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Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

Myrna Thompson
Tribal Secretary

REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 10:00 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
LONG HOLLOW:	Curtis Bissonette (10:10)
OLD AGENCY:	Milton Owen

TRIBAL EXECUTIVES PRESENT: Tribal Chairman Donovan White, Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr. (10:09), and Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson (10:12)

CALL TO ORDER: Tribal Chairman Donovan White called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM with one (1) Executive and six (6) Council members from seven (7) Districts answering Roll Call. Opening Prayer for the Big Coulee District said by Big Coulee Tribal Council Member Lisa Jackson.

MOTION NO. 15: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to not follow the Agenda for Wednesday, March 18, 2020, and to only address emergency and priority items.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 15: 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 Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

Note: Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson now present at the meeting.

MOTION NO. 16: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Milton Owen, question by Lisa Jackson, to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 16: 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. 17: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, February 5, 2020.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 17: 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. 18: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Cheryl Owen, question by Francis Crawford, to approve the Regular Tribal Council Education Meeting Minutes of Monday, February 10, 2020.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 18: 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. 19: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Cheryl Owen, question by Curtis Bissonette, to approve the Special Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of Thursday, February 20, 2020.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 19: 15 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 2 Abstained: Francis Crawford (2). 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 20: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Milton Owen, question by Cheryl Owen, to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 20: 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. 21: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to approve the revised Dakota Nation Gaming Enterprise (DNGE) Personnel Policies and Procedures, and to include that all steps of the grievance process must be completed within thirty (30) days.



WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 21: 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. 22: made by Francis Crawford, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Milton Owen, to have the Executive Committee write letters to the entities that the Tribe has loans with, requesting to defer those payments for a two-month period.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 22: 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. 23: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Curtis Bissonette, to authorize the Tribal Vice-Chairman to establish a State of Emergency account, in the amount of \$50,000.00, with the Youth Construction account as the funding source.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 23: 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. 24: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Lisa Jackson, question by Francis Crawford, to authorize the Tiospa Zina Tribal School, Enemy Swim Day School, Head Start, and Early Head Start to close for an additional two (2) weeks, March 23 – April 3, 2020, and to authorize the schools to provide meals and to provide continued learning for students.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 24: 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. 25: made by Myrna Thompson, second by Milton Owen, question by Lisa Jackson, to close the Little Steps Daycare, Diabetes/Fitness Center, and Elderly Nutrition Center through Friday, April 3, 2020, and to authorize the Elderly Nutrition Center to only provide home delivery meals for that time period.



WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 25: 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. 26: made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to authorize the Fish & Wildlife Office to purchase plants and seeds, from Lou's Greenhouse, in the amount of \$9,990.18, with the Fish & Wildlife budget as the funding source, as presented by Tribal Chairman Donovan White.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 26: 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. 27: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to close Dakota Magic Casino, Dakota Connection Casino, and Dakota Sioux Casino for two (2) weeks, starting Saturday, March 21 at 2:00am, with the understanding that they follow all gaming regulatory guidelines, and to authorize that full-time employees be paid for 32 hours/week and part-time employees be paid for 24 hours/week during this closure.

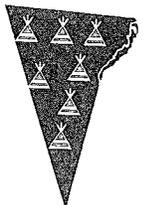
WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 27: 8 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Lisa Jackson (2); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3). 9 Opposed: Curtis Bissonette (2); Milton Owen (2); Francis Crawford (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION NO. 28: made by Myrna Thompson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Lisa Jackson, to institute a non-essential spending freeze and a hiring freeze, including cancelling any scheduled interviews and orientations, and to authorize the Tribal Executives to look into the possibility of laying off non-essential employees, that are paid from gaming revenue.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 28: 12 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Tribal Secretary (1). 4 Opposed: Curtis Bissonette (2); Milton Owen (2). 1 Abstained: Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.



MOTION NO. 29: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to temporarily suspend all boards, committees, and commissions, that are paid with gaming revenue, until further notice, excluding the boards, committees, and commissions that have regulatory and/or administrative (hiring/firing) authority, which include; School Boards, TERO Commission, Gaming Commission, SWHA Board of Commissioners, and the Judicial Committee, and to have the Judicial Committee review the rest of the boards to recommend which ones need to continue to operate.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 29: 9 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Lisa Jackson (2). 8 Opposed: Curtis Bissonette (2); Milton Owen (2); Francis Crawford (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 30: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to approve a contract with Mario Vargas, to serve as the Communications Director for the Tribal Chairman, with the Tribal Chairman's budget as the funding source, as presented by Tribal Chairman Donovan White.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 30: 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. 31: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to approve the resolution, "Authorizing Resolution for SMART FY 2020, Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program SMART-2020-17430", as submitted by SORO Director Joan White.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 31: 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.

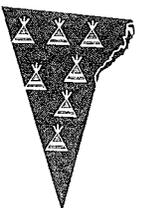
MOTION PASSED.

Resolution No. SWO-20-023

MOTION NO. 32: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Cheryl Owen, question by Milton Owen, to authorize the Education Office to submit the application for the Native American Library Services Basic Grant, as submitted by Education Director Sr. Sherry Johnson.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 32: 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. 33: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Cheryl Owen, question by Milton Owen, in resolution form, to authorize the Planning Department to apply for a North Dakota Hemp Growers License.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 33: 15 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 2 Opposed: Curtis Bissonette (2). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

Resolution No. SWO-20-024

MOTION NO. 34: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., seconds by Edmund Johnson Jr., question by Lisa Jackson, to approve the following budgets: Buffalo Farm – Special ITBC Grant; Justice Center; OEP-Healthy Homes Grant; OEP-Brownsfield; Diabetes Community; Wiyukcan ka Icupi; Food Distribution; MSPI; and Section 7, as presented by Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 34: 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. 35: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Cheryl Owen, to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED 1:21PM.

Respectfully Submitted, *Lindsey Abraham*
Lindsey Abraham, Recording Secretary Asst.

