

Santee Sioux Nation

SSN Council Headquarters

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Regular Council Meeting Minutes February 11, 2026 Council Headquarters 10:00 am

1. Call to order – Chairman Denney called meeting to order at 10:07 am
2. Opening prayer – Sidney Tuttle
3. Roll Call
 - a. Present – Chairman Alonzo Denney, Vice Chairman Kameron Runnels, Treasurer David Henry, Secretary Andrea McBride, Howe Creek District Rep Carrie Rouillard, Bazile Creek District Rep Sandy Henry, Hobu Creek District Rep Byron Tuttle, and Santee District Rep Vietta Swalley
 - b. Absent – Hobu Creek District Rep Byron Tuttle, excused, coaching duties
 - c. Quorum established
4. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Chairman Denney asked if there are any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Chairman asked for a motion to approve the agenda
 - i. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
 - ii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry
 - iii. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
5. Approval of minutes
 - a. Chairman Denney asked if anyone sees changes needed for the minutes. Hearing none, Chairman asked for a motion for approval of the minutes from December 10, 2025
 - i. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
 - ii. Motion seconded by Dave Henry
 - iii. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
6. Joyce Thomas – Head Start
 - a. The maintenance staff is starting to get the tribal chambers ready for the new head start classroom. Monthly financials will be sent later once Kathryn gets them to Joyce. The estimate is \$1732.84 to renovate the room. Joyce is asking if tribal council could help with renovation costs. The renovations need to be done and ready by August, so they are able take 7 more toddlers. The fire marshal's report had two findings; ceiling tiles need to be fixed and exit light bulbs are not lit up. They will come back and check in 30 days. Notice of federal funding lapses, we weren't affected. Dawn Murphy contracted for inspection; she does a classroom observation of the teachers. Joyce is requesting a date for TA training for the tribal council, the available dates are March 23-27th, except for the

25th. Joyce is required to provide this training annually. Andrea said we are available on the 26th. We will meet March 26th at NICC. No more questions or comments for Joyce or Head Start.

- i. Chairman Denney asked for a motion to approve funding to help head start with renovations
- ii. Motion made by Dave Henry
- iii. Motion seconded by Carrie Rouillard
- iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

7. Santee Sioux Tribal Housing Authority – Derek LaPointe

- a. Derek had sent out an email to the council requesting financial support and transfer of the Oyate Oyanke Community Center. The request is asking for the clinic to purchase the center from the SSTA. Derek asked if there were any questions on the documents that were emailed. Vietta says we are going through 3rd party revenue pretty fast. Vietta is concerned how these funds are being spent and are the guidelines being followed. She thinks if we do a 105L lease maybe we could make the request work that way. Dave mentioned that some of the current projects that are covered by third party revenue are the CEDs plan, the ball field, the powwow grounds, the rural water pipeline, the Cannabis Chemlab partnership, they are supporting boys and girls club, and the dialysis staff salaries. Chairman says housing is a priority but funding wise right now, we are not in a position to help. Chairman suggests we table this discussion until later. Vice chairman says we wouldn't be in this position if we followed our priorities. We didn't all agree on a baseball field and powwow grounds. Kameron says at some point we need to move forward with housing. Vietta says right now we just don't have the funds in third party revenue. Vietta says we struggle yet there is talks about an addition to the wellness center. Andrea says that this was never brought to this table and there must be policies in place where the clinic should not be allowed to move forward with projects without council approval. Carrie says there are priorities that we are not meeting and the clinic spends and spends and is not concerned about this. Vietta feels that council should be the board over the clinic. Chairman brought up the \$500,000 in Derek's request and he was under the impression that this was paid off to the IRS already by the money the casino donated. Derek said when he first took on his director's position, he started tracking every money we have in that place. He found out housing was \$1.5 million in debt. He was part of the conversation in December 2024 when IRS came after the money owed by housing. This money was initially intended for Emergency Rental Assistance. There are specifics in the grant that we can do and can't do, at the time, housing used this money for lawyers, attorneys, and misc. things that it wasn't intended for. On top of this, we still owe \$500,000 to an investor since the low-income tax credit project was pulled. We still owe this whether we got it or not. The casino paid back illegal usage of funding. We have a checking account that is hemorrhaging money. They are currently trying to find money to pay yesterday's bills. To fix audit we must fix financial statements. Derek did apply for competitive grants but is not too confident. Derek says any kickback would be helpful.

- i. Chairman asked for a motion to table this request

- ii. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
- iii. Motion seconded by Dave Henry
- iv. No votes. Motion failed.

Derek brought up the \$300,000 check that was done behind closed doors between housing and the clinic, which the full council did not know about. This funding was to be used for house renovations. From March 2024-March 2025, they did not flip any homes. From March to end of June 2025 they flipped 5 homes. Right now, they haven't flipped any homes because of the lack of maintenance and a foreman. There is a smaller crew, but they will keep going. Chairman suggested we have a separate meeting with housing to discuss more.

- v. Chairman asked for a motion to have a separate meeting with housing on February 25th at 10am
- vi. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
- vii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
- viii. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

8. Construction Manager at Risk approval

- a. Chairman Denney stated he and Kameron sat in on the interviews for the CMAR, along with the other board members of the water project. They sat in these interviews, and it was their recommendation to approve the CMAR selected. Ellingston and Houseman applied. They were given a 400-day deadline and we would have water at the end of 2027. Still working through some funding processes but we're getting there. The decision was to use Houseman construction. Chairman accepted their recommendation and is asking approval of the council to accept them as our CMAR. A big deciding factor was Ellingston worked on DAPL and we didn't want to be tied to them in any way. Houseman works with the Mitchell project. Kameron said after that day they did talk about them bringing their prices down a bit and they are willing. Houseman has experience working with Flandreau Tribe and Ponca Tribe
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to accept Houseman Construction as our CMAR
 - ii. Motion made by Andrea McBride
 - iii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

9. Vice-Chairman report

- a. Kameron brought up correspondence with BIA on enrollment and how we go about changing the constitution. He says they sent a list of things we need to do; Kameron will forward this to us. We must have the precise language on any amendments, informational meetings, council resolution supporting the changes, our history of doing this before. In 2015 we tried but didn't get enough participation and it failed. Kameron says we need to set up informational meetings and try to figure out what we want to change or amend. Kameron would like the council to be present at these meetings. Chairman says if we are going to move forward, we need to be collectively together. Kameron also brought up the adoption piece. He states there are meeting minutes and it's in the constitution for us to do so. Carrie said she knows someone who has tried this

and the enrollment board wasn't allowing it. There should be no reason for them to deny someone this.

- b. Kameron also wanted to talk about the health center compacting and self-governance. There are three different ways that tribes get funding. Direct service tribe (IHS runs the facility), 638 self-determinations (what we have), and then there's the self-governance compacted health facility. Winnebago and Spirit Lake have done this, and they say it has been successful for them. We don't have to do the entire facility; it could be separate programs. He thinks we should look into this. He says it's a few years process; he provided a handbook that states what we would have to do. We have clean audits so this wouldn't be an issue, we must have a plan, and it's a long process. He says this will cut out the middleman. The IHS realignment plan, this is what they were moving forward on. Alonzo says with the 105L we might be wrapped up in that for a few years, but this is a good idea to start looking forward to doing this. Dave says we had to provide shares through a contract.
- c. Kameron brought up the housing issues, not the SSTHA, but housing in general. We've been talking about it his entire council career. We stated before that we would set aside \$2 million to provide for housing. If we're not going to build houses on our own, why don't we provide a down payment assistance program to get a loan. The tribe will set up a loan program to help them. The council agrees this would be good too.

10. Open Floor

- a. Alonzo – Isanti LLC, He is asking that the council waive the taxes from Isanti LLC because the money is not available. He says we're in a state of insolvency, the reason is the overhead. There is 4.1 million dollars in overhead. Right now with daily deposits, they are able to pay payroll as it sits. As they were making money, they were pulling money and putting it into one account. Chairman believes that we now have the right folks to do a good job with the financials. Cindy (CFO) said they blindly followed and thought they were doing the right thing under Maunka's direction, unfortunately that was not the case. Chairman is asking to waive the taxes on cigs and fuel for at least a year. Sid mentioned that there is personal liability that should be somewhere, at one point do we hold Maunka Morgan accountable? There was a breach of contract and mismanagement, we should hold him liable and go after him legally. Sid says as a tribal member it is concerning and he thinks a few more steps should be taken. Chairman agrees.
 - i. Chairman asked on behalf of Isanti, LLC for a motion to waive 6% tax for a year
 - ii. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
 - iii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- b. Waylon LaPlante just wanted to state that he sent out requests for powwow funds. They were sent to the casino, housing, Pinpoint, and NE Indian Commission so far. Waylon says there is a committee and they put word out that anybody can step in.

11. Resolutions

- a. 2026-19 Homesite lease for SSTHA – Leaf Shooters St. Block 4 Lot 12
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-19

- ii. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
 - iii. Motion seconded by Dave Henry
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- b. 2026-20 Homesite Lease for SSTA – Woods Bros. Block 5 Lot 9
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-20
 - ii. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
 - iii. Motion seconded by Dave Henry
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- c. 2026-21 Homesite Lease for SSTA – Spirit Lake Dwellers Block 1 Lot 4/3
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-21
 - ii. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
 - iii. Motion seconded by Dave Henry
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- d. 2026-22 Homesite Lease for SSTA – Visiting Eagle St Block 2 Lot 4
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-22
 - ii. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
 - iii. Motion seconded by Dave Henry
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- e. 2026-23 Appointing Jamie James as interim special Tribal Prosecutor
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-23
 - ii. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
 - iii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- f. 2026-24 Removing Maunka Morgan from all bank accounts associated with Isanti, LLC and Santee Sioux Nation
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-24
 - ii. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
 - iii. Motion seconded by Kameron Runnels
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- g. 2026-25 No Resolution
- h. 2026-26 Homesite Lease for Shyleeya Pike
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-26
 - ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
 - iii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- i. 2026-27 Purchase undivided interest, land tract from Devlin Zephier
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-27
 - ii. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
 - iii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- j. 2026-28 Approval of Tribal trust fund budget (J accts.)
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-28
 - ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
 - iii. Motion seconded by Kameron Runnels
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- k. 2026-29 Approval of SSN Membership/Enrollment Peyton Garcia
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-29

- ii. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
- iii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry
- iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- l. 2026-30 Approval of SSN Membership/Enrollment Charlee Duvall
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-30
 - ii. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
 - iii. Motion seconded by Kameron Runnels
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- m. 2026-31 Approval of SSN Membership/Enrollment Lennox Pike
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-31
 - ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
 - iii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- n. 2026-32 Approval of SSN Membership/Enrollment Alexis Garcia
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-32
 - ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
 - iii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

12. All agenda items have been addressed

- i. Chairman Denney asked for a motion to adjourn at 2:24 pm
- ii. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
- iii. Motion seconded by Dave Henry
- iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,

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