

# Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

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Tribal Council  
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Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate  
*Myrna Thompson*  
Tribal Secretary

REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 9:00 AM  
TiWakan Tio Tipi Council Chambers

## TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

BUFFALO LAKE:	Louis Johnson
ENEMY SWIM:	Cheryl Owen
HEIPA/VEBLEN:	Winfield Rondell Jr.
LAKE TRAVERSE:	Francis Crawford (9:21)
LONG HOLLOW:	Curtis Bissonette
OLD AGENCY:	Milton Owen (9:13)

## TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

BIG COULEE: Lisa Jackson (bereavement)

**TRIBAL EXECUTIVES PRESENT:** Tribal Chairman Donovan White, Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr. (9:14), and Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Tribal Chairman Donovan White called the meeting to order at 9:09 AM with two (2) Executives and four (4) Council members from seven (7) Districts answering Roll Call. Opening Prayer for the Tribal Vice-Chairman said by Heipa Tribal Council Member Winfield Rondell Jr.

**MOTION NO. 53:** made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Myrna Thompson, question by Cheryl Owen, to authorize the Child Protection Program to purchase eight (8) HP Probook Notebooks and accessories, from Connecting Point, in the amount of \$10,085.00, with the CPP budgets as the funding source, as presented by CPP Manager Deborah Devine.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 53:** 10 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Note:** Old Agency Tribal Council Member Milton Owen now present at meeting.

**MOTION NO. 54:** made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Cheryl Owen, question by Louis Johnson, to authorize SW Law Enforcement/Emergency Management to purchase four (4) Kenwood digital radios and accessories, from Vantek Communications Inc., as a sole source purchase, in the amount of \$12,866.80, with the 2019 Homeland Security Grant as the funding source, as presented by Emergency Manager Jim Pearson.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 54: 10 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 2 Abstained: Milton Owen (2). 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Note:** Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr. now present at meeting.

**MOTION NO. 55:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to authorize SWO Law Enforcement/Emergency Management to accept the 2020 grant award from the Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$12,866.80, as presented by Emergency Manager Jim Pearson.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 55: 13 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Note:** Lake Traverse Tribal Council Member Francis Crawford now present at meeting.

**MOTION NO. 56:** made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Cheryl Owen, question by Myrna Thompson, to hire Tamarah Begay of Indigenous Design Studio & Architecture, as a consultant for the SWO Detention/Justice Center Project, as recommended by Tribal Lobbyist/Consultant Mark Van Norman, with the Detention Center Set-Aside as the funding source, as presented by Tribal Chairman Donovan White.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 56: 15 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 57:** made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Cheryl Owen, question by Louis Johnson, to authorize the payment to the Corporation for Native Broadcasting, in the amount of \$18,724.00, for hardware, parts, and installation/repair services for the KXSW Radio tower/transmitter, with the Capital Improvement budget as the funding source, as presented by Station Manager Garryl Rousseau Sr. **(As amend via Motion No. 4, of 2/4/2020)**

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 57: 15 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED. (As amend via Motion No. 4, of 2/4/2020)**



**MOTION NO. 58:** made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Louis Johnson, to have Legal Counsel Greg Paulson draft Contracts for Tribal Council review for: Delaney Nielsen Sannes Law Firm, to provide legal services for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate; and David Geyer, to provide public defender services for Tribal Court.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 58: 15 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 59:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Milton Owen, to approve the Dakota Western Corporation report, as presented by General Manager Robert Huff.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 59: 15 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 60:** made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Cheryl Owen, question by Myrna Thompson, to approve the SWO Fuel, Inc. & Agency C-Store report, as presented by General Manager James Bird.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 60: 15 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

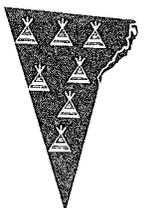
**MOTION NO. 61:** made by Myrna Thompson, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Milton Owen, to go into Executive Session, at 11:08am.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 61: 15 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Note:** Tribal Chairman Donovan White briefly left the meeting. Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr. now chairing the meeting.

**MOTION NO. 62:** made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Curtis Bissonette, to come out of Executive Session, at 11:39am.



**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 62:** 14 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Vice-Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 63:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Milton Owen, question by Cheryl Owen, to approve the Dakota Crossing Grocery Store report, as presented by General Manager Todd O'Riley and Assistant Manager Christylee Jensen.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 63:** 14 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Vice-Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Note:** Tribal Chairman Donovan White returned to chair the meeting.

**MOTION NO. 64:** made by Myrna Thompson, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Francis Crawford, to approve the Agreement with REDW, to perform the FY2019 SWO audit, and to authorize Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr. to execute the Agreement, pending legal review, as presented by Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 64:** 15 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 65:** made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to approve the North Dakota Designated Usage of Funds report, and authorize Tribal Chairman Donovan White to sign the report, as presented by Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 65:** 15 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 66:** made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Curtis Bissonette, question by Francis Crawford, to authorize the current Tribal Executives to sign and update all signature cards at Dacotah Bank, as presented by Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr.



**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 66:** 15 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 67:** made by Myrna Thompson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Milton Owen, to approve the I-29 Motel written report, as submitted by Manager Nicole DuMarce.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 67:** 13 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 2 Opposed: Francis Crawford (2). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 68:** made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Curtis Bissonette, question by Cheryl Owen, to authorize Dakota Magic Casino to submit the payment to Lutheran Social Services, in the amount of \$25,000.00, for Problem Gambling Counseling and Services, in accordance with the North Dakota Gaming Compact, and as presented by DNGE CFO Weston Quinn.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 68:** 15 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

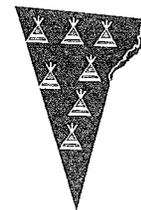
**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 69:** made by Francis Crawford, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Louis Johnson, to authorize Dakota Magic Casino to submit the payment to the United Tribes Gaming Association, in the amount of \$15,000.00, for membership fees, as presented by DNGE CFO Weston Quinn.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 69:** 15 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 70:** made by Myrna Thompson, second by Francis Crawford, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to authorize Dakota Connection Casino to relocate their Bingo and Slot Machine areas, and to select Ridge Electric, to upgrade the electrical systems for this move, in the amount of \$11,622.00, with the DCC Operating budget as the funding source, as presented by Interim General Manager Chris Seaboy.



WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 70: 15 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 71:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Francis Crawford, to approve the Dakota Connection Casino report, as presented by Interim General Manager Chris Seaboy; the Dakota Sioux Casino report, as presented by General Manager Robert Mudd; the Dakota Magic Casino report, as presented by Interim General Manager Wanda Varns; and the Dakota Nation Gaming Enterprise report, as presented by CFO Weston Quinn.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 71: 15 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Note:** Old Agency Tribal Council Member Milton Owen excused from the meeting.

**MOTION NO. 72:** made by Myrna Thompson, second by Francis Crawford, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to select Aaron Solberg as the First Associate Judge for the SWO Tribal Court, and to select Tucker Volesky as the Second Associate Judge for the SWO Tribal Court, as recommended by the Judicial Committee and Chief Judge Gina Ruggieri, and to authorize Aaron Solberg to serve as the Judge for the Office of Child Support Enforcement, as presented by Chief Judge Gina Ruggieri and OCSE Director Diana Canku.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 72: 13 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 73:** made by Francis Crawford, second by Edmund Johnson Jr., question by Myrna Thompson, in resolution form, to authorize the Youth Department to apply for the Systems of Care (SOC) Expansion and Sustainability Grants, as presented by Youth Coordinator Derrick McCauley and Prevention Coordinator Missy Huff.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 73: 13 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Resolution No. SWO-20-010**



**MOTION NO. 74:** made by Francis Crawford, second by Edmund Johnson Jr., question by Curtis Bissonette, to approve Youth Department report, as presented by Youth Coordinator Derrick McCauley and Prevention Coordinator Missy Huff.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 74: 13 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 75:** made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Curtis Bissonette, to approve the resolution, "2019-2022 SWO PL 102-477 Plan", as presented by ET Services Manager Elias Mendoza.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 75: 13 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Resolution No. SWO-20-009**

**MOTION NO. 76:** made by Francis Crawford, second by Curtis Bissonette, question by Cheryl Owen, to authorize the payment to Kelly Insurance Agency, for General Liability Insurance, in the amount of \$20,583.00, with the General Fund as the funding source, as presented by Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 76: 13 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 77:** made by Francis Crawford, second by Louis Johnson, question by Curtis Bissonette, to authorize the payment to Tribal Workers Compensation Corp., for the 2020 Workers Compensation coverage, in the amount of \$132,006.00, with the Payroll account as the funding source, as presented by Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 77: 13 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**



**MOTION NO. 78:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Francis Crawford, question by Edmund Johnson Jr., to authorize the payment to Tribal Workers Compensation Corp., for the balance of the 2019 Workers Compensation coverage, in the amount of \$41,282.00, with the Payroll account as the funding source, as presented by Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 78: 13 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 79:** made by Francis Crawford, second by Edmund Johnson Jr., to adjourn.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 2:33PM.**

Respectfully Submitted, Verlyn Beaudreau  
Verlyn Beaudreau, Recording Secretary

