

Hensley Announces— AFN Annual Convention Dec. 16-18

William L. Hensley, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. announced today that the Federation will hold its annual convention on Dec. 16, 17, and 18, 1973. The convention site is expected to be named soon.

The last day of the convention, Dec. 18, marks the second anniversary of the signing of the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act.

It is anticipated that enrollment of eligible Natives will be completed on that date, and that the Secretary of the Interior will certify the enrollment; thus, identifying the stockholders of each regional native corporation.

Although the number of delegates and the method of selecting

them has not yet been determined, full representation by each of the regions and villages is expected.

In addition, individual and associate membership in the federation is currently being considered by the AFN, Inc. Board of Directors.

President Hensley stated: "We are putting together a people-oriented convention; that is, we want to provide a forum for individual natives to express their views and concerns on the implementation of the claims act."

Convention activities will include a number of workshops on topics such as health, education, economic development, etc., a banquet with a number of well-known guest speakers.

For further information, please contact Sylvia Carlsson, 1675 C Street, Anchorage, or call 274-3611.

40-Mile Bridge

JUNEAU The state has awarded a \$1.2 million contract for construction of a bridge and approaches at Fortymile River on the Taylor Highway about 95 miles north of the Alaska Highway junction at Tetlin, Governor William A. Egan said today.

The project, won by Ghemm Co., Inc., of Fairbanks, is scheduled for completion in about 10 months.



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The Tanana Chiefs Conference is now accepting applications for the following positions:

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TEACHER AIDS (2) for the Tanana Survival School. Applicants must be familiar with the Tanana Chiefs region and have extensive knowledge in traditional survival activities. Location: Tanana, Alaska. \$1000 per month.

Apply to:
Mitch Demientieff, President
Tanana Chiefs Conference
102 Lacey Street
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
Phone: 452-1746

Deadline for applications is October 5, 1973.

One Claims Factor— Conveyance Documents Missing

Reprinted from the Alaska Native Management Report

The Anchorage office of the Bureau of Land Management is beginning to receive the paperwork on village selections and has instructions from Washington, D.C. to convey interim title to the core townships, but one crucial factor is missing: the actual conveyance documents, which are just now being drafted.

A spokesman for the BLM, who reports that the village of Eklutna is the first to submit the forms and maps detailing its selection, says that after over a year of questions from the Anchorage office about whose responsibility it is to prepare the documents, the word came from Washington recently that the job should be done here. Four kinds

of documents are necessary: both interim and final patent for both surface and subsurface estates.

After the drafts are completed by the Anchorage land office, they will be reviewed by the regional solicitor for the Department of the Interior and, in all probability, by lawyers in Washington as well. Some of the problems involved are the lack of identified navigable waters and easements. Also the Settlement Act must be interpreted to see what language must be included, such as Section 14 (c) on patent requirements.

As soon as a village is certified as eligible, the paperwork for its selections can be submitted. The BLM says it is preparing a letter to be mailed soon to all villages telling them to send in their core township applications as soon as they are ready. Other selections can be sent in as well, but the BLM advises that villages with deficiencies should "go slow."

The BLM is also asking the regional corporations to establish priorities for which villages within their region should be processed and surveyed first. The selections should be surveyed before the village can receive final patent.

Tlingit-Haida Credit Union Offers 6%

The Tlingit and Haida Federation Credit Union will begin offering a six per cent dividend, semi-annually, on all credit union savings accounts, effective Dec. 31, 1973.

The move was announced this week in Juneau by the executive committee of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska, upon approval of the dividend rate.

Until now, the credit union officials had not declared a dividend rate, aimed at encouraging investment.

Higher Benefits

A veteran should not hesitate to apply for higher benefits because of a lost birth certificate or marriage license, because the Veterans Administration requires less formal proof under a regulation in effect since October 1971.

The Veterans Administration urges 2.7 million veterans discharged between Jan. 31, 1955, and June 1, 1966, who have not used any of their GI Bill benefits to enter training before the May 31, 1974, expiration date.

Nenana Meeting

A Joint Interim Legislative Fisheries Committee hearing is scheduled to be held in Nenana on Oct. 12, 1973, in the Community Hall, beginning at 11 a.m.

All interested persons and organizations are cordially invited to appear and be heard.

Public participation is welcome.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Fairbanks Town and Village Association for Development, Inc., the Economic Development District serving Interior Alaska, will hold a special meeting of its Regional Board of Directors on Tuesday, October 9, 1973, in the West Gold Room of the Traveler's Inn. The meeting will start at 9:00 A.M. and run the entire day. The general public is cordially invited to attend the entire session.

The purpose of the meeting will be to establish initial, intermediate and long-run goals for the economic development of interior Alaska, and to select specific projects which the Board feels will best enable Interior Alaskans to meet these goals. These selections are based on the Overall Economic Development Plan (OEDP) prepared by the District.

Persons living and working in Interior Alaska and having opinions on desirable economic goals and projects are encouraged to contact either the District or one of the Regional Board Members (listed below) to express their opinions:

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Luncheon speakers at the Board Meeting will be Steven Heller, President of RCA Alascom, and representatives of the Alaska State Department of Natural Resources. Luncheon reservations may be made by calling 456-4285 or 452-4761, Ext. 47 during business hours.