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Heipa District Regular Meeting
Sunday May 15, 2022, 11:00am
Heipa District Center



Regular Meeting

Members present: There were 30 members signed in. Gypsy Wanna, Alan LaBelle, Marie Renville, Karen White, Helena LaBatte, Elnora Dumarce, Jay Renville, Mickey Renville, Verlyn Beaudreau, Allen White, Renae Huntington, Donald Anderson, Sandy Anderson, Maynard, Barbara Heminger, Nikki Abraham, Melissa Abraham, Charlene LaFontaine, Doug Renville, Buffy Nanaeto, Veronica Leaf-Bellile, Marsha Renville, Aaron Keeble, Edith MacConnell, Bertha Greeley, Joey Heminger, Michelle Wanna, Kristin Wanna, Nadine LaBelle, Angel Wanna.

Absent: Leanna Bernard, Spencer Wanna, Steve Renville

Chairman Jay Renville called the meeting to order at 11:06am. Prayer by Barbara Heminger.

Agenda

- Chairman's Report
- Vice-Chair's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Council Woman's Report
- Board and Committee Reports
- Adjournment

Chairman Jay Renville's Report

There was an update on the District's Community Needs Assessment; as of May 12, 2022, 82 people completed the assessment.

The District wants the disbursement numbers to be checked from the May 3, 2022, Council Minutes Motion 24 ARPA funds.

There was a discussion on the restraining order placed on a district member by the Tribal Chairman.

The Pow Wow committee was activated.

Motion 1 by JR Rondell, second Renae Huntington, question Verlyn Beaudreau for Councilwoman to research the possibility for FEMA dollars for SWHA and privately owned tribal member homes due to the recent storm. 15 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 2 by JR Rondell, second Alan LaBelle, question Doug Renville for tribal members to get a \$0.50 per gallon of gas discount from the DNGE

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casinos: Dakota Connection, Dakota Magic, and Dakota Sioux casinos. 19 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 3 by Allen White, second Karen White, question JR Rondell for Council to RFP for another law firm to assist with the ARPA funding, regulations, and compliance. 22 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 4 by Allen White, second Alan LaBelle, question Doug Renville to investigate the DARE program in relation to the operation, structure, and hiring process. If there is a job description for the coordinator position, all employees hired, qualifications for the position, and who authorizes travel and expenditures for that program and who signs for the program. With a monthly expenditures and activity report to be distributed to the districts. 21 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 5 by Verlyn Beaudreau, second JR Rondell, question Alan LaBelle that all DARE and seasonal employees must be SWO Tribal Members effective immediately and request that Councilwoman to make the motion at the next Council Meeting. 23 for, 1 opposed, motion passed.

Action Items To continue looking into a bottled water business

Vice-Chair Karen White's Report

Motion 6 by Allen White, second Joey Heminger, question Doug Renville that DNGE Employees get premium pay at \$7.00 per hour retro back to March 2020 from ARPA funding, same as the Council received. 25 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Treasurer Buffy Nanaeto's Report

Buffy gave an update on Home Improvement funds and District Members can put in an application for Home Improvement.

Motion 7 by Barbara Heminger, second Bob LaFromboise, question Alan LaBelle for the District to pay Helena LaBatte a \$250.00 Christmas bonus because she did not receive a 2021 Christmas bonus from the Tribe for the SWO EPAC Board. 18 for, 1 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 8 by Marie Renville, second Veronica Leaf-Bellile, question Allen White for the District to pay Marsha Renville a \$250.00 Christmas bonus because she did not receive a 2021 Christmas bonus from the Tribe for the Human Services Board. 20 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Action Item Buffy will find out if the District can be reimbursed for the Christmas Bonuses.

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There was a discussion of District Coordinators and sitting on District Boards. The District Constitution states that a member can sit on three District Boards/Committees. There should be written clarification on Coordinator positions and if it counts as a board or committee.

Break at 12:50pm. Meeting resumed at 1:03pm.

Secretary Renae Huntington's Report

- Motion 9** by Verlyn Beaudreau, second JR Rondell, question Elly LaBelle to accept April 10, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes and April 13, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes. 10 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
- Motion 10** by Allen White, second JR Rondell, question Verlyn Beaudreau to approve Jessee McKay's relinquishment request from the Heipa District. 13 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
- Motion 11** by JR Rondell, second Alan LaBelle, question Verlyn Beaudreau to accept the new district member Ashley Noelle Silvamercado. 15 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
- Motion 12** by Allen White, second Verlyn Beaudreau, question JR Rondell to accept the two youth to adult members Christian Dean Renville and Melissa Dawn Abraham. 17 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Councilwoman Gypsy Wanna's Report

Councilwoman received extortion threats.

There will be a Council discussion on a domestic violence incident relating to a Council Representative.

There was a discussion on the MOU Robert's County Jail and treatment of Tribal Members. Statements were collected from Tribal Member inmates.

Greg Paulson is to research if the Tribe can have more than one Section 17.

There was a discussion on SWHA taking over I29 and on other tribally leased homes.

There was an update on the cannabis regulations and the Cannabis Commission.

- Motion 13** by Verlyn Beaudreau, second JR Rondell, question Doug Renville for Councilwoman Gypsy Wanna to file an (FBI) Federal Investigation on the extortion threats documented in her report. 20 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
- Motion 14** by JR Rondell, second Karen White, question Alan LaBelle that the District Membership is directing Heipa Councilwoman to make the motion at the

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next Tribal Council Meeting directing the Tribal Chairman to get the legal opinion on the Robert's County jail stays and medical, to have a status of the MOU with Robert's County Jail, and to have it with a deadline of June 7, 2022. 20 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 15 by Allen White, second Alan LaBelle, question Bob LaFromboise to request Councilperson to inquire about the revenue from all tribally leased houses, where the revenue is collected and where it is allocated. 20 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 16 by Marsha Renville, second Doug Renville, question Alan LaBelle to have the credit card reports and statements included on the Tribal Vice-Chairperson's monthly reports to Tribal Council. 17 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Other

There was a discussion on installing electric car charging stations at Dakota Crossing.

Motion 17 by Karen White, second Verlyn Beaudreau, Question JR Rondell to pay Alan Labelle \$300.00 for getting the district buffalo processed. 19 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 18 by Karen White, second JR Rondell, question Alan LaBelle for Tribe to set aside 5 million dollars from the ARPA funds for the construction of the Justice Center. 21 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 19 by JR Rondell, second Gypsy Wanna, question Michelle Wanna to leave June's Regular Meeting as is. 15 for, 4 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 20 by Marsha Renville, second Verlyn Beaudreau, question Allen White that Tribal Executives and Council make it a priority for the Tribe to get the SWO boundaries back in place. (Utilize Angelic Eagle Woman's advice for an attorney.) 19 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 21 by Verlyn Beaudreau, second Allen White, question JR Rondell to accept all Executive Reports. 19 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Board and Committee Reports

THPO Marie Renville gave an update on THPO Traditional Pow Wow Special.

TZTS Marie Renville gave an update on TZTS summer school.

Constitution Marie Renville gave an update from the last meeting.

Personnel Marie Renville gave an update on new hires.

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Tax JR Rondell gave an update on the online tax agreement.

Human Services JR Rondell - Randy Jordan is retiring, there are currently no walk-ins at IHS, there is a 24hour on call nurse that can be reached.

Motion 22 by Verlyn Beaudreau, second JR Rondell, question Doug Renville that Tribal Council gets a say in hiring the next Sisseton IHS qualified CEO. 14 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Judicial Bob LaFromboise gave an update on positions and upcoming public forum.

Pow Wow Elly Dumarce discussed the budget. Pow Wow Committee discussed the work needed to be done based on last year.

Motion 23 by Allen White, second Bob LaFromboise, question Doug Renville to hire Randy LaBelle to spray the pow wow grounds and arena at the district center and to pay \$300 out of the Maintenance account. 17 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Action Item Allen White will get an estimate for the work needed to be done and will bring to the next meeting.

Police Commission Verlyn Beaudreau gave an update on police and Narcan use. There was a discussion on providing Narcan to anyone who wants/needs it and possibly provide a supply at the District Center.

Motion 24 by Verlyn Beaudreau, second JR Rondell, question Angel Wanna to oppose any funding to the City of Sisseton water and sewer projects from the Sisseton IHS funding. 13 for, 1 opposed, motion passed.

Motion by Bob LaFromboise to adjourn. All in Favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53pm.

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Executives, Boards and Committees

Jay Renville	Chairman	X	Elly Dumarce	Constitution, Elderly, Pow Wow	X
Karen White	Vice-Chair	X	Helena LaBatte	Environmental Protection	X
Buffy Nanaeto	Treasurer	X	Kristin Wanna	Pow Wow, Youth	X
Renaë Huntington	Secretary	X	Leanna Bernard	Election, Youth	
Gypsy Wanna	Council Woman	X	Marie Renville	Constitution, Elderly, Personnel, THPO, TZTS	X
Mickey Renville	Sargent of Arms	X	Nadine LaBelle	Election, Pow Wow, Youth	X
Amos White	Constitution, Pow Wow	X	Spencer Wanna	Fish & Wildlife, Housing	
Angel Wanna	Election, Youth	X	Steve Renville	Pow Wow	
Barb Heminger	Elderly	X	Verlyn Beaudreau	Police Commission	X
Bob LaFromboise	Constitution, Judicial, REB	X	Winfield Rondell	Human Services, Planning, Tax, TERO	X
Doug Renville	Elderly	X			

X=present, E=excused absence, U=unexcused absence