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Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

Myrna Thompson
Tribal Secretary

SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, April 16, 2020, 10:34 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 (11:00)
LONG HOLLOW:	Curtis Bissonette (10:40)
OLD AGENCY:	Milton Owen

TRIBAL EXECUTIVES PRESENT: Tribal Chairman Donovan White, Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr. (10:43), and Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson

CALL TO ORDER: Tribal Chairman Donovan White called the meeting to order at 10:34 AM with two (2) Executives and five (5) 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.

MOTION NO. 31: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to authorize the submission of the loan applications to the Great Plains Bank or other suitable financial institution, for the SBA Payroll Protection Program for the COVID-19 pandemic, and to authorize Tribal Chairman Donovan White to execute the necessary documents, as recommended by Attorney Steven Gunn.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 31: 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. 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. 32: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to authorize the Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary to submit the necessary documents and information to the U.S. Department of Treasury, to apply for the CARES Act Title V – Relief Fund, and to authorize the Executives to sign the necessary documents, as recommended by Attorney Steven Gunn.

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 Edmund Johnson Jr., second by Francis Crawford, question by Milton Owen, to authorize the Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority (SWHA) to utilize the funding already received from the Tribe, to pay bills and invoices for the Dakota Nation Development Corporation (DNDC) housing units, up to \$150,000.00, and these funds will be reimbursed when the SWHA receives its allocation for the DNDC.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 33: 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. 34: made by Myrna Thompson, second by Francis Crawford, question by Lisa Jackson, to reactivate the Constitution Revision Committee and the Reservation Election Board to begin their processes for the upcoming elections.

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 Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to approve an Addendum to the Contract with Avisen Legal, P.A., to assist the Tribe with employment issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to authorize Tribal Chairman Donovan White to execute the Addendum, pending legal review.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 35: 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. 36: made by Francis Crawford, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Cheryl Owen, in resolution form, to request the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs to remove Tara Sweeney as Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs.



WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 36: 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-20-038

MOTION NO. 37: made by Francis Crawford, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to direct the EDA/DNI entities to provide their IRS 941 Forms or the last four (4) months of payroll and benefits information to the Tribal Vice-Chairman by Friday, April 17, 2020, so the information can be compiled to apply for the Payroll Protection Program.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 37: 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. 38: made by Francis Crawford, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to approve the following budgets: Realty – FY2020 Internship Grant Award; Fish & Wildlife – Cooperative Extension; F&W – Agriculture; F&W – Wildlife; F&W – Fisheries; F&W – Recreation; and F&W – Invasive Species, as submitted by Budget Supervisor Lexie Fancher.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 38: 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. 39: made by Francis Crawford, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Myrna Thompson, to oppose the raising of the water levels on Lake Traverse, as proposed by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and that consultation with the SWO needs to happen for this proposal.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 39: 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. 40: made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Lisa Jackson, to transfer \$50,000.00 to the Emergency Management – Natural Disasters account, with Gaming Revenue as the funding source.



WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 40: 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. 41: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Edmund Johnson Jr., to authorize the Tribal Vice-Chairman to establish an emergency account to pay for the benefits of laid-off Central Government Employees, in the amount of \$250,000.00, with the Justice Center Set-Aside as the funding source, and that these funds will be reimbursed with the CARES Act funding.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 41: 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. 42: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Lisa Jackson, question by Milton Owen, to approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

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 Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Edmund Johnson Jr., to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED 1:36PM.

Respectfully Submitted, 
Verlyn Beaudreau, Recording Secretary

