REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, February 5, 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 (9:15)
LONG HOLLOW: Curtis Bissonette
OLD AGENCY: Milton Owen

TRIBAL EXECUTIVES PRESENT: Tribal Chairman Donovan White (9:17), Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr., and Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson

CALL TO ORDER: Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM with two (2) Executives and six (6) Council members from seven (7) Districts answering Roll Call. Opening Prayer for the Tribal Secretary said by Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson.

MOTION NO. 42: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Lisa Jackson, question by Milton Owen, to approve the revised Use Permit for the SWO Head Start, Enemy Swim Site, for 2.5 acres of land, as recommended by the Reservation Planning Commission, and as presented by Realty Manager Jerry Eastman.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 42: 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. 43: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Francis Crawford, to approve the temporary Use Permit for Clausen & Sons Construction LLC, for 5 acres of land, as recommended by the Reservation Planning Commission, and as presented by Realty Manager Jerry Eastman.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 43: 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. 44: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Cheryl Owen, question by Myrna Thompson, to approve the 1.93-acre Home Site Lease for Perry Mahpiyasna, as recommended by the Reservation Planning Commission, and as presented by Realty Director Jerry Eastman.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 44: 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. 45: made by Myrna Thompson, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to approve the cancellation of the Land Lease with Wayne Goodhart, as recommended and presented by Realty Director Jerry Eastman.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 45: 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. 46: made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Francis Crawford, question by Lisa Jackson, to authorize the purchase of the tracts of land offered for sale by: Vanessa Driver – 2.64 acres, in the amount of $4,233.83; David Louis – 22.10 acres, in the amount of $7,450.41; Dennis Keeble – 0.22 acres, in the amount of $332.36; June Hitcher – 0.0009 acres, in the amount of $1.66; and Marvin Hisgun – 17.49 acres, in the amount of $22,404.25; with the Cobell Lease Account as the funding source, as recommended by the Reservation Planning Commission, and as presented by Realty Manager Jerry Eastman.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 46: 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. 47: made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Milton Owen, to approve the Realty Office report, as presented by Realty Manager Jerry Eastman.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 47: 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. 17 (la, recording secretary asst.)
MOTION NO. 48: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to authorize the Planning Department to advertise for Project Coordinator/Owner’s Representative for the SWO Justice/Detention Center Project, as presented by Planning Director Michael Roberts.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 48: 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. 49: made by Francis Crawford, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to have the Planning Department draft a letter to the State of South Dakota, for the Tribal Secretary’s signature, requesting that they recognize the Tribe’s numbers pertaining to our most recent census count of Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Members.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 49: 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. 50: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Milton Owen, to approve the Planning Department report, as presented by Director Michael Roberts.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 50: 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. 51: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Lisa Jackson, question by Francis Crawford, to approve the Attorney Contact with Steven Gunn, to provide legal services in relation to the Dakota Crossing Grocery Store, and to authorize the Tribal Chairman to execute the Contract, pending legal review, as presented by Tribal Chairman Donovan White.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 51: 14 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Tribal Secretary (1). 2 Opposed: Curtis Bissonette (2). 1 Abstained: Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: March 18, 2020, Motion No. 17 (la, recording secretary asst.)
MOTION NO. 52: made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Lisa Jackson, to donate $5,000.00 to the United Tribes Technical College, to be utilized for scholarships for SWO Tribal Members only, with the Tribal Vice-Chairman to determine the funding source, as requested by Todd Goodsell of UTTC.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 52: 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. 53: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Curtis Bissonette, to approve the Native Voices Endowment budget for FY 2020, as presented by Education Director Dr. Sherry Johnson.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 53: 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. 54: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Cheryl Owen, question by Curtis Bissonette, to approve reimbursement to Enemy Swim Day School, for CKLA Reading Materials from Amplify, in the amount of $6,431.04, with the Wiuykcan ka Ecunpi Grant as the funding source, as presented by Education Director Dr. Sherry Johnson.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 54: 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. 55: made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Milton Owen, question by Cheryl Owen, to approve the Consultant Services Agreement with Dustina Gil, Nis'to Incorporated, to provide youth mentoring, cultural workshops, and activities, in the amount of $13,400.00, with the Wiuykcan ka Ecunpi Grant as the funding source, and to authorize Tribal Chairman Donovan White to execute the Agreement, pending legal review, as presented by Education Director Dr. Sherry Johnson.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 55: 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. 17 (la, recording secretary asst.)
MOTION NO. 56: made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Milton Owen, question by Lisa Jackson, to approve the Education Office report, as presented by Education Director Dr. Sherry Johnson.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 56: 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. 57: made by Francis Crawford, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Cheryl Owen, to approve the January 2020 CACFP Food report for Head Start and Early Head Start, as presented by Director Lynn Halbert.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 57: 16 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Secretary (1). 1 Opposed: Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.
MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 58: made by Francis Crawford, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Cheryl Owen, to approve the January 2020 Attendance Report for Head Start and Early Head Start, as presented by Director Lynn Halbert.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 58: 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. 59: made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Myrna Thompson, in resolution form, to support South Dakota House Bills: 1134 – permit certain acts at a school honoring or graduation ceremony; 1145 – authorize certain Tribal members to attend certain institutions of higher education or postsecondary technical institutes without paying of tuition; 1185 – limit public employer consideration of certain criminal backgrounds; 1196 – authorize revival of certain civil claims, and to oppose SD House Bills: 1093 – establish a pipeline liability fund, to authorize a special fee for extraordinary expenses, and to make a continuous appropriation therefor; 1194 – authorize federally recognized Indian Tribes to receive PEACE funds, and to have the Tribal Secretary send letters to the SD State Senators and Representatives stating our support and opposition to these bills.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 59: 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.
Resolution No. SWO-20-014

Approved: March 18, 2020, Motion No. 17 (la, recording secretary asst.)
Note: Tribal Chairman Donovan White briefly left the meeting. Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr. now chairing the meeting.

MOTION NO. 60: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Curtis Bissonette, question by Cheryl Owen, in resolution form, to enroll into the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate the three (3) applicants as listed in Exhibit A, as presented by Recording Secretary Verlyn Beaudreau.

Flute, Faith Janel Thennis, Kyren Elijah White, Caysen Race

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 60: 16 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Vice-Chairman.
MOTION PASSED.
Resolution No. SWO-20-015

MOTION NO. 61: made by Milton Owen, second by Curtis Bissonette, question by Cheryl Owen, in resolution form, to enroll into the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate the six (6) applicants as listed in Exhibit B, as presented by Recording Secretary Verlyn Beaudreau.

Andrews, Dustin Cole, Jr. Felicia, Cary Joseph
Irwin, Alexandre Francis Pratt, Kyvan Grey
Pumpkinseed, Josiah Conway Williams, Austin James Raymond

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 61: 16 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Vice-Chairman.
MOTION PASSED.
Resolution No. SWO-20-016

MOTION NO. 62: made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Milton Owen, in resolution form, to enroll into the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate the eleven (11) applicants as listed in Exhibit C, as presented by Recording Secretary Verlyn Beaudreau.

Bluedog, Maverick Grayson Casiano, Vahna Soliece
Greeley, Melani Rose Lawrence, Kasen Dean
Lovejoy, Khaleesi Aurora Pink, Cynthia Leigh
Springer, Dakota Evelyn-Brightstar Stachowski, Jr., Brian Robert Vance
Tol, Emiliana Esmeralda Tol, Zavyn Spencer Jonathan
Wilson, Terelee Mary

Approved: March 18, 2020, Motion No. 17 (la, recording secretary asst.)
WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 62: 16 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Vice-Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.
Resolution No. SWO-20-017

MOTION NO. 63: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Cheryl Owen, question by Lisa Jackson, to approve the Enrollment Office report, as presented by Recording Secretary Verlyn Beaudreau.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 63: 16 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 64: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Francis Crawford, to approve the Legal Services Agreement with David Geyer of Delaney, Nielsen & Sannes P.C., with changes, to serve as a Public Defender for SWO Tribal Court, on an as-needed basis, in the not-to-exceed amount of $10,000.00, and to authorize Tribal Chairman Donovan White to execute the Agreement, pending legal review, as recommended and presented by Chief Judge Gina Ruggieri.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 64: 16 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 65: made by Francis Crawford, second by Louis Johnson, question by Cheryl Owen, to go into Executive Session, at 1:44pm.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 65: 16 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (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. 66: made by Francis Crawford, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Cheryl Owen, to come out of Executive Session, at 2:19pm.
WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 66: 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. 67: made by Francis Crawford, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Cheryl Owen, to reaffirm Amended Tribal Council Motion No. 4, of 1/3/03, "to accept Daniel White’s resignation as a Sisseton-Wahpeton Gaming Commissioner."

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 67: 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. 68: made by Francis Crawford, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Lisa Jackson, to appoint Buffalo Lake Tribal Council Member Louis Johnson as the Ex-officio for the TERO Commission.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 68: 16 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Milton Owen (2); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 1 Abstained: Louis Johnson (1). 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 69: made by Myrna Thompson, second by Milton Owen, question by Edmund Johnson Jr., to table the Legal Counsel Agreement with Delaney, Nielsen & Sannes P.C. until Steven Campbell is contacted to see if he is interested in the position.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 69: 6 For: Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 11 Opposed: Louis Johnson (1); Cheryl Owen (3); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Lisa Jackson (2). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION NO. 70: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Lisa Jackson, question by Cheryl Owen, to approve the Legal Counsel Agreement with Delaney, Nielsen & Sannes P.C. to serve as temporary In-house Legal Counsel, on a part-time basis, and to authorize the Tribal Chairman to execute the Agreement, pending legal review, as presented by Tribal Chairman Donovan White.

Approved: March 18, 2020, Motion No. 17 (la, recording secretary asst.)
WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 70: 9 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Lisa Jackson (2). 8 Opposed: Francis Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Milton Owen (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 71: made by Francis Crawford, second by Curtis Bissonette, to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED 2:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted, 

Lindsey Abraham, Recording Secretary Asst.