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Heipa District Regular Meeting
Sunday September 12, 2021, 11:00am
Heipa District Center



Executives:

Jay Renville	Chairman	X	Gypsy Wanna	Council Woman	X
Karen White	Vice-Chair	X	Renaë Huntington	Secretary	X
Buffy Nanaeto	Treasurer	X	Milton Mickey Renville	Sargent of Arms	

Boards and Committees:

Alan LaBelle	Fish & Wildlife, TERO		Kristen Wanna	Youth	X
Allen White	Constitution, Pow-Wow	X	Leanna Bernard	Election, Youth, SWO Youth	X
Angel Wanna	Election, Youth, Assistant	X	Marie Renville	Constitution, Elderly, Personnel, TZTS	X
Barbara Heminger	Elderly	X	Marsha Renville	Human Service	X
Bob LaFromboise	Constitution, Election, Judicial, Reservation	X	Nadine LaBelle	Pow-Wow, Youth District Coordinator	X
Doug Renville	Elderly	X	Spencer Wanna	Housing	X
Elly Dumarce	Constitution, Elderly, Pow-Wow	X	Steve Renville	SWO Pow-Wow	X
Helena LaBatte	Environmental Protection	X	Verlyn Beaudreau	Police Commission	X
JR Rondell	Planning, Tax	X			

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

Chairman Jay Renville called meeting to order at 11:05am. Prayer by Spencer Wanna.

Members present:

Marie Renville, Verlyn Beaudreau, Doug Renville, Charlene, Marsha Renville, Elly Labelle, Allen White, Megan LaFromboise, Leanna Bernard, Kristen Wanna, Bertha Greely, Bob LaFromboise, Barb Heminger, John Heminger, Richard Tall Bear, Steve LaCroix, Barb LaCroix, Angel Wanna, Nadine LaBelle, Steve Renville, JR Rondell, Gypsy Wanna, Jay Renville, Karen White, Buffy Nanaeto, Spencer Wanna, Renaë Huntington, Mona Williams. See sign-in sheet attached.

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Discussions

- Sargent of Arms
 - **Motion 1** by Marie Renville for JR Rondell to be temporary Sargent of Arms for today's meeting. Second by Marsha Renville, Questioned by Doug Renville. 14 for, 1 opposed, motion passed.
- Election Committee – Election Results
 - 20 registered voters voted on the 10 amendments. All amendments passed. Results went to the Constitution Committee to be added to the Heipa District Constitution.
 - Allen White reading off all amendments to district members.
 - Dispute
 - **Motion 2** by Scott Lacroix to accept constitution as is from previous motion held on special meeting for constitution election. Second by Bob LaFromboise, Questioned by Helena LaBatte. 21 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
 - **Motion 3** by Karen White to deactivate the Constitution and Election boards and for the boards to bring the Constitution to the next district meeting. Effective immediately. Second by Scott LaCroix, Questioned by Helena LaBatte. 18 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
- Bids for old district center
 - No bids submitted.
 - Motion Scott LaCroix to find land value of old district center. Rescinded.
 - **Motion 4** by Marsha Renville to check value of land and advertise the old Heipa District Center. Selected at the next district meeting open to everyone. If Heipa district member chooses to match highest bid on non-tribal member bid, it will be sold to the Heipa District member. Second by Spencer Wanna, Questioned by Doug Renville. 4 for, 14 opposed, motion defeated.
 - **Motion 5** by Richard Tall Bear to advertise old district center to the highest District Bidder. Deadline 4:00pm Friday September 24, 2021. Submit bids to the Heipa District Center. Second by Scott LaCroix, Questioned by John Heminger. 17 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
- Chairman's Report
 - Written complaint from District Member –personnel complaint – executive decision to handle situation
 - DCA – Waiting for medical marijuana codes to pass/approved – current draft written- Second draft to be sent out

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- 150k to each district for next 5 years – new dollar amount to see – 1.5m to each district for next 3 years – ARP
 - **Motion 6** by Karen White that each district gets 1.5m each year for the next three years for economic development. Second by Scott LaCroix, Questioned by Allen White. 20 for, 1 opposed, motion passed.
- Heipa Council Woman and Richard Tall Bear – Medical marijuana and Recreational marijuana contract discussions.
- 70:30 workforce tribal employees – voted to waive to get employees to work for casino during pandemic – all casinos short staffed – shuttle, Wage compendium - \$9/hr for tip positions
- Marijuana Medicinal and Recreation – updated in policies and procedures in handbooks, voted to decriminalize, RFP sent out to update code –
 - **Motion 7** by Karen White that the Tribal Chairman follow through with motion made on August 3 to amend all tribal penial codes, handbooks, and personnel policies to reflect the medical marijuana. Second by Charlene, Questioned by Helena LaBatte. 19 for, 1 opposed, motion passed.
- Casino
 - **Motion 8** by Marsha Renville to reaffirm the motion for casinos to reopen the shuttle and casinos to foot the bill for a driver, insurance, and gas. Second by Marie Renville, Questioned by Helena LaBatte. 18 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
- ACTION MOTION TO AFFIRM DCA
 - **Motion 9** by Karen White to waive Tribal Council motion/TERO ordinance regarding the 70:30 work force of tribal members during the pandemic to get people to work at the casinos. Added into the hiring process. Second by JR Rondell, Questioned by Allen White. 16 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
 - **Motion 10** by Scott LaCroix to eliminate current DNGE wage compendium and go back to the former wage matrix. Second by Karen White, Questioned by Allen White. 15 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
- Assistance to tribal ranchers taken to DCA
- Tribal Jail – tribal members charged more
- Break 12:24pm, Resumed at 12:38pm
- Heipa District Concern for Councilwoman’s representation on Facebook
- Talk of alleged Slander and legal issues, Professionalism in Council.
- Vice Chair Karen White’s Report
 - Notice to elders – elderly gift cards – update info at tribal secretary’s office

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- Council Meeting – presentation by John LaBelle, Dakota Case
 - **Motion 11** Scott Lacroix to reaffirm district’s past motion to reestablish boundaries of the Lake Traverse Reservation and for tribal council to advertise an RFP for attorneys to assist with this objective. Second by Verlyn Beaudreau, Questioned by Karen White. 16 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
- Meeting with Roberts County - Jail - Charges for jail stays – council made motion for legal review for jail – indefinite bills for jail stay
- Questions for police commission, when tribal member in jail needs medical care, taken to IHS or CDP, who is responsible for medical bill
 - **Motion 12** by Karen for the tribe to not lease any more land to the non-natives. Second by JR Rondell, Questioned by Scott LaCroix. 20 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
- Karen Gangle – not following Resolution on concurrent jurisdiction
- Heipa District – 5 acres at Dakota Connection – possible past motion of 2.5 acres to each district
 - **Motion 13** by Verlyn Beaudreau to authorize District Executives to proceed with use permit process for land at the Dakota Connection Casino for economic development. Second by Scott Lacroix, Questioned by Karen White. 20 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
- Treasurer Buffy Nanaeto’s Report
 - Two youth members qualifying for state golf
 - **Motion 14** by Verlyn to give youth members Frankie Barse and Caleb Barse \$500 for the state golf if they qualify. Second by JR Rondell, Questioned by Scott LaCroix. 20 for, 0 opposed, motion.
- Angel – youth member requesting assistant for gas, live in Farmington New Mexico, requesting money for transportation. Youth denied request.
- Secretary Renae Huntington’s Report
 - **Motion 15** by Allen White to accept August’s Regular District Meeting Minutes, August’s Special District Meeting Minutes, and September’s Executive Meeting Minutes. Second by Verlyn Beaudreau, Questioned by Doug Renville. 18 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
 - **Motion 16** by Allen White to accept all executive reports. Second by Verlyn Beaudreau, Questioned by Barb Heminger. 17 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
- Council Woman Gypsy Wanna’s Report
 - Pointed out round table meeting minutes
 - Noting Separation of Powers

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- **Motion 17** by Marsha Renville to eliminate all Tribal Boards and Committees since Council can override any decision of boards, especially separation of powers. Second by Charlene, No question. 2 for, 13 opposed, motion defeated.
 - Motion passed to give Chuck the contract for 120 days.
 - **Motion 18** by Renae Huntington to give Chuck Floro a permanent contract for the Sota. Second by Elly Dumarce, Questioned by Doug Renville. 13 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
 - Question about motion 19 council minutes – IHS providers,
- Human Services Report – Marsha Renville
 - Driving Hawk Area Office, Complaints – specific and detailed complaints
 - **Motion 19** by Marsha Renville for tribe to push to get IHS a patient advocate to help the people. Second by Elly LaBelle, Questioned by Doug Renville. 18 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
 - **Motion 20** by Richard Tall Bear for the tribe to use ARP funds to build their own for-profit hospital. Second by Scott LaCroix, Questioned by Karen White. 19 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
 - Human Services board will be meeting with elderly board.
- Elderly Report – Elly Dumarce
 - New elderly members
 - **Motion 21** by Elly Dumarce to accept four new elders: Laurie Lynn Thomas, Rhonda Dumarce, Christopher Lee LaBelle, Randolph Scott Hill Sr. And to pay them \$50 each. Second by Verlyn Beaudreau, Questioned by Doug Renville. 16 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
- Planning/Tax Report – JR Rondell
 - Working with state on tax agreement
 - Water Rights, building water reservoirs, concerns for dairy farm siphoning Veblen’s aquifer
 - Sleepy - Water cleaning product from Japan, encouraged district to use wells instead of city water
 - ARP funds for water treatment plant
 - RPC working with EOP and THPO
- Sleepy-Eye
 - Update on AIRCREE Conference and Elderly Conference
 - **Motion 22** by Spencer Wanna to support Sleepy-Eye Shannon LaFromboise in his next trip out west to finish AIRCREE project, \$1500.00. Second by Marsha Renville, Questioned JR Rondell.

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- For 13, 0 opposed, motion passed.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:17pm.
 - Motion by Verlyn Beaudreau to adjourn meeting. Second by Marsha Renville, Questioned by Marie Renville. All in favor, motion passed.