

**Ugashik Traditional Village
Council Meeting
August 28, 2025**

ATTENDEES:

Fred Matsuno, President
Hattie Albecker, Vice President
John Hagen, Treasurer
Julie Gaumond, Secretary
Daniel Pingree, Jr, Member at Large

Steven Alvarez, Tribal Administrator
Betti Malagon, Finance Manager
Maurice Enright, BBEDC Liaison
Clementine Shangin, Tribal Admin. Assist.
Dolli Enright, IGAP Assistant
Rochelle Lind, ARPA Admin. Assistant
Larry Carmichael, IGAP & Special Proj. Manager

From: Julie Gaumond

Date of Submittal: September 16, 2025

1.0 Call to Order by John Hagen, at 9:01 AM Alaska Time

2.0 Council Member Roll Call by Julie Gaumond, Council Members Present: Fred Matsuno, President; Daniel Pingree, Jr, Vice President; John Hagen, Treasurer, Julie Gaumond, Secretary and Michael Popp, Member at Large.

Council members absent:

3.0 Staff Roll Call, by Julie Gaumond, Staff Present: Steven Alvarez, Tribal Administrator; Larry Carmichael, IGAP & Special Projects Manager; Clementine Shangin, Tribal Administrative Assistant; Mike Enright, BBEDC Liaison; and Rochelle Lind, ARPA Admin Assistant

Staff absent: Betti Malagon, Finance Manager, Dolli Enright, IGAP Assistant

4.0 Tribal Members present: Hattie Albecker, Eileen James, Margaret Turnbow, Danny Pingree, Sr.

5.0 Accept Agenda

ACTION: MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

1st: Daniel Pingree, Jr.

2nd: Julie Gaumond

Motion passed: Yes: 5; No: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

6.0 Accept Meeting Minutes

ACTION: MOTION TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 17, 2025 – WAIT UNTIL NEXT MONTH

1st:

2nd:

Motion passed: Yes: 0; No: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

7.0 Special Guest Presentation: None

8.0 Reports – All staff reports have been copied and pasted onto the minutes – this ensures all details from staff have been captured

Tribal Manager/Administrator Report to Council – August 27, 2025

Grants Update:

Assistance Programs:

- **American Rescue Plan Funding:** Implementation for the following program initiatives have continued.
 - The 2024 \$750 Utility Assistance phase 4 program began in January. There has been no change this past month. To date we have provided **\$46,404.89** in assistance. 86 payments have been made. A total of 74 Tribal Members have received assistance.
 - 2024 ARPA \$2,500 rental assistance: There has been no change this past month – To date we have provided 127 payments, **\$179,199.76** in assistance to 75 Tribal Members.
 - Housing Improvement Program: There has been no change since last month. – To date 44 Tribal Members have received assistance. 114 payments have been made and one to UTV for lumber. Total outgoing payments for this program: **\$477,998.57.**
- **BBEDC Block Reimbursement Requests**
 - FY 2023: A reimbursement payment request in the amount of \$87,219.68 was submitted (H&K Energy: \$72,666.40 & \$14,553.28 Admin). **(Community center and equipment building hybrid energy system work)**
 - **FY 2024: Correction from June report:** Reimbursement for Personnel/Labor costs: \$12,528.00 (\$2,088.00 admin). **(Please note, this is a correction from June report)**
 - **FY2025:** Direct payment request in the amount of \$39,800.00 for Crowley Fuels (\$1,000.00 in Admin). Also a direct payment request in the amount of \$31,106.00 for Seward Industrial.

I am working on reimbursement requests for contract labor we used to work on the boat (Mike Enright and others).

The current balances of the open grants are as follows:

- **2020: \$5,066.40.**
 - **2022: \$251,781.25**
 - **2023: \$249,309.05**
 - **2024: \$247,473.48**
 - **2025: \$246,094.66**
- **BIA Transportation:** I am working with our grant officer on budgets for the following contracts:
 - Maintenance Contract A17AV00944 - \$781,475.17 – drafting budget for eventual drawdown.
 - Planning Contract A17AV00979 - \$38,384.74 – Payment request paperwork has been submitted.
 - Maintenance Contract A11AV00102 - \$35,000.00 17 – drafting budget for eventual drawdown.

Total Transportation Funds to be drawn down: \$854,859.91. (Maintenance: \$816,475.17
Planning: \$38,384.74)

Steven stated we have another approximately \$650,000.00 in new funding that needs to get budgeted that came in early in the week and is fully executed. He suggests that this money goes into construction.

- **BBEDC Liaison funding for Quarter 4 should be received in September from BBEDC: \$16,031.25**
- **BBEDC Arctic Tern:** I am in the process of getting the final report completed. It is due at the end of the calendar year.
- **BIA - ICWA:** We will have a site visit with our grant office on Thursday, September 4th.
- **EPA – IGAP:** Betti will have an update on her report.
- **BBEDC – CPR/First Aide Recertification:** I am working on the reimbursement report for this project.
- **NAHASDA – The FY24 grant application has been submitted. Note that NAHASDA is always working a year behind the calendar year.**
 - **FY23 Budgeted:** \$39,858.00 (\$32,358 for assistance & \$7,500.00 for Admin). Total expended to date: **\$20,255.00** Ten tribal member families have been helped.
 - **FY24** allocation is \$50,458.00 We submitted all paperwork, and we finally received the new MOA from BBHA. It will need Fred's signature.

Projects:

- **Health Aide:** Richard Frohock was very thankful for the gifts he received.
- **Broadband Initiative:** The program we are connected to through AFN has us to potentially be on the receiving end of up to 45 computers for tribal members and an additional 50 computers for youth – elementary through college. We will need to decide the process of who should get the tribal member computers.
- **Broadband in the Village:** With the demise of the ATS consortium, and after sitting in on a zoom meeting with the NTIA, I am recommending that we join the new partner initiative. There is information and a resolution in your packet for review, discussion and possible decision.
- **Kvichak Queen (Mary):** I'll have more information at the meeting. **Steven stated the barge is still there, they tried to pull it off shore and were not successful, Randy Zimin is responsible for seeing it's taken out and to be insured.**
- **Audit –** We have uploaded our audit documents to the Federal Website that houses them. We are working with Pete in developing our response and corrective actions. We have not started 2024 yet.
- **Flying – D Landing Craft:** Larry will have details.
 - The Flying D left ~~Seward~~ Bristol Bay and made it back to Seward.
- **2025 Spring/Summer Projects:** The following projects have been discussed for implementation. Additional discussion and ideas are encouraged.

- **Community Center Upgrade:** Eddie has submitted invoices for materials and will work on this after fishing.
- **ARPA Hybrid Energy Systems:** As far as our responsibility is concerned, project is Done.
- **ARPA Water Improvement:** Nothing new to report. Done
- **ARPA Septic Improvement:** Funds have been obligated, and we are working on individual needs for the village residents.
- **Fuel Depot:** Eddie will install a roll-up door after fishing.
- **Caribou Cabin/Covid Isolation House:** Eddie provided an estimate to get this project completed.

Staffing & General Information:

- I was on vacation from Monday, August 11 – Friday, August 22. Thank you!

Steven Alvarez – Tribal Administrator: Submitted via email on Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Questions to Steven

- ? Maurice asked about septic, he doesn't want it, they want to tear up his yard. He wants to know if he could just get a septic tank. Steven will look into it....
- ? Fred asked if Microcom made it to the village, Steven stated no, he received an email stating they are having staffing issues.
- ? Julie asked if there was a cost to UTV Steven stated it is not a direct cost, they submit an application on behalf of each village that are part of it and each village has \$500,000 that they are eligible for, there might be an administrative cost that comes out of the funding, but he doesn't know what it is....in our packet is an outline of the collaborate agreement. Julie stated she's in agreement to join the other tribes with the grant process. Steven stated that there is a budget line item for administration, but it's something that we all agree on.

Betti Malagon, Finance Manager

Questions to Betti:

July 2025 Environmental Program Update

Program Updates.

- 3.2 Going to the village 4 times this coming year for work on Landfill expansion
- 3.5 Furthering development of gravel pit for use in village
- 4.3 Worked on Hybrid energy systems July 7-10th and finished up

hazcom and safety plans

Verify fire extinguisher locations in village for Emergency Action Plan

Fire extinguishers are in Anchorage and will be brought out next year, unless council deems otherwise necessary.

We had CPR training in village on the 21st

AED needed new batteries, or do we just get new AED??

solid waste management plan

Did 3rd quarter summary of BRIC grant for FEMA. Bristol Environmental is finishing up the Tribal Hazard Mitigation Survey. Waiting to see what is next.

Septic systems for Mikey and Nancy are proceeding and Nancy purchased a toro heater for the grant

Mikey has opted out of Septic system. Travis from ANTHC is coming out on 8/26/2025

Correct electric Toilets models to come in, need to be delivered to UTV, compost toilet already in village

Community commercial washer is still having problems, good to go

I am installing the new fence posts around the Land Fill, with Brandy and Health aid help

air quality and Dust control

The village road is somewhat potholed, the village needs to address this next year. Ideas????

Need to start filling in Pot holes... Hoping to use Arctic Turn.?

Ongoing projects and concerns

Still need someone to shadow me this coming year, Health aid is helping me, this was a great help.

Health Aid, Rick is interested in working in the village next year.

RES came out to the village and verified Hybrid installs.

Only 1 hybrid not up and running, this is the one at the new Blue Building. If time allows I will rough wire the building for lights and outlets.

I installed Art solar panels, inverter and batteries. He is happy.

Planning on installing fencing around Land Fill in 2025, posts in, now need to stretch fence.

I have moved fencing down to land fill for easy access.

Planning more development of the gravel pit for use in the village and use of the conveyor belt, concrete blockades

Gravel pit stuff put on hold, not enough time.

Eddie was to come out and put light panels and door in Fuel Depot.. Now maybe just light panels. The Doors are on the Flying D

I purchased foldable ladders to setup access to tops of fuel tanks.

Working toward Completing fuel depot piping, we now need a power source for delivery.

We have credit at RES.. Thinking about using monies for Fuel depot power source...????ideas??

Flying D off contract and in Seward. We need to pay the crew and vendors that worked on the boat.

We were able to transport some personal items back to Seward and made a little money.

I turned down transporting items in and around Naknek to make sure we got home early and safe.

We can make money early in the season IF we are in BB early to move item off AML's first barge to villages

I already have people asking me about material movement for next year.

We can also make money at the end of the season if we wait for the last AML barge and deliver to villages..

Talked to Span Alaska, and we have a good chance to move some of materials in BB area.

NEED TO BE VERY PROACTIVE TO DO THIS..

With late year movement of materials, we risk slow movement home (seward) because of weather and added expense.

I have a list of items that need to be repaired and or replaced on the Flying D

Trying to get Flying D maintenance done before the end of the year.

Punched a new access road down to Winray. This is solving 2 issues: Future access for Winray removal and we no longer need to cross villager property for access. Win Win

Planning on punching North road access down to the beach for better parking and ease of use.

We now have a new IGAP EPA rep: her name is Susan Conbere. Santina retired. I just spent 2 hours reviewing and modifying FY26 IGAP request. I was told funding will be deposited late.

I have asked most of set netters and I have not heard any problems with this idea. **(Regarding punching North road access down to the beach)**

Starting to move all heavy equipment out of the weather for winter storage. (requests and ideas?)

I will be getting ahold of Egegik to see if they are still interested in purchasing the Flying D. I also have another person coming to look at the Flying D.

Having Dolli work for "Helping Hands" to verify internet speed and Star Link..

Training & Conferences

Normal AFE, ATCEM, BIA. Coming up.

Also Pacific Marine Expo coming up in November 20-22. It was suggested that I go.

Questions to Larry:

? Fred asked about some of the problems with the skipper on the Flying D – **executive session**

- ? Hattie stated she spoke to Richard Frohock: AEDs and he recommends replacing them, the pads are old and the unit is outdated. Julie, Mike and Daniel stated they think they should be replaced. It was discussed and decided that new ones be purchased. One for the dock, clinic and community center.
- ? Julie asked about fire blankets, Mike stated to come by the office and he will pass them out, Larry stated there is allotted 2 per household.
- ? Julie stated if the washing machine is not working, can we just replace it? Mike stated that we have a couple of them.

Clementine Shangin

Regular Duties:

- ✓ I have been working weekly A/P (UTV & Flying D).
- ✓ Working on getting caught up on credit card invoices PRs.
- ✓ Ordering supplies for the office & the village office
- ✓ Keeping the Office Clean
- ✓ Filing & organizing paperwork from my desk.
- ✓ Submit enrollment applications & make tribal cards as needed.
- ✓ Help Betti when needed with audit documents.
- ✓ Help Steven with BBEDC Reimbursement or Direct Payment requests
- ✓ Make airline and hotel reservations when needed.

Questions for Clementine:

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VILLAGE STAFF MONTHLY REPORTS – August 2025

Maurice (Mike) Enright BBEDC Liaison

Regular monthly duties:

- Check emails post when needed
- Pick up and burn garbage when Dolli was gone
- Send timecards to office
- Sit in on monthly BBEDC Liaison meetings
- Check on homes to make sure things are not damaged by weather
- Work on the airstrip and ramp
- Keep community center clean
- And other office duties

Special Projects:

- Fill water greenhouse and water greenhouse
- Check village generator water and oil

Questions for Maurice:

- ? Steven asked if he was helping Troy, he stated yes.
- ? Fred asked if John is back in the village, Mike stated yes, for now.

- ? Daniel stated, thanks for keeping an eye on the village - Mike stated he put the chain back up for his driveway.

Dolli Enright: IGAP Asst. & Interim Tribal Liaison (on leave) read by Steven

Regular Monthly Duties:

- I check email and post when needed.
- I keep the C-Center clean.
- I pick up the garbage and burn with weather permitting, with Mikey or Art's help.
- I do the monthly visual monitoring form at the end of each month.
- I pick up the mail and deliver to residence when needed
- I help Elders when needed.
- I take pictures of any concerns and any projects going on in or around the village and send to Steven.
- I call Steven Wednesdays for any updates.
- I do other tasks or projects that are assigned by the Tribal Administrator or by the Environmental Coordinator.
- And I do any other office duties when needed.

Special Projects:

- I keep the greenhouse up and going with fresh veggies for the village all summer
- Liaison job for an hour or two while Mikey is working with Eddie in the village
 - Collect timecards
 - Check emails post when needed
 - check on elders
 - BBEDC Liaison Zoom meeting each month.

Questions for Dolli:

- ? Larry

ARPA Administrative Assistant Monthly Report- August 2025

I am steadily working on the ARPA HIP and continue to process the tribal members who still have rental & utility assistance funding.

The NAHASDA FY23 UTV Q2 Status and Draw report was submitted to Amanda Baish with BBHA in July.

I maintain the NAHASDA records, go over tribal members applications for rental assistance and correspond with BBHA to make sure our tribal members expend this funding.

I still hold my current notary and use my notary to all tribal members here at UTV.

I am signed up for training with Alaska Native Justice Center for August 27 and the 28th online, through the BIA.

I am looking forward to the ICWA site visit with Gloria Gorman, BIA Human Services Director for ICWA for all Alaskan tribes, here at UTV on September 4th.

I am finally scheduled to meet and train with Catherine Lester, she is the Southcentral ICWA specialist and her office is in Wasilla. We meet September 5th.

I am signed up for a virtual training with the 2025 Department of Justice, Task Force meeting. On research on violence against American Indian and Alaska Native Women. September 30th.

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Rochelle Lind

Submitted- Tuesday August 26th, 2025

Questions for Rochelle:

- ? Mike asked if he still has ARPA funds available, she stated she would check and email him.

9.0 Old business

9.a Flying D Status – Larry – currently in dry dock. Michael Enright is getting the last tractor off of it, Michael and his son will start cleaning the engine room, he will contact the folks who did the shrink wrap last year and have them shrink wrap it. There is a long list of things to get done, and have Rick Reynolds get the engines done by the end of the year. There is a lot of issues with the Flying D, he has a list of things. Need to get our vendors paid off. We received a partial payment from E&E. We were on contract June 15th and off contract at the end of July, approximately 43 days on contract. Larry stated the council needs to make a decision, if we keep the boat, we should start planning for the work to be started/finished. There is great potential to make money hauling freight before fishing season if we are in the bay in mid-May. There is also potential to make money after fishing season, however, we run into the potential problem of bad weather on the way back to Seward.

- ? Steven asked what our daily rate is with AGS, he stated \$4,750/day.
- ? Fred asked if the contract problems with Chignik was resolved? Larry stated it wasn't his issue. He stated it would involve Steven/lawyers/Chignik.

9.b. Fall Infrastructure Projects – Steven/Larry –

Steven stated Eddie was going to install the fuel depot roll up doors, however, they could not get them off of the boat, it's not going to happen this fall. Eddie sent him the estimate for the Covid house completion. Steven will draft a contract. He will also do some measurements for the community center. Hasn't received anything from him yet. Troy is in the village working on the wind turbines. Also covered in his report.

Short break

10. New Business

10.a. Resolution 2025-25 NTIA Broadband Grant – Steven read the resolution

John asked what could we do with this money, \$500,000. Steven responded, we could use for installation for infrastructure to provide high speed internet, from satellite, wireless, etc. End goal would be widespread wireless capability to extend at least a mile away, if not more, from the community center, so when people are visiting the village, they can access the internet from their home.

Mike asked what would happen with the existing one? Steven stated he didn't know, maybe it could be extended? Larry stated they have 40' poles and maybe the equipment could be attached to it. Hattie agreed with Larry – the weight of the current equipment on the community center and sandbags. The reason sandbags were used because they didn't want to compromise the roof drilling the equipment to the roof.

Fred asked whatever happened with the BBNA for internet. Larry stated he believed we had two options and had to go with one option, so we went with ATS. We had to sign up with one or the other.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-25 NTIA Broadband Grant

1st: Daniel Pingree, Jr.

2nd: Fred Matsuno

Motion passed: Yes: 5; No: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

10.b. Resolution 2025-26 ANJC MOA for ICWA – Steven explained the resolution, the ANJC (Alaska Native Justice Center) would serve as the child's attorney in an ICWA case. There is no cost and we will not pay for legal services under this agreement. Steven read the resolution.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-26 ANJC (Alaska Native Justice Center) MOA for ICWA

1st: Daniel Pingree, Jr.

2nd: Michael Popp

Motion passed: Yes: 5; No: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

11. Open forum:

Danny Pingree, the road to the WinRay, if you look at the map he has a skinny lot, wanted to thank Larry and the council and Maurice for everything. However, a bull dozer came through and his property hubs are not there, but looking at Google earth/maps, it doesn't show markers. He feels like he's getting pinched out. Are you planning to do something about dust control? He's not really happy with UTVs decision to put the road where it is, or to co-share a road. Now he doesn't know where the marker is on the road side. Danny's questions: He would like his property resurveyed by UTV, the marker was probably taken out by the bulldozer. Is there a plan for dust control. When he was trying to call in, the number is not on the agenda, he didn't see anything on the agenda. He hopes the council will think about this....

Steven stated you can access the meeting via a Zoom link, and on the second page there is a link where you can find a local number to dial in – if you are using a regular phone.

Fred asked when Danny asked about the marker, is it the BLM marker or a stick? Danny stated it was the BLM marker. Larry stated he found a marker and both of them were down – the galvanized pipes. Daniel stated they were used to mark off his driveway. Larry stated to have something resurveyed, it cost \$15,000 to survey at the cannery, so it will be pricy. Discussions,

crosstalk. Julie stated she understands Danny's concerns and suggests we discuss this in executive session to come to a resolution.

Steven requested Michael Popp send in a picture to Julie for the website asked if his email is set up, he stated no, not yet. He will send an email to Steven when it's up and running.

Next Mtg: September 18, 2025, at 9 AM

12. Executive Session –

Executive Session items:

1. Flying D employment
2. BIA/AFN
3. Danny Pingree's road

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

1st: Julie Gaumont

2nd: Daniel Pingree, Jr.

Motion passed: Yes: 5; No: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

1st: Michael Popp

2nd: Fred Matsuno

Motion passed: Yes: 5; No: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

MOTION to adjourn at 12:35 PM

1st: Michael Popp

2nd: Daniel Pingree, Jr.

Motion passed: Yes: 5; No: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

Adjourned at 12:35 PM Alaska time