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Tribal Secretary

SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
Friday, May 22, 2020, 12:50 PM
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
OLD AGENCY:	Milton Owen

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

CALL TO ORDER: Tribal Chairman Donovan White called the meeting to order at 12:50 PM with three (3) Executives and seven (7) Council members from seven (7) Districts answering Roll Call.

MOTION NO. 48: made by Winfield Rondell Jr., second by Lisa Jackson, question by Cheryl Owen, to hire Bruce Jones as the Project Coordinator for the SWO Detention Center Project, with the BIA Detention Center grant as the funding source.

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 Cheryl Owen, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Lisa Jackson, to approve the resolution, "Authorizing Expenditures from the Treasury Department Coronavirus Relief Fund Payment", with corrections.

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.

Resolution No. SWO-20-043

MOTION NO. 50: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Milton Owen, to approve the resolution, "Authorizing Expenditures from the BIA CARES Act Payment".

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.

Resolution No. SWO-20-044

MOTION NO. 51: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to approve the resolution, "Authorizing a Contract for the Planning and Construction of the Emergency COVID-19 Tribal Justice Facility Using Funds from the Treasury Department Coronavirus Relief Fund Payment", with corrections.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 51: 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-20-045

MOTION NO. 52: made by Cheryl Owen, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Milton Owen, to approve the resolution, "Authorizing a Contract for the Planning and Construction of the Emergency COVID-19 Medical Treatment Facility Using Funds from the Treasury Department Coronavirus Relief Fund Payment", with corrections.

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.

Resolution No. SWO-20-046

MOTION NO. 53: made by Cheryl Owen, second by Milton Owen, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to allocate \$30,000.00 to the Planning Department, for the production of face masks for the COVID-19 pandemic, with the COVID-19 ATG funds as the funding source, as requested by Planning Director Michael Roberts. **(As amended via Motion No. 3, of 6/1/20)**

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 53: 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. 1 Abstained: Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED. (As amended via Motion No. 3, of 6/1/20)



MOTION NO. 54: made by Francis Crawford, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Cheryl Owen, to have the Tribal Chairman negotiate the terms of the contract for Bruce Jones to serve as the Project Coordinator for the Detention Center Project and the Temporary Hospital Project, as a sole source vendor due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 funding timelines, and for the contract to be reviewed by Tribal Council for approval.

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 Myrna Thompson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Curtis Bissonette, in resolution form, to authorize the P.L. 93-638 Contract with the Indian Health Service for the Construction, Design and Planning, and Statement of Work Negotiations for the Woodrow Wilson Keeble Memorial Health Care Center Upgrades, and Feasibility Study and Conceptual Design for the in Patient Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center, as recommended by Consultant Mark Van Norman.

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.

Resolution No. SWO-20-047

MOTION NO. 56: made by Edmund Johnson Jr., second by Milton Owen, question by Francis Crawford, to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue, at 2:20pm.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 56: 12 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 5 Absent From Vote: Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Curtis Bissonette (2). 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 57: made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Milton Owen, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to come out of Executive Session, at 3:05pm.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 57: 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. 58: made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Edmund Johnson Jr., question by Milton Owen, to suspend Tribal Chairman Donovan White, with pay, effective immediately, pending a Removal Hearing, for alleged violations of gross neglect or improper conduct, as provided by the SWO Constitution & By-Laws Code of Ethics, and to have the Tribal Secretary work with legal counsel to ensure that proper due process established by the Constitution is followed, and for the Tribal Secretary to give a minimum of five (5) days notice with a copy of the written charges. The written statement of charges shall be set forth in a subsequent Resolution.

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.

Note: Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr. now chairing the meeting.

MOTION NO. 59: made by Francis Crawford, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Curtis Bissonette, to go into Executive Session, at 3:49pm.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 59: 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. 60: made by Lisa Jackson, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Curtis Bissonette, to come out of Executive Session, at 4:28pm.

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.

MOTION NO. 61: made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to authorize the opening of Dakota Magic Casino, Dakota Connection Casino, and Dakota Sioux Casino, in accordance with the plan submitted by DNGE CEO Robert Mudd, and for DNGE to advertise/announce the opening dates.

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.



MOTION NO. 62: made by Francis Crawford, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to appoint Dean Price as the Co-General Manager of Dakota Sioux Casino, as recommended by DNGE CEO Robert Mudd.

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.

MOTION NO. 63: made by Myrna Thompson, second by Curtis Bissonette, question by Milton Owen, to authorize the Reservation Election Board (REB) to utilize Attorney Greg Paulson, if needed, for any unforeseen legal matters, as requested by the Reservation Election Board.

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 Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to have the Planning Department research the possibility of the SWO beginning to manufacture intravenous (IV) bags.

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 Lisa Jackson, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Louis Johnson, to post the Approved Tribal Council Meeting Minutes on the SWO website, beginning with 2019.

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.

MOTION NO. 66: made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Milton Owen, to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED 4:34PM.

Respectfully Submitted, 
Verlyn Beaudreau, Recording Secretary

