

# Santee Sioux Nation

## SSN Council Headquarters

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### Regular Council Meeting Minutes October 8, 2025 Council Headquarters 10:00 am

1. Call to order – Chairman Denney called meeting to order at 10:05 am
2. Opening prayer – Sidney Tuttle, Sr
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. Quorum established
4. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Chairman Denney asked if there are any changes to the agenda. Andrea wants to remove BIA, they couldn't make it due to government shut down. Also add Sam Strong to present on the CEDS plan.
  - b. Chairman asked for a motion to approve the agenda with changes
    - i. Motion made by Byron Tuttle
    - ii. Motion seconded by Kameron Runnels
    - iii. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
5. Approval of minutes
  - a. Chairman Denney asked if anyone sees changes needed for the minutes. No changes.
    - i. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
    - ii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
    - iii. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
6. Joyce Thomas – Head Start update
  - a. Head Start enrollment is at 24. In January there will be three more open spots. No financial reports from Kathryn yet. Funds will continue to draw down even through the government shut down. Notice of award was received for nutrition and healthy eating in the amount of \$13,721. Head Start received a tool guide on monitoring review. Joyce sent this on to Kathryn so she can answer questions on the monitoring review. Joyce will set up a meeting with council to go over the program governance part with the council. There currently is no update on the facility grant, there isn't anybody in that office currently, due to the shutdown. No further questions or comments for Joyce and Head Start.

- 7. Sam Strong – CEDS plan
  - a. Today's discussion is about getting the CEDS plan passed and getting some extra funding to the tribe. Vietta asked if was able to add info from the clinic and he said he made the updates. Sam will send copies to us and extras available to the community. Alonzo asked if there were questions. Kameron asked what the process is moving forward on housing funding. Sam wants to do something next year. Put together the plan, find other resources, and bring housing to the community. Alonzo asked if Sam was aware about infrastructure on the site, he said no and any infrastructure could be utilized to maximize these dollars. Clint said there's a federal app in for a million to two million for that housing development and there probably isn't any match. Kameron said the proposal isn't just for housing, it would be anything within the plan. Sam says the proposal is about implementing the CEDS. Alonzo says the first step would be going in and adopting the plan and passing the resolution.
  - b. Chairman Denney asked for a motion to approve and adopt the CEDS plan and resolution plan and passing the resolution.
    - i. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
    - ii. Motion seconded by Carrie Rouillard
    - iii. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
  - c. Sam gave a brief overview of the proposal. Chairman asked if any questions on this. Kameron asked for more time to look over the proposal. Chairman said we would have to discuss where we would get the funding for this proposal. We need to set a timeline on when we will give Sam an answer. Chairman says we could possibly pull the \$90,000 from the tax commission. The council will review and have an answer on implementation of the proposal in a couple weeks. No further questions or comments for Sam on the CEDS plan
- 8. Clinton Powell – Pinpoint Corporation
  - a. Pinpoint provided a response to our request for qualifications for Pinpoint to be our engineering firm. Chairman Denney asked for a motion to approve moving forward with Pinpoint as engineers
    - i. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
    - ii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
    - iii. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
  - b. Chairman Denney asked for a motion to approve the contract with Pinpoint
    - i. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
    - ii. Motion seconded by Carrie Rouillard
    - iii. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- 9. Selection of Gaming Commissioner
  - a. Three applications were submitted: Sidney Tuttle, Amelia Swalley, and David Freemont. Chairman took a secret ballot. The votes went as follows: Sid – 4 votes, Amelia – 1 vote, and David – 2 votes. Sidney Tuttle is appointed as the new gaming commissioner. Per the ordinance, the council selects the chairperson for the gaming commission, Alonzo would like to assign the chairperson today. The selection is out of Waylon LaPlante, Tashina Denney, and Sidney Tuttle. The secret ballot votes went as follows: Waylon – 4 votes, Tashina – 3 votes, Sidney – 0 votes. This would make Waylon the chairman, Tashina the vice chair, and Sidney Tuttle the secretary.
- 10. Open Floor

- a. Waylon LaPlante - his home was burglarized September 2<sup>nd</sup> and was put out with law enforcement at the time. Since then, he has talked to the chief of police and got things ironed out. He was also upset with Knox county dispatch. He resorted to calling the chairman at 4:30 that morning. Knox County's only remedy at the time was to give the person who broke into their home a ride home. At that point and time the LaPlante's weapons were out and somebody could have gotten killed. Waylon is concerned with whatever agreement we have with Knox county and dispatch. Apparently their sheriff says they couldn't get ahold of our law enforcement. This also brings him to substance abuse in the community and the SOC program. We hold prevention trainings within the community but we have lack of community there. On November 19-21 there is a training and this is including how to administer narcan. This training will be at the clinic and he is hoping that this can be mandated. Chairman said they had the option to leave but wasn't mandated before, unfortunately this isn't something we can make individuals complete.

#### 11. Resolutions

- a. 2025-76 Authorizing grant application between BIA and SSN Land management / Natural Resources Program
  - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-76
  - ii. Motion made by David Henry
  - iii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry
  - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- b. 2025-77 Authorizing grant application between BIA, Rocky Mountain Regional office and SSN Land Management / Natural Resources Program
  - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-77
  - ii. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
  - iii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
  - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- c. 2025-78 Authorize First Dakota National Bank to increase the line of credit
  - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-78
  - ii. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
  - iii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry
  - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- d. 2025-79 SSN established a budget for the Aide to Tribal Govt and would like BIA to release the funds to the SSN
  - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-79
  - ii. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
  - iii. Motion seconded by Andrea McBride
  - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- e. 2025-80 Homesite Lease agreement with Claris Smith
  - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-80
  - ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
  - iii. Motion seconded by Kameron Runnels
  - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- f. 2026-01 Membership in the intertribal agriculture council
  - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01
  - ii. Motion made by Andrea McBride

- iii. Motion seconded by Kameron Runnels
- iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

12. All agenda items have been addressed

- i. Chairman Denney asked for a motion to adjourn at 1:15 pm
- ii. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
- iii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
- iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,

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