

Skagway Traditional Council

# Special Meeting



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November 17, 2023, 1 PM / In-Person & Zoom

## 1. Meeting called to order at: 1:05 PM

## 2. Attendance:

### Present

Andrew Beierly, Vice Chair

Marla Belisle, Secretary (via zoom)

Judean Gordon, Member at Large (via zoom)

Sara Kinjo-Hischer, TA (via zoom)

Katie Klug TAA (Note Taker)

### Absent

Jaime Bricker, President

Savannah Ames, Treasurer

## 3. Approval of Agenda:

**J. Gordon motions to approve agenda, M. Belisle seconds, all in favor:**

*AYE 3/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 2*

## 4. Agenda Items:

### 1. Native Land Allotment

A. Beierly shares his concerns that STC has too many projects at the moment to invest in purchasing the Native Allotment property on the Chilkoot trail. A. Beierly understands the importance and significant role STC ancestors had to the trail but believes the timing isn't right and this could put the tribe at financial risk. J. Gordon shares the same concerns and is in agreement with Andrew, she wouldn't like the tribe to get into financial trouble. M. Belisle agrees with council members' concerns. S. Kinjo-Hischer shares (5) different possibilities how STC could purchase the land. The council would like to gather comments and concerns regarding the last piece of the Chilkoot trail property and send a letter to Conservation Fund Organization; regarding tribal rights, consider calling it a tribal trail, layout any concerns or comments the council has seen historically: NPS charging a fee for public use. S. Kinjo-Hischer will draft a letter for council's approval before sending it to Senator Lisa Murkowski, Mary Peltola, Dan Sullivan, and current landowners as well as National Parks.

**J. Gordon makes a motion to not purchase Native Allotment and send a letter of comments & concerns to the Conservation Fund.**

*AYE 3/ NAY 0/ ABSTAIN 0/ ABSENT 2*

5. Executive Session: N/A

Meeting Adjourned at 1:35 PM