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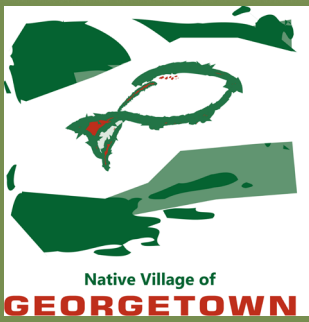


This year we had planned to hold the Annual Meeting in Bethel. Unfortunately, with the increasing numbers of COVID cases, the Council decided to err on the side of caution and switch the meeting to a virtual event. Although we hoped to see people in person this year, we can only hope that the number of COVID cases are far lower by the time of the 2022 Annual meeting. Due to the limited amount of time to announce the virtual event, there wasn't much of a turnout. So for those that were not able to attend, here is a brief recap of the Annual meeting.

Charlene Malapit from MCAC, as our election board, announced winner for Seat E as Gary Fredericks. Gary will hold Seat E until 2024. Chairperson Traci Maczynski gave a quick reminder that Seat D is still vacant (Update: position has been filled). Next were the staff reports.

Our Environmental Coordinator, Barbara Johnson talk about the water testing trip that she did in July and about the next trip in September. She spoke about the future plans to use data loggers to monitor water temperatures from May to September of next year. Barbara gave an update about the TEK project that is near completion and about a solid waste management plan that is in development. Lastly, she mentioned the upcoming mining webinar that she will be hosting and that there are several speakers lined up to give presentations. Following her presentation was the Program Director report.

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Chairperson
Traci Maczynski
Seat C/ Term expires:2023

Vice Chairperson
David Kutch
Seat A/ Term expires:2022

Treasurer/Secretary
Valerie Dudley
Seat B/ Term expires:2023

Member
Stacy Turner
Seat D/ Term expires:2022

Member
Gary Fredericks
Seat E/Term expires:2024

STAFF

Tribal Administrator
Adrian LeCornu

Environmental Coordinator
Barbara Johnson

Program Director
Eric Dietrich

Updates

American Rescue Plan Survey

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) allows for a multitude of Projects. We are looking to our membership for direction on which projects to fund using the ARP funds. We are looking forward to starting projects early in 2022.

In the next few weeks, you will receive a survey from us. This survey will help us assess what the priorities of our membership look like and is particularly important to our decision-making. The average response to previous surveys sent out has been low with on five or six returned surveys. We do have a raffle for gift certificates for completing the survey. Your input helps the planning processes.

We encourage member feedback on how we are doing and for member input to help decide which programs we go after in our grant funding. This not only goes for the American Rescue Plan but for our yearly planning.

Council Seat D Filled

The vacant Council seat was fill at the last quarterly meeting of the Georgetown Tribal Council. The Council approved Stacy Turner to finish the current term for Council Seat D which end in 2022.

Stacy has served on the Georgetown Tribal Council in previous years and will serve until next year’s election when Council Seats A and D will be up for election.

Congratulations Stacy!



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Council Meetings

Georgetown Tribal Council September 18, 2021 Quarterly Meeting

The Georgetown Tribal Council, the governing body of the Native Village of Georgetown, met on Saturday, September 18, 2021, for their quarterly meeting. Council Members that attended the in-person meeting were Traci Maczynski, Gary Fredericks, Valerie Dudley, and. Council member David Kutch attend the meeting by phone. Members that attended in-person on by phone were Stacy Turner, Helen Vanderpool, and Shirley Vanderpool.

During the meeting:

- * Approved the minutes from the last quarterly meeting that was held June 19, 2021.
- * Amended the agenda by adding several items and moving other items in the agenda before approving the agenda.
- * The Chairperson gave an update on the empty council seat noting that there was only one person, Stacy Turner, to apply to fill the position. Approval for Stacy Turner to fill Council Seat D until 2022 - passed.
- * Stacy was sworn in as a member of the Georgetown Tribal Council.
- * Reviewed administrative reports from the Tribal Administrator and other staff members.
- * Reviewed the financial reports.
- * Heard committee reports from the Environmental Committee, Land Committee, Enrollment Committee, Community Center Committee, and Policy Committee.
- * Selected who to vote for from the individuals nominated for AVCP RHA BOC
- * Received and update from the Tribal Administrator on the Member Liaison position that will be offered to Georgetown Members first before being posted to Indeed.com.
- * Created the Pre-Audit Committee to help prepare for upcoming pre-audit/audit.
- * Discussed CARES and ARP funds and send out a survey on how the funds should be used.
- * Nominated and voted for Officers with the following results:

- Chairperson - Traci Maczynski
- Vice Chairperson - David Kutch
- Treasurer/Secretary - Valerie Dudley

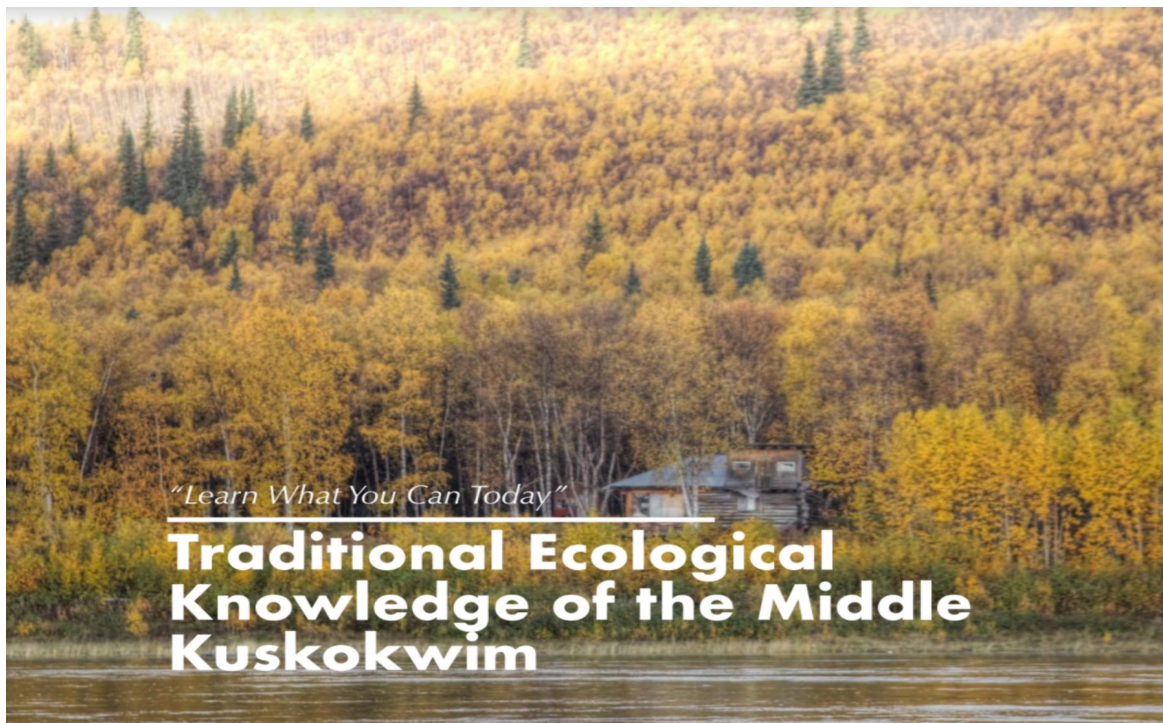
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Environmental

Georgetown Traditional Ecological Knowledge Book

Over the past five years, staff and tribal members from the Native Village of Georgetown have been working on a project to document and preserve traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) from the Middle Kuskokwim, with the ultimate goal of passing along knowledge from Elders to the younger generations. In 2017, interviews were conducted with 18 knowledge bearers who grew up or were living at the time in Sleetmute, Mid-Way, Red Devil, Georgetown, Crooked Creek, Chuathbaluk, and Aniak. With permission, the interviews were recorded. The environmental committee decided that the first meaningful outcome of this project would be a book to give to families, documenting the words of our Elders. The transcription process was daunting, and due to turnover, took more time than intended. Over the past year, a strong effort was put forward to complete transcriptions, pull out pieces of interviews to include in the book, and translate Yup'ik sections. It is thanks to the participants of this project, and the efforts of our entire staff and the Environmental Committee that the book is now ready for your family to enjoy.

We all know that Jonny Samuelson has a way with words, so I will leave it to him for the closing of this letter: "A fulfilling aspect of the project was the amount of positive feedback we received from the TEK participants. Everyone that was interviewed was overjoyed to share stories from the past and said that talking about "old times" reminded them of treasured memories from their childhood. The project has been a huge success and it has brought awareness to the historical richness of our area. Because that knowledge lives within our people, especially our Elders, one TEK participant stated perfectly that we all need to "learn what you can today" and that is what the TEK project is all about."



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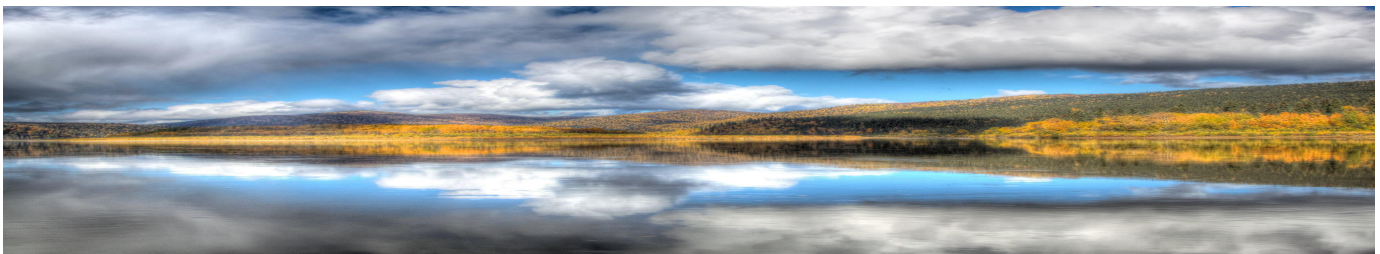
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There were two nominees for the Environmental Committee and both will be contacted so see if they want to serve on the committee.

- * The Council approved two applications for membership into the Native Village of Georgetown
- * The Council asked the Tribal Administrator for an update on the office relocation. The potential office selections would be larger than the current office and the move would most likely happen in November.
- * The Council asked the Environmental Coordinator questions about resolution 21-14 which would create a partnership with one of the Alaska universities to help with the water testing program to help us get better data and to have the university do the majority of the field work.
- * The Tribal Administrator proposed the Emergency Quarantine Assistance Program to provide assistance in paying for hotels and food delivery for members who need to quarantine due to a positive COVID test.
- * The Council set the next quarterly meeting to be held on December 4th, at 11 AM.

Resolutions

- * 21-13 Directive and Authorization to Participate in Alaska Tribal Spectrum Broadband Funding Efforts as an Associate Member - Passed
- * 21-14 Support for Research Funding and Potential Partnerships - Passed



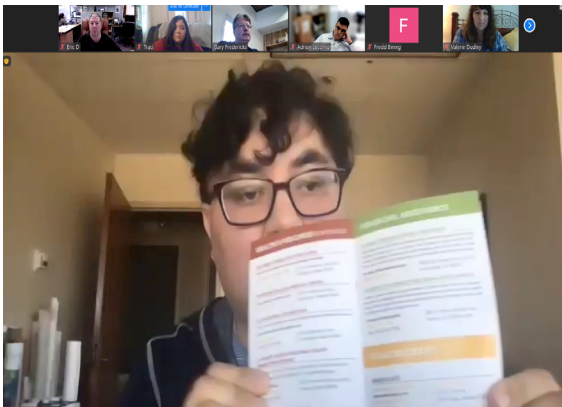
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Eric Dietrich, The Program Director, announced that the Native Village of Georgetown has increased its membership this year by nine members. This make the number of Georgetown member 151. He encouraged members to keep their contact information up to date to help the office staff reach out to members about upcoming assistance plans. He also posed a question to members for suggestions on how to keep members informed of events and opportunities. Currently the staff uses Facebook and the website to rapidly reach out to members. Eric closed out with an update on the progress in securing BIA transportation funds, ice roads plans, and brush clearing needs in Georgetown. After his presentation, was the Tribal Administrator.

This Tribal Administrator, Adrian LeCornu, presented on several topics. First, he gave an update the progress that is being made in updating policies, procedures, and ordinances. This is nessary so we will be in compliance for when we have to do an audit. He spoke about the CARES funds that we received from the Treasury and the BIA and the deadline to spend those funds. He mentioned that we will have a remote assistance program to help members buy or get reimbursed for a computer to assist with remote learning or remote work. He asked members to be on the lookout for a postcard that was mailed out with information about the program as well as PPE care packages with masking, cleaning supplies, and sanitizer.

Next, Adrian presented on the ARP funds that Georgetown received and that the deadline to use those funds is the end of December 2024. He explained that ARP guidance directs its use towards public health expenses, negative economic impacts, public sector revenue, pay for essential workers, and investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. Adrian stated that pubic relief would require a lot of policies in place but would be capped at \$3200 per household as stated in the interim rule. Consultants have suggested that the ARP funds be used to jumpstart other programs and projects that will be funded by other means in the long run. He also plans to use some of the funds to hire one to two people to help out with the newly created program. The Kuskokwim Corporation gave the next presentation.



Jonathan Samuelson from TKC covered TKC's CARES assistance program. He stated that a paper application was sent out in the mail to TKC members. He also talked about their Brighter Futures Program which replaces burnt-out light bulbs with energy-efficient ones. Jonathan then covered information about some of the other projects in the works and about the new shareholder resource that contains information on financial assistance, burial assistance, food assistance, burial assistance across regions.

The nominations for the Tribal Member of the Year award were Isa and Duda Fredericks, Buddy Kutch, and Todd Fredericks with Todd ending as the winner of the award. Congratulations!

Once again we would like to thank The Kuskokwim Corporation for donating the door prizes including four \$25 gift cards. We would also like to thank all the members that were able to attend the event on such short notice. We hope to see everyone, in person, at next year's meeting.

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More Updates

Environmental Committee Youth Member Position

The Environmental Committee has a vacancy for a youth member. The Environmental Committee is seeking Native Village of Georgetown Members for the position of Youth Committee Member. This position will represent tribal youth interests for the Native Village of Georgetown. Youth Committee Members of standing committees must be between 14 – 18 years of age, will serve one year as a committee member, are appointed by the Council Chairperson, and approved by the Council.

If you are interested in the Youth Member position or would like to nominate a member, contact our Environmental department for a nomination form at 907-274-2195 or barbara.johnson@georgetowntc.com.

PPE Boxes

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be sending out boxes with masks (N95 and surgical style) and sanitizer to member households. Due to delays in receiving supplies from the distributors, it may take a few week before all household receive a box. If you have any questions or need to update your mailing address, please contact our office.

Birthday Wishes to...

October

Traci Maczynski
Stacy Turner
Marco Nicholson
Leslie Gowin
Charles Vanborg
Robert Vanderpool Jr
Joann Evans
Father Michael Fredericks
Christopher Fredericks
Connie Vanderpool
Ja'aanna Corbett

Caden Dudley
Ronald Notti
Maelynn Fredericks
Jayme Notti
Corbhin Evans
Kristy Vanderpool-Wolf
Kelly Jo Vanderpool
Dana Notti II
Corynn Nicoli
Anayah Zeciri

November

Jordan Evans
Agim Zeciri
Pete Evans
Robert Vanderpool Sr.
Mathew Fredericks
Savannah Notti
Silver Notti

December

Jackie Evans
Misty Evans
Curtis Fredericks
Madeline Notti
Renee Wilmarth
Shirley Vanderpool
Elaine Amukon
Adrian Murphy
Dustin Evans
Brianna Fredericks
Robert Vanderpool III

Jacob Mulkey
Maleah Evans



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Upcoming Events



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October

31 Halloween

November

15-19 ATCEM conference

25 Thanksgiving Holiday (office closed)

26 Office closed for holiday

December

4 Quarterly Council meeting

13-16 AFN

24 Christmas Eve (office closed)

25 Christmas Day (office closed)

31 New Year's Eve (office closed)

January

1 New Year's Day (office closed)