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SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
Friday, April 3, 2020, 1:39 PM
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
LONG HOLLOW: Curtis Bissonette (called in)
OLD AGENCY: Milton Owen

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

CALL TO ORDER: Tribal Chairman Donovan White called the meeting to order at 1:39 PM with three (3) Executives and seven (7) Council members from seven (7) Districts answering Roll Call.

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. 18: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Francis Crawford, to rescind Tribal Council Motion No. 65, of 3/30/20, “to close Dakota Magic Casino, Dakota Connection Casino, and Dakota Sioux Casino for one (1) additional week, (three weeks total, which began Sunday, March 22), and to authorize employees to be paid during this closure, with the closure and financial situation to be reviewed at the end of this week.”, as recommended by Interim DNGE CEO Robert Mudd.

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 Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to authorize Dakota Nation Gaming Enterprise, Dakota Magic Casino, Dakota Connection Casino, and Dakota Sioux Casino to furlough non-essential employees, effective April 6, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to have the Human Resources staff available to assist employees with unemployment applications, as recommended by Interim DNGE CEO Robert Mudd. (As amended via Motion No. 26, of 4/6/20)

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 19: 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. (As amended via Motion No. 26, of 4/6/20)

MOTION NO. 20: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Cheryl Owen, question by Curtis Bissonette, to approve the SWO Fuel Inc. & Agency C-Store verbal report, as presented telephonically by General Manager James Bird.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 20: 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. 0 Abstained. 3 Absent From Vote: Francis Crawford (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.
MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 21: made by Milton Owen, second by Cheryl 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. 21: 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. 1 Absent From Vote: Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.
MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 22: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Cheryl Owen, question by Myrna Thompson, to approve the I-29 Motel report, as presented by Manager Nicole Wanna.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 22: 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. 1 Absent From Vote: Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.
MOTION PASSED.

Note: Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr. now present in Council Chambers.
MOTION NO. 23: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Cheryl Owen, question by Francis Crawford, to approve an Addendum to the Legal Services Agreement with David Geyer of Delaney, Nielsen & Sannes P.C., to serve as the temporary Public Defender for SWO Tribal Court, under the same terms as his current Agreement, and to authorize the Tribal Chairman to execute the Addendum, pending legal review, as presented by Tribal Chairman Donovan White. (Motion rescinded via Motion No. 28, of 4/6/20)

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 23: 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. 1 Abstained: Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.
MOTION PASSED. (Motion rescinded via Motion No. 28, of 4/6/20)

MOTION NO. 24: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to approve an Addendum to the Legal Services Agreement with Alexander Vian, to serve as Prosecutor for the SWO Tribal Court until the position is filled, and to authorize the Tribal Chairman to execute the Addendum, pending legal review, as presented by Tribal Chairman Donovan White.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 24: 14 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 3 Opposed: Milton Owen (2); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.
MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 25: made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED 3:08PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Verlyn Beaudreau, Recording Secretary

Approved: May 7, 2020, Motion No. 23 (vb, recording secretary)