Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate  
LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION  
P.O. Box 509  
12554 BIA Hwy. 711  
Agency Village, South Dakota 57262  
Phone: (605) 698-3911  

REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 9:00 AM  
TiWakan Tio Tipi Council Chambers  

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:  
BIG COULEE: Lisa Jackson  
BUFFALO LAKE: Louis Johnson  
ENEMY SWIM: Cheryl Owen  
HEIPA/VEBLEN: Winfield Rondell Jr.  
LAKE TRAVERSE: Francis Crawford (9:14)  
LONG HOLLOW: Curtis Bissonette  
OLD AGENCY: Milton Owen  

TRIBAL EXECUTIVES PRESENT: Tribal Chairman Donovan White (9:18), Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr., and Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson (9:10)  

CALL TO ORDER: Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM with one (1) Executive and six (6) Council members from seven (7) Districts answering Roll Call. Opening Prayer for the Tribal Secretary said by Heipa Tribal Council Member Winfield Rondell Jr.  

MOTION NO. 88: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Curtis Bissonette, question by Lisa Jackson, to approve the resolution, “Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council Herd Development Grant Phase II”, as presented by Realty Manager Jerry Eastman.  

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 88: 13 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Vice-Chairman.  
MOTION PASSED.  
Resolution No. SWO-20-020  

Note: Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson now present at meeting.  

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

MOTION NO. 89: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to select Tucker Volesky as First Associate Judge for the SWO Tribal Court, and to authorize Tribal Chairman Donovan White to execute the Contract for Judicial Services, pending legal review, as presented by Chief Judge Gina Ruggieri.  

BIG COULEE • BUFFALO LAKE • ENEMY SWIM • HEIPA/VEBLEN • LAKE TRAVERSE • LONG HOLLOW • OLD AGENCY
WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 89: 14 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 2 Abstained: Francis Crawford (2). 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Vice-Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

Note: Tribal Chairman Donovan White now present at meeting.

MOTION NO. 90: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Myrna Thompson, question by Lisa Jackson, to approve the revisions to the Office of Child Support Policies, and to authorize Tribal Chairman Donovan White to execute the Plan Amendment, as presented by Director Diana Canku.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 90: 17 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 91: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to approve the revisions to the Employment Training Services Center TANF Policy, and to authorize Tribal Chairman Donovan White to execute the Plan Amendment, as presented by Manager DeVon Bursheim.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 91: 17 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 92: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Lisa Jackson, question by Cheryl Owen, to authorize the purchase of cooling units and accessories for the computer server rooms in the SWO Admin Building, from Trane, in the amount of $41,150.00, with the Indirect Cost budget as the funding source, and to authorize Tribal Chairman Donovan White to execute the Addendum to the Contract with Trane, as presented by Admin Building Manager Jerome Renville Sr. and Facilities Manager Breon Lake.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 92: 15 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Curtis Bissonette (2). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 2 Absent From Vote: Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: March 18, 2020, Motion No. 20 (la, recording secretary asst.)
MOTION NO. 93: made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Milton Owen, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to approve the Dakota Western Corporation report, as presented by General Manager Robert Huff.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 93: 17 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 94: made by Milton Owen, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Myrna Thompson, to approve the SWO Fuel, Inc. and Agency C-Store report, as presented by General Manager James Bird.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 94: 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. 2 Abstained: Lisa Jackson (2). 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.
MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 95: made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Curtis Bissonette, to add I-29 Manager Nicole Wanna to the Dacotah Bank signature cards for the I-29 Motel.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 95: 17 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 96: made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Milton Owen, to approve the I-29 Motel report, as presented by Manager Nicole Wanna.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 96: 17 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 97: made by Francis Crawford, second by Edmund Johnson Jr., question by Myrna Thompson, to reimburse Dakota Crossing Grocery Store, in the amount of $217,490.21, for overpayment to SWO Fuel, Inc., with Section 7 carryover as the funding source, as recommended by Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr.

Approved: March 18, 2020, Motion No. 20 (la, recording secretary asst.)
WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 97: 9 For: Milton Owen (2); Louis Johnson (1); Francis Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 8 Opposed: Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Cheryl Owen (3); Lisa Jackson (2). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.
MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 98: made by Milton Owen, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Curtis Bissonette, to approve the Dakota Crossing Grocery Store report, as presented by General Manager Todd O'Riley and Assistant Manager Christy Lee Jensen.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 98: 17 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 99: made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Francis Crawford, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to approve the joint venture with the Spirit Lake Tribe for sports betting in North Dakota, as presented by DNGE CFO Weston Quinn.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 99: 17 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 100: made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Curtis Bissonette, to approve the Employment Agreement renewal with Brenda Uses Arrow, to serve as the DNGE Employment Assistance Program Counselor, as presented by DNGE CFO Weston Quinn.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 100: 17 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 101: made by Francis Crawford, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Cheryl Owen, to authorize Dakota Nation Gaming Enterprise (DNGE) to match the 401k contributions of DNGE employees up to 3%, with an additional 1% match for SWO Tribal Members, for calendar year 2019, as presented by DNGE CFO Weston Quinn.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 101: 17 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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.

Approved: March 18, 2020, Motion No. 20 (la, recording secretary asst.)
MOTION NO. 102: made by Milton Owen, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Lisa Jackson, to authorize Dakota Connection Casino to purchase four (4) Gilbarco Gas Dispensers including installation, from Westmor Industries, in the amount of $87,248.00, as presented by DNGE CFO Weston Quinn.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 102: 17 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 103: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to approve the proposals with Energy Solution Partners to provide Cenex branding and services to Dakota Magic Casino and Dakota Connection Casino, and to authorize Tribal Chairman Donovan White to execute the Contracts/Agreements, pending legal review, as presented by DNGE CFO Weston Quinn.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 103: 17 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 104: made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Milton Owen, to authorize Dakota Sioux Casino to advertise for a General Manager Trainee, as presented by DSC General Manager Robert Mudd.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 104: 17 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 105: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Francis Crawford, question by Cheryl Owen, to approve the Mutual Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreements with Spectra Food Services & Hospitality, and with Famous Dave's of America, Inc., to evaluate the DNGE restaurant/food service departments, and to authorize Tribal Chairman Donovan White to execute the Agreements, pending legal review, as presented by DSC General Manager Robert Mudd.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 105: 17 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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.

Approved: March 18, 2020, Motion No. 20 (la, recording secretary asst.)
MOTION NO. 106: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Milton Owen, to authorize Dakota Nation Gaming Enterprise to advertise for a Chief Human Resources Officer.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 106: 17 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 107: made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Cheryl Owen, to approve the Dakota Magic Casino report, as presented by Interim General Manager Wanda Varns; Dakota Connection Casino report, as presented by Interim General Manager Chris Seaboy; Dakota Sioux Casino report, as presented by General Manager Robert Mudd; and the Dakota Nation Gaming Enterprise report, as presented by DNGE CFO Weston Quinn.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 107: 17 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 108: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to have a roundtable meeting with SWO CFO Greg Benidt, Budget Supervisor Lexie Fancher, Planning Director Michael Roberts, SWHA Executive Director Eric Shepherd, and the Reservation Planning Commission to discuss the Section 7 budget.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 108: 8 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Lisa Jackson (2); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3). 9 Opposed: Curtis Bissonette (2); Milton Owen (2); Francis Crawford (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION NO. 109: made by Myrna Thompson, second by Milton Owen, to amend the SWO Administrative Flow Chart to transfer the Planning Department under the supervision of the Tribal Vice-Chairman.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 109: 7 For: Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Francis Crawford (2); Tribal Secretary (1). 9 Opposed: Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Cheryl Owen (3); Lisa Jackson (2); Louis Johnson (1). 1 Abstained: Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION NO. 110: made by Myrna Thompson, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Edmund Johnson Jr., to go into Executive Session, at 2:20pm.

Approved: March 18, 2020, Motion No. 20 (la, recording secretary asst.)
WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 110: 9 For: Milton Owen (2); Louis Johnson (1); Francis Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 8 Opposed: Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Cheryl Owen (3); Lisa Jackson (2). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.
MOTION PASSED.

Note: Heipaa Tribal Council Member Winfield Rondell Jr. excused from the meeting.

MOTION NO. 111: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Curtis Bissonette, to come out of Executive Session, at 2:57pm.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 111: 12 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 2 Absent From Vote: Curtis Bissonette (2). 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.
MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 112: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Francis Crawford, question by Cheryl Owen, to have the Executive Committee gather information pertaining to the matter discussed in Executive Session.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 112: 14 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 113: made by Francis Crawford, second by Milton Owen, question by Lisa Jackson, to approve the Reservation Planning Commission report, as presented by RPC Members: Angie Johnson, Lisa RedWing, Helena LaBatte, Rose Gaikowski, Todd O’Riley, and Gerald German Jr.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 113: 14 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 114: made by Louis Johnson, second by Francis Crawford, question by Milton Owen, to approve the request of the Buffalo Lake District Economic Board for $150,000.00, with the Section 7 budget as the funding source, as recommended and presented by the Reservation Planning Commission.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 114: 9 For: Milton Owen (2); Louis Johnson (1); Francis Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 5 Opposed: Cheryl Owen (3); Lisa Jackson (2). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.
MOTION PASSED.
MOTION NO. 115: made by Francis Crawford, second by Louis Johnson, question by Francis Crawford, to approve the Political Contributions proposal, in the amount of $32,500.00, with the Executive Committee budget as the funding source, as presented by Tribal Chairman Donovan White.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 115: 14 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 116: made by Francis Crawford, second by Cheryl Owen, to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED 3:11PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  

[Signature]

Lindsey Abraham, Recording Secretary Asst.

Approved: March 18, 2020, Motion No. 20 (la, recording secretary asst.)