

MINUTES

Heipa District Regular Meeting
Sunday April 10, 2022, 11:00am
Heipa District Center



Regular Meeting

Members present: There were 26 members signed in. Merlin Jay Renville, Renae Huntington, Gypsy Wanna, Karen White, Steve Renville, Winfield Rondell, Mickey Renville, Veronica Leaf, Marsha Renville, Spencer Wanna, Leanna Bernard, Doug Renville, Kristin Wanna, Marie Renville, Barbara Heminger, Rebecca Wilkie, Angel Wanna, Nadine LaBelle, Paige LaBelle, Alan LaBelle, Robert LaFromboise, Danielle Robertson, Verlyn Beaudreau, Bertha Greeley, Anpao Buckanaga, Hopsti Buckanaga. Sign-in sheet attached.

Absent: Buffy Nanaeto, Allen White, Helena LaBatte

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

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

The Heipa District Website is ready and will be updated. Needs assessment will be continuous and updated as we go. It can be used for future grants that the District can apply for.

www.heipadistrict.com

Water rights and aquifer; possibly use to make a bottled water business. We do not want to lose water rights or have another city/entity tap into the aquifer supply.

Motion 1 by Winfield Rondell, second Doug Renville, question Marie Renville to put together a committee to go to Shakopee to talk about making a water business. To follow the Tribes Travel Policy: the Peridium, mileage, room, etc. 17 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

We need to come up with a policy for members who get District assistance to travel for conferences and events. Sleepy Eye Shannon LaFromboise still needs to present information back to the District.

There are concerns with how the Warming House is being run and how members are being treated. Chairman has requested for guidelines from the Warming House, Homeless Shelter, and from Little Steps Daycare.

Medical Cannabis project

Action Item: For Council Woman to get a copy of the Tribal Human Resources Cannabis Policy.

Minutes recorded by: Secretary Renae Huntington

Minutes approved on: May 15, 2022, Motion 9

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Secretary Renae Huntington's Report

Youth to adult member: Aidan Demarrias

New adult members: Wendal Arlynn Moran and Dasani Evian Lacroix

Motion 2 by Winfield Rondell, second Verlyn Beaudreau, question Alan LaBelle to accept March 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and March 23, 2022 Executive Meeting Minutes. 14 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 3 by Winfield Rondell, second Verlyn Beaudreau, question Alan LaBelle, to accept the youth to adult member Adrian Demarrias. 14 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 4 by Winfield Rondell, second Verlyn Beaudreau, Question Alan LaBelle, to accept the two new adult members Wendal Arlynn Moran and Dasani Evian LaCroix to the Heipa District. 12 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Other

Motion 5 by Marsha Renville, second Doug Renville, question Elly Dumarce that the Majority of Tribal Executives and Council Members honor their campaign to Tribal Members and believe in transparency. Do not have Veterans sitting in Council as a threat to Tribal Members who have questions, want clarification, or who wish to express concern on Council Actions and Council Motions. Our Veterans are being used to intimidate the members. 10 for, 5 opposed, motion passed.

Note:

"ARTICLE IX – BILL OF RIGHTS

SECTION 1. All members of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate shall be accorded equal political rights and equal opportunities to participate in the economic resources and activities of the Tribe(Oyate), **and no person shall be denied freedom of conscience, speech, association or assembly, or due process of law, or the right to petition for the redress of grievances.** The members of the Tribe (Oyate) shall continue undisturbed in their religious beliefs and nothing in this Revised Constitution and By-Laws will authorize either the Council (Oitanqan) or the General Council to interfere with these traditional religious practices according to their customs."

Motion 6 by Winfield Rondell, second Verlyn Beaudreau, question Marie Renville to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18pm.

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Executives, Boards and Committees

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| Jay Renville | Chairman | X | Elly Dumarce | Constitution, Elderly, Pow Wow | X |
| Karen White | Vice-Chair | X | Helena LaBatte | Environmental Protection | |
| Buffy Nanaeto | Treasurer | E | Kristin Wanna | Pow Wow, Youth | X |
| Renaë Huntington | Secretary | X | Leanna Bernard | Election, Youth | X |
| 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 | E | Spencer Wanna | Fish & Wildlife, Housing | X |
| Angel Wanna | Election, Youth | X | Steve Renville | Pow Wow | X |
| 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