



Meeting Minutes Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council

Attendance	DATE	Friday, May 8, 2020
	TIME	9:00 a.m.
	METHOD	Teleconference Only
	RECORDER	Karen Hall
Voting Membership		
Name	Designated/Appointed Representative:	Attendance Status
Harriett Parker – Co-Chair	Las Vegas Paiute Tribe	X
Marla Stanton	Battle Mountain Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Abs
Brent Hunter	Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribe	X
Marian Perez	Duckwater Shoshone Tribe	X
Alfreida Jake	Elko Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	X
Jill Perez	Ely Shoshone Tribe	Abs
Richard Black	Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	Abs
Duane Masters Sr.	Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe	X
Don Pelt	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	X
David Hunkup	Reno Sparks Indian Colony	X
Tanya Reynolds	South Fork Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	X
Sookaaki Charley	Timbisha Shoshone Tribe	X
Tashina Jim	Walker River Paiute Tribe	Abs
Lisa Christensen	Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California	Abs
Non-Member Representatives/Support		
Name	Entity Represented:	Attendance Status
Justin Luna, Co-Chair	Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security	X
Samantha Ladich	Nevada Office of the Attorney General	X
Karen Hall	Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security	X

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Co-Chair, Chief Justin Luna, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM/HS) called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Karen Hall, DEM/HS. Quorum was established for the meeting. Chief Luna welcomed Lisa Christensen as a new member of the Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council (NTECC) representing the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, and extended gratitude for the extraordinary work that tribal partners have put forth in their communities. Harriett Parker, NTECC Co-Chair, also extended her gratitude for what tribal partners are doing currently, and for taking the time to meet today.

2. Public Comment

Chief Luna opened discussion for the first of two public comment periods during this meeting. No public comment was presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chief Luna called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes from the February 28, 2020, NTECC meeting. Harriett Parker asked for a correction on the spelling of her first name on Page 1. DEM/HS staff will correct that issue throughout the document. A motion to approve the minutes with requested changes was presented by Brent Hunter, Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribe, and a second was provided by David Hunkup, Reno Sparks Indian Colony. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Update from Nevada Indian Commission (NIC)

Stacey Montooth, Executive Director of the Nevada Indian Commission (NIC) provided the NTECC with an update of NIC activities including support of the COVID-19 response and leadership of the COVID-19 Tribal Taskforce. Highlights from the discussion are as follows:

- The NIC was established in statute in 1965 with the intent to study matters affecting social and economic wellbeing of Native Americans in Nevada. The Commission was established to be a conduit between tribal jurisdictions and state government agencies.
- Ms. Montooth is the direct conduit for Tribal Nations to the Governor's office.
- The NIC role in coordinating emergency resources includes coordination of food distribution for Tribal Nations in Nevada. Activities include:
 - The NIC is the point of contact for Tribal Nations and food distribution.
 - Yerington Paiute Tribe provides commodities to tribal communities in Fallon.
 - Partnership with the Northern Nevada Foodbank. This foodbank has mobile food harvests which are monthly healthy food deliveries in addition to brick and mortar facilities providing commodities. Participation in the mobile food harvest is very easy with little paperwork for recipients. There are 11 mobile food harvests with four taking place on tribal lands and remainder in cities adjacent to tribal lands.
 - Nevada Gold Mine relationship with 10 Tribal Nations distributing food to 750 households. This process involves coordination with multiple agencies. A meeting participant from the Yomba Tribe inquired if his tribe would still have to go to Austin to acquire the Nevada Gold provisions, with Ms. Montooth indicating that she will get him an answer before close of business today.
 - Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada has a program in place already serving elders. Tribal leadership can define what is considered an elder. Currently there are 250 elder households being served through the Older Americans Act. ITCN makes deliveries to nine different Tribal Nations regularly.
 - The Nevada Department of Agriculture implemented a student nutrition program where students from Tribal Nations or tribal advocates can go to the closest school location and collect breakfast and lunch while schools are closed to maintain healthy nutrition. The school district has also planned to bring meals to specific Tribal Nations.
 - The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is sponsoring a grant program to pay vendors to provide healthy food boxes to disadvantaged socio-

economic organizations. ITCN is assisting again with this, and a vendor applicant, Bonanza Foods, is providing over 3,000 food boxes to be distributed to Tribal Nations. Extra distributions are planned for urban tribal areas as well. There will be two distribution points which food boxes can be picked up. ITCN is working with DEM/HS and other partners as it is essential to get food boxes delivered to remote Tribal Nations statewide. The first distribution will occur in late May 2020.

- Identification of additional monthly drop-off of food deliveries from Northern Nevada Food Bank to the most rural tribal communities.

5. Nevada Public Bodies Updates

Chief Luna opened discussion on Nevada Public Bodies Updates. Highlights of the update discussion included:

a. Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee (NRAC)

David Hunkup spoke to the NRAC meeting dates from March through current and inquired on when the last NRAC meeting did take place. Chief Luna spoke to the March 11, 2020, NRAC meeting that included Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) grant project proposals. The April NRAC meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19 response, and there is a meeting scheduled for May 13, 2020. Mr. Hunkup spoke to the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) grant allocations for tribes, and who will get it, how much, and what the formula will be moving forward. Mr. Hunkup indicated he is aware that discussion is ongoing on this issue. Chief Luna said this is still an open discussion topic, and later in the meeting, there will be a brief on the supplemental EMPG award received for COVID-19 response. Mr. Hunkup asked how many of the tribes applied for the supplemental funding and indicated he will wait till the agenda item later in this meeting.

b. Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS)

Chief Luna spoke to the NCHS meetings on March 3, 2020, and April 9, 2020, and main action taken at these meetings were to review and approve recommendations for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 HSGP projects. The next quarterly meeting has not yet been scheduled.

c. NCHS Finance Committee

Last meeting was on April 1, 2020, and action taken was review of the HSGP project proposal recommendations from the NRAC and the Urban Area Working Group. The Finance Committee then provided its recommendations to the NCHS. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

d. Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Lance Chantler, RSIC, indicated that SERC has not had a meeting since his last update, but a 2nd quarter meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2020. A new staff member has been hired and will get up to date on SERC activities.

e. Nevada Intrastate Mutual Aid Committee (IMAC)

Brent Hunter, Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribe, indicated that they were supposed to meet in April 2020. Tribes that have opted in total five to date. Chief Luna indicated that due to COVID response, the meeting has been put on hold for now, and will be rescheduled later this year. There is a follow-up item from a previous NTECC meeting to provide IMAC information and process. Follow-up will happen at a future meeting.

f. Nevada Legislative Commission on Wildfire Mitigation

Jackie Conway, Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, spoke to the March 2020 meeting being cancelled, but there is a meeting scheduled for May 12, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. Chief Luna inquired if there were any questions on the Nevada Legislative Commission on Wildfire Mitigation. Ms. Conway asked if the NTECC needed to appoint another individual to this Commission as she no longer works with the State. Brent Hunter asked if her appointment was contingent on the appointee being a state employee or a tribal member. Ms. Conway indicated that she was appointed by the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN). She attended one meeting, and a briefing was provided for the ITCN Board. Brent Hunter and David Hunkup recommended that Ms. Conway remain in her current role. Chief Luna indicated that Ms. Conway can work with ITCN on whether they wish her to continue as the appointee.

6. Update from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IX

Chris Poehlmann, FEMA Region IX Tribal Liaison, thanked the NTECC for allowing him to present today. FEMA's main focus is working on public assistance for any tribe that has requested to go directly to FEMA and those tribes that have chosen to go through the state. They have had issues getting tribes, cities, and counties' information into the portal, and it was quite backed up. It is improving now and should be easier for partners to input information. Health and Human Services (HHS), as well as other federal partners, have decided to provide cloth masks to tribal partners. FEMA is also taking tribal requests for masks on an ongoing basis. Masks order requests are sent out on Friday, and usually shipped out on Monday. Because this is driven by HHS Headquarters, there is not a lot of visibility on when these items will ship. Brent Hunter spoke to his comments on the ITCN call last week about the 75%/25% share guidance, and whether the cost share percentage will decrease due to current events, or if it will go away entirely. Mr. Poehlmann indicated that only the President can authorize split changes, and almost every entity is asking for reduction or elimination of the cost share requirement. There could be an opportunity after some time, that there could be a potential for a 90%/10% split. Using other funds to make up the 25% requirement is still being worked out. It is taking longer than Mr. Poehlmann would like. Mr. Poehlmann is still awaiting any updates addressing this issue. Potential cost share match could be used for "in kind" contributions to match. Mr. Hunter spoke to being a direct recipient to FEMA, and if tribes that went through the state are required to come up with 25%. Mr. Poehlmann indicated that it is likely that they would be responsible for the 25% match; however, he is not the authority on that issue. Brent Hunter thanked Mr. Poehlmann for his work on this issue. Chief Luna indicated that donated match may be available; however, staff is gathering this information now for reporting later. Chief Luna asked if FEMA Region IX is providing resources for the tribes to assist them with this process.

Mr. Poehlmann indicated that there have been webinars; however, they are moving forward with regular technical assistance regarding this issue. Chief Luna indicated the process is 75%/25% through the state but the state is working on identifying match potential. Mr. Poehlmann indicated that there needs to be a specific call or webinar just for tribes. Chief Luna asked that if Mr. Poehlmann could share this with Karen Hall, that information can be pushed out to interested parties. Chief Luna inquired on the HHS allocation of cloth masks to the tribe, and when are they going to be delivered. Mr. Poehlmann indicated that masks are supposed to go out weekly, but since there is another agency in charge, it can be difficult to track. Jackie Conway indicated that she called Crystal Harjo, DEM/HS regarding a hand sanitizer request from another tribe. There was an order form for the hand sanitizer to be donated. Ms. Conway inquired if Mr. Poehlmann was the tribal contact for Nevada, with Mr. Poehlmann indicating that he oversees the territory now. The donator did not want to ship to individual tribes but rather ship to several locations instead. Delivery date is unknown currently, but for the state of Nevada, ITCN is the contact. There are other donations coming in daily, and they are difficult to track and like the gowns that were delivered to ITCN. Crystal Harjo indicated she was coordinating with Deserea Quintana, Executive Director at ITCN, regarding the hand sanitizer donation, and it is the same donation from the same company Ms. Conway was referring to. Ms. Harjo is just awaiting delivery instructions. Mr. Poehlmann will get that information out once he has it, and all of this is being coordinated through Washington D.C. Ms. Conway thanked everyone for their efforts in clarifying this situation. Tanya Reynolds, South Fork Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, inquired how her tribe can participate in the receipt of hand sanitizer. Crystal Harjo indicated that the way they have been handling donation distribution for tribes in Nevada is through coordination with ITCN staff on delivering hand sanitizer. The amount requested is equal across the board for all tribes. Once it is delivered, ITCN coordinates delivery through direct pick up, runs out to rural tribes, or through coordination with other agencies to get hand sanitizer to tribes in the south.

7. Update from Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Scheduled presenter was unable to attend this meeting.

8. Update from Nevada Department of Agriculture

Devin Wilcox, Food Distribution Manager and Tribal Liaison for the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), provided the NTECC with an update on current NDA activities and initiatives including a status update on the food distribution services program and COVID-19 response efforts. Highlights from the discussion included the following:

- There is significant food insecurity due to the current pandemic, as well as economic and health concerns that are significant.
- There are two programs that Mr. Wilcox focused on:
 - 1) The Indian Reservation Food Distribution Program (Commodities Program) distributes monthly food packages to tribal and non-tribal members that live on tribal lands. Recipients must still meet income eligibility requirements as those have not yet been waived. This is a comprehensive food package delivering up to 23 pounds of product including meat, staples, cheese, and other food. The NDA serves 11 tribal communities in this program to include Pyramid Lake, Dresslerville, Winnemucca, Fort McDermitt, Battle Mountain Band, Elko Band,

Wells Band, Wendover, Goshute, Ely, and Duckwater. Other tribal partners that assist with this program are the Yerington Paiute Tribe and Sho-Pai tribe which push out food distribution in their areas. In March 2020, the distribution model was changed to a drive through model to ensure safety of recipients and workers. This program fed 410 people per month in February 2020, 570 in March 2020, and 536 in April 2020, so there has been a significant increase in need. Additional food has been ordered to meet this need, and negative impacts to the program are not anticipated. If there is anyone negatively impacted by the current pandemic, they may qualify for this program if they are not already receiving food assistance.

- 2) The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is administered through the NDA in partnership with two other food banks. This program is less comprehensive than the Commodities Program and is meant to be more supplemental in nature. Income requirements are broader, so more people qualify. This program is available to most tribal communities, and in working with the Nevada Indian Commission, identification of three communities where this is not currently available are Owyhee, Goshute, and Duckwater, and efforts are underway to identify how to get this program to these communities.

Brent Hunter inquired on the emergency food boxes, and whether there a limit to how long a tribe can receive the boxes. With the TEFAP, a tribe can partner with a foodbank for as long as it is practical. There is no end period, and it could be an indefinite program.

Chief Luna asked the NTECC to move to Agenda Item #10, and the group will come back to Agenda #9 afterwards.

9. Update from Nevada Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)

Scheduled presenter was unable to attend this meeting.

10. Update on Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) COVID-19 Supplemental Award

Kelli Anderson, Emergency Management Program Manager, DEM/HS. Ms. Anderson thanked the NTECC for allowing her to present this agenda item out of order this morning. The objective of the EMPG supplemental funding award is to assist state, local, and tribal jurisdictions to prepare for and respond to, under the priorities of mitigation, integration of emergency management, collection and display of public, private, and governmental hospital data/usage, collection and display of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) inventories, planning for Alternate Care Sites (ACS), and surge sources for medical professionals. The State of Nevada was allocated, through DEM/HS, \$1,306,974 with options to keep all funding within DEM/HS or to push out funding to local jurisdictions. Chief Luna determined the best use of this funding would be to push out most of the funding to local jurisdictions. DEM/HS would only keep enough funding for management costs to manage the grant. DEM/HS will retain \$65,400, and the remainder pushed out to local partners. Using past tribal allocations, the following tribal entities received funding:

- Duckwater Shoshone - \$21,875
- Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe - \$15,892
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe - \$12,050
- Reno Sparks Indian Colony - \$11,107

- NTECC - \$39,191 (to assist remaining tribes)

The total funding pushed out in support of Tribal Nations was \$100,115.

David Hunkup asked if all the tribes that were eligible have applied for this funding, with Ms. Anderson indicating that some tribes may have not met the deadline to apply. There will be a second reiteration of this, and the process is very streamlined which should assist other tribes interested in applying. Mr. Hunkup asked when the funding will be distributed, and if there is any match. Ms. Anderson indicated that match is a challenge. Recipients will receive information on the grant award sometime next week through the Zoom Grants portal.

Alfreida Jake, Elko Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, asked if the tribes already approved had already received EMPG funding in the past. Additionally, Ms. Jake inquired if Elko would be considered a new tribe requesting EMPG funding in the future. Ms. Anderson indicated that the tribes that received funding were pre-approved based on eligibility, and no new applicants were accepted for this grant. The next ability for Elko to attain EMPG grant funding would be in 2021. Chief Luna indicated that DEM/HS could follow-up on how that process would work for the next EMPG award.

11. Interoperability Update

Melissa Friend, Emergency Management Program Manager, DEM/HS, reported on efforts to get Disaster Boxes updated. Radios are being reviewed and technical assistance has been requested to look at coverage for rural tribes throughout the State. Referring to Ms. Harjo's earlier update on cloth masks, Ms. Friend indicated that there should be an additional 50,000 cloth masks that the state will receive that can be available for distribution to the tribes if necessary.

Dave Hunkup spoke to all the subscriptions in the disaster boxes as expired. Currently, none of the tribes have an active subscription. Mr. Hunkup inquired on when tribes can expect subscription updates. Ms. Friend indicated that this was a top priority prior to the COVID pandemic, and she does want to work with everyone to update the equipment in the boxes with grant funds in the future. Ms. Friend is hoping that within the next week or so, she can have an answer on the subscription issue.

12. Project, Grant, and Financial Report Updates from DEM

Crystal Harjo spoke for the NTECC portion for non-COVID related activities, noting many activities had come to a standstill. It is currently grant season, and grants have been submitted for NTECC to the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) for FY21 along with FY21 HSGP , and HSGP meetings were attended by Ms. Harjo and Jon Bakkedahl, DEM/HS, to justify programs/projects. These projects were considered for funding, and no questions were presented by NRAC. Kelli Anderson already touched base on EMPG. Just yesterday, two grants were submitted for CDC grant for COVID activities – NTECC is expecting \$98,100 to go toward purchasing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and supplies for tribes for COVID. We should hear back on this one soon when funding will be received.

In relation to COVID activities from Tribal/NTECC side, emergency declarations have been received from numerous tribal jurisdictions. The only exception is Moapa, and because they are in the Public Assistance (PA) process with FEMA, the assumption is that they did declare

a state of emergency. Nine tribes have submitted paperwork to become subrecipients, and 10 have applied directly to FEMA Region IX.

Various tribes have shut down non-essential staff, some tribal governments are operating with reduced personnel, some emergency operations centers have been activated at partial or full, some have closed down their borders but are still experiencing trespassers using natural resources on tribal lands and that is being addressed to keep their communities safe. Regarding tribal clinics, 12 out of 15 have received Abbott Analyzer point of care testing machines from Indian Health Services (IHS) to enhance testing capability. The State of Nevada is working with NTECC to determine if there are Abbott cartridges available to get to those clinics next week. Additionally, cloth masks that were spoken about earlier, the State has over 40,000 in the state warehouse. Requests for 500 cloth masks for each tribe will be deployed along with analyzers through coordination between DEM/HS and ITCN.

Community based testing is seeing some interest in some tribes. Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe will start their testing next week along with Lovelock and Yomba Shoshone Tribes.

Current case reporting continues to be an issue, and reporting is not standardized whether it is at the state, county, or tribal level. Reporting is conflicted. For situational awareness: Total number of Native American cases in Nevada is at 41. That is an increase from last week. Ms. Harjo is working with regional tribes due to exposures in other communities to get on the same page to mitigate exposure effect. ITCN has taken on a lot of activities in support of NTECC activities, especially in donation management.

For public information, there have been several public service announcements created; however, there have been some technical issues in getting those released. There was a tribal public service announcement releasing next week. Static images and messaging were sent to agencies for review.

Efforts continue to get testing supplies and PPE distributed to tribal communities.

Ms. Harjo acknowledged Landon Wiggins, IHS, and his work in support of tribes in Nevada. He was instrumental in getting critical information Ms. Harjo needed.

Chief Luna thanked Ms. Harjo for her work in supporting tribes in Nevada. Chief Luna also acknowledged Jackie Conway's contribution to supporting her home tribe in Fallon and all she did while at DEM/HS. The interview process for the vacant NTECC position left by Jackie has completed, and an applicant is in background currently.

Dave Hunkup thanked Ms. Harjo for her hard work and detailed reporting. He wishes her continued success in her work with DEM/HS. Brent Hunter also thanked Ms. Harjo. He inquired on the 41 Native American cases, and the only information he is seeing is more area specific. Mr. Hunter inquired if there is any other accurate data that can be accessed which is more reliable. Ms. Harjo indicated that issues in identifying positive cases is that tribal clinics do not have to report to IHS unless under specific agreement. There are two IHS facilities that are required to report and have not had any positive cases that she is aware of. If someone goes in for testing, they can identify as Native American. Ms. Harjo has been using a variety of sources and talking with partners, and most accurate data is from the tribes directly and from social media. Coordination to get accurate numbers proves difficult. The State does not have the Indian Health Board any longer. There is not a set entity to coordinate tribal health center reporting. In Washoe County, there is an increase in

cases currently. Hopefully, next week, further outreach will be put forward to tribes to get everyone on the same page. Ms. Harjo can send out a weekly update to NTECC members to help get information disseminated.

Harriett Parker, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, indicated her appreciation of Ms. Harjo's efforts, and referred to a discussion she had with Ms. Harjo regarding sending a report once/week with numbers, and that is still in progress. If everyone is reporting differently, having one form may be beneficial. When reports are received, they only indicate Native American, and the information does not ask providers to identify a specific tribe. There are a lot of Arizona, Alaska, Utah, and California tribal members in these reports as well.

Daniel Thayer, RSIC, spoke to the relationship between the Reno Tribal Health Center and Washoe County. Washoe County notifies any confirmed cases to the health center, as well as the health center reporting any tribal cases to the county.

Stacey Montooth, NIC, spoke to not having a forum to discuss reporting process. The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services has a group that meets regularly. The next meeting is May 20, 2020, and that could be an appropriate forum to discuss not just testing, but the coordination of tracing moving forward. There is significant confusion on who should be tracing a positive, be it the tribal nation or the jurisdiction the person is in.

13. Update on Tribal Health Preparedness Efforts

Malinda Southard, Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, spoke to discussion in Agenda Item #12 regarding reporting/tracing positives, about sending an email to the people in her division who are the experts and get information to this group.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) awarded grants for COVID funding and that has been allocated to subgrantees including the NTECC. That grant should be completed soon.

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant and the Hospital Preparedness Grant which NTECC is a recipient, are on track for a July 1, 2020, start date.

Public Health Preparedness activities:

- Distributed over one million pieces of PPE from the Strategic National Stockpile to critical workforce including Tribal Nations. Some of this included H1N1 supplies under an emergency use authorization to use for the current situation.
- Deployed state disaster medical facility as a state-owned asset to support Washoe and Clark counties in medical surge preparedness.
- Staff support to Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 in the State Emergency Operations Center to coordinate with statewide, local, and federal partners on response, request for resources, and resource distribution.
- Provided funding for development and maintenance for the Nevada Health Response website for Governor's office.
- Provided funding and support to expand Nevada 211 capacity to respond to public requests and searches for information on the pandemic.
- Provided support to subgrantees including local health authorities, state laboratories, Nevada Hospital Association, NTECC, and statewide partners.
- Served as the State point of contact for repatriation of Grand Princess Cruise Ship passengers in Oakland.

Chief Luna asked Ms. Harjo if she could expand on Stacey Montooth's earlier discussion on the DHHS Tribal Consultation meeting. Ms. Harjo indicated that this is a meeting that is coming up in a few weeks, and she will be putting this on her calendar and will start outreach efforts to see what can be coordinated for future mitigation of pandemic spread. Chief Luna asked Ms. Harjo to work with Malinda on contact tracing and reporting so this can be a discussion point at the consultation meeting if it can be placed on the agenda.

Chris Poehlmann spoke to the national effort in Opening Up America, and he would like to be part of that meeting if possible as he may have valuable information to contribute. Ms. Harjo will work to coordinate. Mr. Poehlmann indicated that it may be beneficial for Landon Wiggins to be available for that meeting as well.

14. Tribal Updates

- **Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe** – Jackie Conway spoke to having one positive COVID case identified that was not a tribal resident. Community based testing is starting for Fallon on May 12, 2020, from 8am to 1pm, for Yomba Shoshone Tribe on May 13, 2020, from 10am-3pm, and for Lovelock Paiute Tribe on May 20, 2020, from 10am-3pm.
- **Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribe** – Brent Hunter spoke to Duck Valley declaring a state of emergency on March 13, 2020. With that declaration, only essential workers are working. Their EOC is open, and they applied with FEMA as a direct recipient. 25 COVID tests have resulted in 25 negatives for COVID to date. Pre-mitigation grant decision is still pending.
- **Reno Sparks Indian Colony** – David Hunkup inquired if there is a way that tribes can have a database to track COVID-19 in the same way that counties use. The tribes need to keep the channels of communication open. Information is crucial with neighboring Tribal Nations. Community based testing is set up in Reno and Hungry Valley. The Tribal Chair has been working closely with Pyramid Lake's Tribal Chair to share information as many in each community travel between the tribal jurisdictions frequently. It is important that tribes understand what is happening to other tribes to mitigate pandemic effects. Chief Luna agreed in the value of sharing information, and that many agencies work within their own systems to track information which is not easily shared with other agencies.

Alfreida Jake inquired on how she can attain information on how the Elko Band can become a subrecipient of public assistance funding. Chief Luna indicated DEM/HS will get in contact with her next week regarding how that process works.

David Hunkup emphasized the importance of tribal communication to learn how each tribe is handling this event. There has been information shared on resources for tribes which is helpful. The RSIC has a food/supply stockpile that has yet to be dispensed for its community and has provided resources for the remote members of the tribe. Things will be different now in business and how everyone participates in activities.

Jackie Conway spoke to having a special meeting on best practices and what to expect regarding this pandemic. David Hunkup spoke to public service announcements, text messaging, flyers, etc. going out to his tribal community on instructions regarding COVID. A nurse call-in line has been established for the tribe, and they are trying to figure out what

works and what does not work. Mr. Hunkup encourages all the tribes to keep learning and preparing. Alfreida Jake spoke to the work in her community regarding information sharing, breaking communities into zones so that zone leaders can have organization when delivering food or other resources. 804 boxes of resources have been delivered to her community in addition to handing assessments to tribal members to see how they are doing. A curfew is also established with security to monitor the curfew. Elko has also adopted a COVID Response Action Plan. Ms. Jake would like to see the information flow on what works and does not work. Chief Luna indicated that this could be placed on a future agenda, and we can continue to share information.

15. Public Comment

Deserea Quintana, ITCN, inquired if she could give an update on ITCN updates. Chief Luna advised her that this was not agendized, but she was welcome to provide the update under Public Comment. Ms. Quintana indicated she would like to be on future agendas and commenced with her update. ITCN received a donation of hand sanitizer and N95 masks from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe which will be delivered both this week and next week. Additional donations from FEMA and other private vendors of cloth masks, hand sanitizer, and face shields will be forthcoming as well in the next few weeks. Ms. Quintana spoke to ITCN's recent "Hero of the Day", Raynell Miller for her work with the elder community. To date, ITCN has raised \$1,600 in crowdsourcing support for tribes. Lastly, ITCN hopes to plan a special meeting with the USDA to discuss the grant with Bonanza foods to work on logistics for food boxes. Ms. Quintana has changed the date to May 14, 2020, at 11:00am for the next ITCN meeting.

Harriett Parker would like to thank all the tribes for sharing documents and lessons learned, and for the dispersal of information that Crystal Harjo has sent out. Ms. Parker would like to see some type of database that information could be stored in as reference for other tribal members to reference, not just COVID related. Chief Luna will consider putting this on a future agenda for discussion.

16. Adjourn

Chief Luna called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was presented by Duane Masters Sr., Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe, and a second provided by David Hunkup. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.