

REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 9:00 AM  
TiWakan Tio Tipi Council Chambers

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

BUFFALO LAKE: Kenneth Johnson  
ENEMY SWIM: Dallas Owen  
LAKE TRAVERSE: Joan White  
LONG HOLLOW: Janell Cook  
OLD AGENCY: Floyd Kirk Jr.

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

BIG COULEE: A. Lydia Amos (medical)  
HEIPAVEBLEN: Brandon Gypsy Wanna (medical)

**TRIBAL EXECUTIVES PRESENT:** Tribal Chairman J. Garret Renville, Tribal Vice-Chairwoman Alexandria Fancher, and Tribal Secretary Curtis Bissonette

**CALL TO ORDER:** Tribal Chairman J. Garret Renville called the meeting to order at 9:19 AM with three (3) Executives and five (5) Council members from seven (7) Districts answering Roll Call. Opening prayer for the Tribal Vice-Chairwoman said by Tribal Vice-Chairwoman Alexandria Fancher.

**MOTION NO. 46:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Floyd Kirk Jr., question by Janell Cook, to allocate an additional \$495,900.00 to the I.T. Building Renovation Project for the HVAC system, with the ARPA budget as the funding source, as presented by I.T. Manager Dawn Drum and Construction Manager Russell Eberhardt.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 46:** 11 For: Dallas Owen (3); Floyd Kirk Jr. (2); Joan White (2); Janell Cook (2); Tribal Vice-Chairwoman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 1 Opposed: Kenneth Johnson (1). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 47:** made by Floyd Kirk Jr., second by Dallas Owen, question by Janell Cook, to approve the Change Order for the SWO Detention Center Project for the Water Tower and transmission line design cost, in the amount of \$222,123.00, as submitted by Donlar Construction, with the BIA Water Tower budget as the funding source, as presented by Construction Manager Russell Eberhardt.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 47:** 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Floyd Kirk Jr. (2); Joan White (2); Janell Cook (2); Kenneth Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairwoman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 48:** made by Alexandria Fancher, second by Joan White, question by Janell Cook, to accept the solar energy system as proposed by Cedar Creek Energy to provide 28% energy production for the SWO Detention Center Project, as recommended by Donlar Construction, and as presented by Construction Manager Russell Eberhardt.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 48:** 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Floyd Kirk Jr. (2); Joan White (2); Janell Cook (2); Kenneth Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairwoman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 49:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Floyd Kirk Jr., question by Janell Cook, to approve the Construction Contracting Office report, as presented by Construction Manager Russell Eberhardt.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 49:** 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Floyd Kirk Jr. (2); Joan White (2); Janell Cook (2); Kenneth Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairwoman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 50:** made by Alexandria Fancher, second by Floyd Kirk Jr., question by Janell Cook, to authorize the Education Office to submit an application for the Tobacco Youth & Community Engagement grant, in the amount of \$25,000.00, from the South Dakota Tobacco Control Program, as submitted by Education Director Dr. Sherry Johnson.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 50:** 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Floyd Kirk Jr. (2); Joan White (2); Janell Cook (2); Kenneth Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairwoman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 51:** made by Alexandria Fancher, second by Floyd Kirk Jr., question by Janell Cook, to authorize the Education Office to submit an application for the Tobacco Disparities grant, in the amount of \$25,000.00, from the South Dakota Tobacco Control Program, as submitted by Education Director Dr. Sherry Johnson.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 51: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Floyd Kirk Jr. (2); Joan White (2); Janell Cook (2); Kenneth Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairwoman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 52:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Floyd Kirk Jr., question by Janell Cook, to approve the following Head Start reports for February 2024: Managers; Financial; Health & Food; Attendance & Enrollment; and the Head Start and Early Head Start report, as submitted by Director Lennie Bernard-Peters.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 52: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Floyd Kirk Jr. (2); Joan White (2); Janell Cook (2); Kenneth Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairwoman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 53:** made by Floyd Kirk Jr., second by Dallas Owen, question by Janell Cook, to go into Executive Session to discuss legal issues, at 10:01am.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 53: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Floyd Kirk Jr. (2); Joan White (2); Janell Cook (2); Kenneth Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairwoman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 54:** made by Floyd Kirk Jr., second by Curtis Bissonette, question by Dallas Owen, to come out of Executive Session, at 11:00am.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 54: 11 For: Dallas Owen (3); Floyd Kirk Jr. (2); Joan White (2); Janell Cook (2); Tribal Vice-Chairwoman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 1 Absent From Vote: Kenneth Johnson (1). 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 55:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Joan White, question by Janell Cook, to approve a contract with Steven Gunn to serve as a Tax/Special Attorney for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, and to authorize the Tribal Chairman to execute the Contract, as presented by Tribal Attorney Megan LaFromboise.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 55: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Floyd Kirk Jr. (2); Joan White (2); Janell Cook (2); Kenneth Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairwoman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 56:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Joan White, question by Kenneth Johnson, to approve the Legal Office report, as presented by Tribal Attorneys Megan LaFromboise and Shaun Eastman.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 56: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Floyd Kirk Jr. (2); Joan White (2); Janell Cook (2); Kenneth Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairwoman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 57:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Alexandria Fancher, question by Floyd Kirk Jr., to authorize the purchase of an office building from Centennial Homes, for the Lighthouse Group Home, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$145,000.00, with the BIA ATG budget as the funding source, as presented by Tribal Secretary Curtis Bissonette.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 57: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Floyd Kirk Jr. (2); Joan White (2); Janell Cook (2); Kenneth Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairwoman (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 Floyd Kirk Jr., question by Dallas Owen, to approve sponsorship for Tribal Member students who will be attending the Tiospa Zina Senior Class Trip or the Sisseton Senior/Junior Class Trip, in the amount of \$1,000.00 each, with the Youth budgets as the funding source, as presented by Tribal Secretary Curtis Bissonette.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 58: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Floyd Kirk Jr. (2); Joan White (2); Janell Cook (2); Kenneth Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairwoman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 59:** made by Floyd Kirk Jr., second by Dallas Owen, to adjourn.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 11:07 AM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Verlyn Beaudreau, Recording Secretary