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Myrna Thompson
Tribal Secretary

SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 11:10 AM
TiWakan Tio Tipi Council Chambers

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

BIG COULEE:	Lisa Jackson (called in)
BUFFALO LAKE:	Louis Johnson
ENEMY SWIM:	Cheryl Owen
HEIPA/VEBLEN:	Winfield Rondell Jr.
LAKE TRAVERSE:	Francis Crawford (11:18)
LONG HOLLOW:	Curtis Bissonette
OLD AGENCY:	Milton Owen

TRIBAL EXECUTIVES PRESENT: Tribal Chairman Donovan White, Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr., and Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson (11:12)

CALL TO ORDER: Tribal Chairman Donovan White called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM with two (2) Executives and six (6) Council members from seven (7) Districts answering Roll Call. Opening Prayer for the Buffalo Lake District said by Old Agency Tribal Council Member Milton Owen.

Note: Due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and to encourage social distancing, Tribal Council Members were allowed to participate in this meeting via conference call.

MOTION NO. 1: made by Francis Crawford, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Curtis Bissonette, in resolution form, to adopt the SWO Tribal Council Order – Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Directive, with changes, as presented by Tribal Chairman Donovan White.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 1: 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-20-036

Note: Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson excused from the meeting to participate on a conference call.

MOTION NO. 2: made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to have Tribal Lobbyist Mark Van Norman draft language to send to the North Dakota and South Dakota Senators and Congresspersons, to include gaming facilities in the Paycheck Protection Program funding.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 2: 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.

MOTION NO. 3: made by Francis Crawford, second by Louis Johnson, question by Curtis Bissonette, to transfer the management and supervision of the Barker Hill Housing - Phase II Project to Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 3: 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.

MOTION NO. 4: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to select IDS+A for the initial 20% Architectural/Engineering Planning Services for the SWO Detention Center, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000.00, with the BIA Detention Center Grant as the funding source, and to authorize Tribal Chairman Donovan White to execute the Contract pending legal review, and to submit the necessary paperwork to the BIA for the initial grant drawdown, as presented by Planning Director Michael Roberts.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 4: 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. 1 Abstained: Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 5: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Cheryl Owen, question by Lisa Jackson, to hire Wipfli LLP CPAs and Consultants to assist Dakota Crossing Grocery Store with accounting needs, and to provide COVID-19 bailout relief services to the Tribe, to be managed by the Planning Director, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000.00 per month, with the Settlement account as the funding source, and these funds will be reimbursed with the Coronavirus Relief Funds when received, and to authorize Tribal Chairman Donovan White to execute the Contract, pending legal review, as presented by Planning Director Michael Roberts.



WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 5: 11 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Lisa Jackson (2). 5 Opposed: Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 6: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Cheryl Owen, question by Lisa Jackson, to hire Steven Gunn as a Special Attorney, to assist with the loan and grant packages for the CARES Act, to be managed by the Planning Director, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$7,500.00 per month, with the Settlement account as the funding source, and these funds will be reimbursed with the Coronavirus Relief Funds when received, and to authorize Tribal Chairman Donovan White to execute the Contract, pending legal review, as presented by Planning Director Michael Roberts.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 6: 13 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (2). 3 Opposed: Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 7: made by Francis Crawford, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to hire Mark Van Norman as a Special Consultant, in addition to his lobbyist duties, to assist the Planning Director with identifying grant funding and infrastructure opportunities, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,500.00 per month, with the Settlement account as the funding source, and these funds will be reimbursed with the Coronavirus Relief Funds when received, and to authorize Tribal Chairman Donovan White to execute the Contract, pending legal review, as presented by Planning Director Michael Roberts.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 7: 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. 1 Abstained: Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 8: made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, in resolution form, that due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, to request from the IHS Great Plains Area Office to utilize space at the Sisseton IHS Service Unit as a hospital for COVID-19 patients, and to request the IHS Great Plains Area Office to allocate additional funding to provide staff, beds, ventilators, and other necessary equipment for this purpose.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 8: 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.

Resolution No. SWO-20-037



MOTION NO. 9: made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Milton Owen, to have the Tribal Vice-Chairman research the possibility of refinancing all SWO loans at lower interest rates.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 9: 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.

MOTION NO. 10: made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Francis Crawford, question by Cheryl Owen, to authorize the Tiospa Zina Tribal School, Enemy Swim Day School, Head Start, and Early Head Start to close until May 1, 2020, to protect the health and safety of the students and staff, and to authorize the schools to provide meals and continued learning for students.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 10: 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.

MOTION NO. 11: made by Francis Crawford, second by Milton Owen, question by Lisa Jackson, to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, at 3:42pm.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 11: 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.

MOTION NO. 12: made by Cheryl Owen, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Lisa Jackson, to come out of Executive Session, at 4:10pm.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 12: 14 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 2 Absent From Vote: Francis Crawford (2). 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 13: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Milton Owen, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to acknowledge Big Coulee District Motion #12, of the February 23, 2020 Big Coulee District Meeting.

- Approve Adult Membership: Kerina Provost and Tanner Tall Bear.



WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 13: 14 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 2 Absent From Vote: Francis Crawford (2). 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 14: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Winfield Rondell Jr, to acknowledge Big Coulee District Motion #13, of the February 23, 2020 Big Coulee District Meeting.

- Approve Youth Membership: Raymond Eagle Jr., Kalilah Fallis, and Kimia Tall Bear.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 14: 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.

MOTION NO. 15: made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Louis Johnson, to terminate the Employment Agreement with Wanette Lenling as the Tribal Public Defender, for cause, effective today (4/1/20), and to advertise for this position.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 15: 13 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Curtis Bissonette (2). 0 Opposed. 3 Abstained: Milton Owen (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

Note: Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson returned to the meeting.

MOTION NO. 16: made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Myrna Thompson, question by Francis Crawford, to approve the SWO COVID-19 Taskforce Response Plan, with changes, and to have the Tribal Vice-Chairman in charge of this effort and to establish the SWO COVID-19 Taskforce and meeting schedule, with daily/weekly updates to be provided to Tribal Council.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 16: 9 For: Milton Owen (2); Louis Johnson (1); Francis Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 8 Opposed: Cheryl Owen (3); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Lisa Jackson (2). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 17: made by Francis Crawford, second by Curtis Bissonette, to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED 4:37PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Verlyn Beaudreau
Verlyn Beaudreau, Recording Secretary

Approved: May 7, 2020, Motion No. 22 (vb, recording secretary)

