

# Heipa District Regular Meeting Minutes March 21, 2021

Chairman Jay Renville called meeting to order at 11:03am. Prayer by Spencer Wanna.  
Chairman Jay Renville called meeting to break at 12:25pm and back to order at 12:40pm.  
Meeting adjourned at 2:01pm.

**Members present:** Sign-in sheet attached.

**Executives, Boards, and Committees:**

Gypsy Wanna	Councilwoman	X	Buffy Nanaeto	Treasurer	X
Jay Renville	Chairman	X	Renae Huntington	Secretary	X
Karen White	Vice-Chair	X	Allen White	Sergeant of Arms	X
Angel Wanna	Youth	X	Nadine LaBelle	Youth, Election	X
Leanna Bernard	Youth	X	Spencer Wanna	Elderly, SWHA	X
Marie Renville	Elderly, SWO Elderly, TZTS, Constitution				X

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

**Topics:**

- Filled executive positions.
- District Member Richard Tall Bear presented information on medical marijuana (cannabis); proposing to create a medical cannabis business/dispensary on the SWO Reservation. Positives: provides revenue and jobs for Tribal members, regulates growing processes of marijuana plants and provides a “clean” product to our Tribal members. Negatives: dispensaries attract crime, security is a concern.
  - Medical Marijuana has passed in State Law and the State regulations become in effect on July 1, 2021. Tribal codes, laws, and regulations need to be created/updated.
    - **Motion #1:** by Scott LaCroix to have Council Representative to bring all medical marijuana information to Council to create codes for medical marijuana and dispensary. Scott LaCroix rescinded last proposed motion. Motion by Scott LaCroix to expedite Judicial process to establish medical and recreational cannabis codes. 2nd by Karen White. Questioned by Bob LaFromboise.  
**In Favor: 12. Opposed: 4. Motion Passed.**
    - **Motion #2:** by Scott LaCroix that Heipa District support the Peji Proposal from Richard Tall Bear. 2nd by Elvin LaCroix. Questioned by Marsha LaCroix.  
**In Favor: 10. Opposed: 4. Motion Passed.**
- Vice-Chair Karen White – nothing new to report.

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- Alan LaBelle – One out of Seven emergency lights work, needs certified electrician to install emergency lighting; Alan will ask certified electrician for a quote.
- Dakota Crossing Cards remaining; district members need to fill out form and pick up at the District Center; Dakota Crossing Cards expire at the end of the month and need to be spent beforehand.
  - Drawings for 10 Dakota Gift Cards at the District Meeting. Names Drawn: Michelle Wanna, Scott LaCroix, Marsha Renville, Doug Renville, John Heminger, Bubba LaBelle, Paige LaBelle, Richard Tall Bear, Ellie Dumarce, Spencer Wanna.
    - **Motion #3:** by Alan LaBelle for everyone currently present at today's district meeting to receive a Dakota Crossing card. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Spencer Wanna. Questioned by Mickey Renville.  
**In Favor: 16. Opposed: 0. Motion Passed.**
    - **Motion #4:** by Buffy Nanaeto for district members to pick up a Dakota Crossing card by Friday March 21, 2021 at noon. Any leftover Dakota Crossing cards that are not picked up by the deadline will be spent on cleaning supplies and food for the district center. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marie Renville. Questioned by Allen White.  
**In Favor: 12. Opposed: 0. Motion Passed.**
- Treasurer Buffy Nanaeto updated everyone on the General Account, taxes, and the District's COVID-19 loan, plans to present COVID-19 financial information to Jim Pearson for reimbursement, Board and Committee members need new W-4 forms filled out for 2021.
- Secretary Renae Huntington – presented past district meeting minutes.
  - **Motion #5:** by Bubba LaBelle to approve the February 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, March 07, 2021 Executive Meeting Minutes, and the General Election Tally Sheet from March 20, 2021 with corrections. Sgt. of arms Alan White corrected to Alan LaBelle. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan LaBelle. Questioned by Mickey Renville.  
**In Favor: 17. Opposed: 0. Motion Passed.**
- Council Woman Gypsy Wanna Report - updated members on the Judicial Committee and the Tribal Courts. There was a discussion on COVID-19 funds and future funds from the American Rescue Plan Funding (Wish List).
  - Members reviewed wish list and selected most important priorities.
    - **Motion #6:** by Karen White to finish the Justice Center which includes the jail to be the number one priority from the American Rescue Plan Funding. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bubba LaBelle. Questioned by Marsha Renville.  
**In Favor: 18. Opposed: 0. Motion Passed.**

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- Members reviewed wish list and selected most important priorities. **(Continued)**
  - **Motion #7:** by Helena LaBatte to finish the Juvenile Home/detention center as second priority under the American Rescue Plan Funding. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob LaFromboise. Questioned by: Bubba LaBelle.  
**In Favor: 9. Opposed: 0. Motion Passed.**
  - **Motion #8:** by Ellie Dumarce to provide Air conditioning units or central air for homes, either or, under the American Rescue Plan Funding. 2<sup>nd</sup> Marsha LaCroix. Questioned by: Bubba LaBelle.  
**In Favor: 16. Opposed: 0. Motion Passed.**
  - **Motion #9:** by Marie Renville to provide generators to homes under the American Rescue Plan Funding. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen White. Questioned by Ellie Dumarce.  
**In Favor: 16. Opposed: 0. Motion Passed.**
  - **Motion #10:** by Marsha Renville to have SWO build its own Tribal Utility Company to include electricity and solar energy under the American Rescue Plan Funding. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gypsy Wanna. Questioned by Allen White.  
**In Favor: 16. Opposed: 0. Motion Passed.**
  - **Motion #11:** by Richard Tall Bear to build recreational sites at our lakes that includes: docks, picnic tables, playgrounds under the American Rescue Plan Funding. 2<sup>nd</sup> Marsha LaCroix. Questioned by Scott LaCroix.  
**In Favor: 15. Opposed: 0. Motion Passed.**
  - **Motion #12:** by Scott LaCroix for SWO to build a Tribal Fire Department for District locations. under the American Rescue Plan Funding. 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Bubba LaBelle. Questioned by Helena LaBatte.  
**In Favor: 13. Opposed: 0. Motion Passed.**
  - **Motion #13:** by Scott LaCroix to provide financial payment to help each individual tribal member. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helena LaBatte. Questioned by Bubba LaBelle.  
**In Favor: 13. Opposed: 0. Motion Passed.**
- Discussion of adding Secretary to card list at Dakota Bank.
  - **Motion #14:** by Buffy Nanaeto to place Secretary Renae Huntington on the cards at Dakota Bank in order to sign checks. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan LaBelle. Questioned by Marie Renville.  
**In Favor: 13. Opposed: 0. Motion Passed.**

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- Board and Committee Updates:
  - Planning department – discussion of Tribal Realty home site policy revision.
  - Housing – There will be future housing assistance applications coming out.
  - Maintenance – discussion of hiring members to maintain district center.
    - **Motion #15:** by Ellie Dumarce that Heipa district hire Doug Renville and Randy LaBelle for District maintenance to paint and fix the flagpole; to come out of Maintenance Funds. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan LaBelle. Questioned by Bubba LaBelle.  
**In Favor: 16. Opposed: 0. Motion Passed.**
  - Discussion of Board/Committee positions and advertisements.
- Adjournment:
  - **Motion #16:** by Alan LaBelle to adjourn meeting at 2:01pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bubba LaBelle. Questioned by Allen White.  
**In Favor: 16. Opposed: 0. Motion Passed.**