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*Myrna Thompson*  
Tribal Secretary

SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday, May 27, 2020, 10:53 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
OLD AGENCY:	Milton Owen

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

**TRIBAL EXECUTIVES ABSENT:** Tribal Chairman Donovan White (suspended pending hearing)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:53 AM with two (2) Executives and seven (7) Council members from seven (7) Districts answering Roll Call. Opening Prayer for the Enemy Swim District said by Enemy Swim Tribal Council Member Cheryl Owen.

**MOTION NO. 67:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Milton Owen, question by Lisa Jackson, to approve the resolution, "Written Statement of Charges Against Donovan White", and for the Tribal Secretary to serve Chairman White with a copy of the written statement of charges and notify the Chairman in writing that the removal hearing shall be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 10:00 am in Tribal Council Chambers.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 67:** 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.**

**Resolution No. SWO-20-048**

**MOTION NO. 68:** made by Lisa Jackson, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Cheryl Owen, to have an outside investigation performed into the way the complaint against the Tribal Chairman was handled by the Captain of Police, Tribal Executives, and Members of Council, and to review the complaint made against the Tribal Vice-Chairman, to determine if there were actions to minimize or cover up the allegations made, to include Child Protection Program Staff and the Tribal Secretary.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 68: 8 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Lisa Jackson (2); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3). 9 Opposed: Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Secretary (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 0 Not Voting.

**MOTION DEFEATED.**

**Note:** Motion No. 68 resulted in a tie vote. The Tribal Vice-Chairman's vote was required to break the tie.

**MOTION NO. 69:** made by Francis Crawford, second by Milton Owen, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to go into Executive Session, at 11:05am.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 69: 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. 70:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Winfield Rondell Jr., question by Milton Owen, to come out of Executive Session, at 11:36am.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 70: 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. 71:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Francis Crawford, question by Milton Owen, to transfer \$260,208.00 from the Admin Building account, and \$68,000.00 from the Tribal Funds account, to the Gaming Proceeds Checking account, for payroll purposes, as presented by Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 71: 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. 72:** made by Francis Crawford, second by Lisa Jackson, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., that due to the lack of Gaming Distribution to the Tribe from the DNGE Casinos, (which was a result of the COVID-19 pandemic closures), to temporarily suspend the monthly District and Elderly Distributions, the monthly Elderly Food Coupons, and the June Elderly Casino Day, effective June 1, 2020, until further notice.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 72: 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. 73:** made by Lisa Jackson, second by Cheryl Owen, question by Winfield Rondell Jr., to amend the Contract with Kim Lowe of Avisen Legal, P.A., to have her assist the Tribe with revising Tribal Codes and processes for boards and committees.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 73: 15 For: Cheryl Owen (3); Louis Johnson (1); Winfield Rondell Jr. (3); Francis Crawford (2); Milton Owen (2); Lisa Jackson (2); Curtis Bissonette (2). 1 Opposed: Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Vice-Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 74:** made by Francis Crawford, second by Lisa Jackson, to adjourn.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 11:57AM.**

Respectfully Submitted,   
Verlyn Beaudreau, Recording Secretary

