with one seat that could be filled by a First Descendant.

Tami will be out of town May 21.

Next meeting April 16, 5:30 pm

Susan made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.