

Santee Sioux Nation

SSN Council Headquarters

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Regular Council Meeting Minutes September 10, 2025 Council Headquarters 10:00 am

1. Call to order – Chairman Denney called meeting to order at 10:05 am
2. Opening prayer – Redwing Thomas
3. Roll Call
 - a. Present – Chairman Alonzo Denney, Vice Chairman Kameron Runnels, Treasurer David Henry, Secretary Andrea McBride, Bazile Creek District Rep Sandy Henry, Hobu Creek District Rep. Byron Tuttle, and Santee District Rep Vietta Swalley
 - b. Absent – Howe Creek District Rep Carrie Rouillard (excused medical)
 - c. Quorum established
4. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Chairman Denney asked if there are any changes to the agenda. Andrea wants to remove The US Attorney's Office and BIA, neither of them could make it.
 - b. Chairman asked for a motion to approve the agenda with changes
 - i. Motion made by David Henry
 - ii. Motion seconded by Kameron Runnels
 - 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. No changes.
 - i. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
 - ii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
 - iii. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
6. Joyce Thomas – Head Start update
 - a. Head Start enrollment is up to 25 students. Kathryn Powers has been helpful with assistance with financial reports since Lavonne's absence. Kathryn submitted the report for Joyce, since Joyce doesn't have authorization. Head Start is still without a bus driver and a teacher resigned. Head Start has their own performance requirements and asks HR to keep this in mind when they do hire, for example an AA degree is required. The packet Joyce provided included the 2025-26 funding award. The award is the same as last year and Joyce doesn't anticipate any more funding. Sand and gravel was delivered to meet depth requirement for the playground area, Joyce wanted to thank Kameron for assistance with providing workers for this. Joyce will send financials to Andrea as soon as she gets them. No further comments or questions for Joyce.

7. Alisha Bartling (SSN EPA), Allison (US Army Corp), and Shawna and Larry Yazzie (NDN consulting) - Introduction

- a. Allison and Alisha has been working with the Army Corp for a year now on mapping. Allison is from the Omaha District Corp of Engineers. Allison gave an update on the mapping project. Flood plain mapping of the whole reservation will include maps of extent of flood boundaries and what's happening during flooding. A goal of theirs is that they would like to do workshop with the tribe to see what they found. They also want to improve communications with the tribes and would like to bring in a tribal contractor to better engage. They will develop a guide for the Corp and the Tribe. This is where NDN consulting comes in. Shawna Yazzie is the owner of NDN companies. They work with different agencies and tribes to bridge the communication gap with the government and Indian country. Larry Yazzie is with NDN Consulting and is now partnered with the Army Corp., he is the liaison between the Corp. and NDN companies. The guide books that they want to establish don't pertain to any particular project. There is a lot of information to go over with tribes and would like this information in the guides for the future. Allison said they are currently working with other tribal communities as well. Chairman asked what is needed from us and how we could help. NDN would like to sit down with elders, vets, ceremonial elders, knowledge keepers and look at past projects and which ones have been successful. We will work with them moving forward and helping any way we can. No further questions or comments for Alisha and team.

8. Clinton Powell – Pinpoint Corporation

- a. The Pinpoint team has been working on the environmental for the rural water project. The draft for the fast 41 has been received but not published by permitting council yet. They need federal action to publish. They will request from the Omaha district corp. to initiate federal action to publish. The fast 41 starts the timeline of when environmental and design must be completed. This is the start of the one year timeline to get done and then we can move into construction. Currently there's a contract to complete the environmental portion. Unfortunately the contract didn't prepare for the archeological review of the area, but it's being worked on to get updated in the budget. In the next month or two we will have to move forward with the design of the project. The original cost for design, environmental, and the right of way acquisition was just above of 3 million dollars. These costs are eligible for reimbursement at 60%. They will continue to try to reduce this cost. The other sets of funds aren't available until we've gotten the environmental assessment completed. The \$1.7 million from Congressman Smith's and the \$8.25 million requested from Senator Fischer's office isn't eligible until EA is completed. We could take out an interim financing loan and offset these. There's a couple programs that can help with this. Ultimately upfront the tribe would have to pay about monthly bills at \$200,000 a month. 40% would be tribal and 60% state of Nebraska so about \$80,000 a month.

When we originally went through our RFQ for engineering services, it was last done in 2019. Agencies prefer us to select an engineer every five year. Clint would like permission to finish this so in October we could officially select an engineer. Chairman advised Clint to move forward with this, he don't want any hold ups.

Pinpoint submitted a grant application through federal highway admin for a design portion of a new housing development. Prelims has been done already. This is the second round going in this year. This is a federal grant that is first come first serve. We requested \$2 million and was submitted at 3 minutes and 47 seconds upon opening, so we should get this grant. This is a no cost share, this is 100% funded.

Veterans memorial drive is getting completely redesigned, close to this being completed. Will apply for construction funding. Lindy road is still in the works, there is currently a grant app sitting in front of the federal highway for all of Lindy Road. Pinpoint worked with Mike Crosley to put in grant app for new transit building, a \$2.5 million dollar grant.

Alonzo gave an update on the e-coli status we are currently having. They tested today and will take 48 hours to get those results back. Alisha says EPA mobile lab is here so they don't have to drive tests to lab. Clint says e-coli is a totally different issue from our manganese problem. The e-coli issue puts us in a boil order, but boiling makes manganese worse. However, the reverse osmosis will remove e-coli. It's just a little confusing and complex on how to share this message. Stuart asked if the filtering systems in the homes would help. Clint says the reverse osmosis will help in homes if they have been properly maintained. No further questions or comments for Pinpoint.

9. Open Floor

- a. Alonzo asked Maunka to come to the floor to address the quick books issue with LLC. Maunka asked for minutes stating to authorize Cindy Nordstrom as an administrator on quickbooks. However after further discussion it was determined that Dave Henry should be the administrator.
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to assign Dave Henry as an administrator for intuit quickbooks
 - ii. Motion made by Byron Tuttle
 - iii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

Alonzo brought up 105l leases. Gave to pinpoint to review this. We have opportunity and we need money for the water project, economic development, housing, etc. wanted to give a heads up on this. We face financial struggles. Clint will review this.

- b. Alonzo had Dave print off paperwork on our line of credit with First Dakota. The info presented was to move forward with a loan for economic development.
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to use our LOC for economic development
 - ii. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
 - iii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- c. Kameron wanted to put a motion on the floor that we build houses in the next year. Alonzo asked to amend the motion in using third party revenue to build houses. Dave says we should have a special meeting on 105l leases to take care of houses. That way

the clinic could cover water costs. However we decide to fund, Kameron wants to put a motion on the floor

- i. Motion made by Kameron Runnels to use \$2 million of whatever funding is available for home ownership homes
- ii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
- iii. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

10. Resolutions

- a. 2025-67 Request to BIA to fund Priority Special Project Request for SSN for \$65,034
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-67
 - ii. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
 - iii. Motion seconded by Dave Henry
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- b. 2025-68 Lease allotment 407 – Oliver Lacroix Sr.
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-68
 - ii. Motion made by Dave Henry
 - iii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- c. 2025-69 Lease allotment 597 – Samuel Wolfe
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-69
 - ii. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
 - iii. Motion seconded by Dave Henry
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- d. 2025-70 Approval for THPO and Cemetery Board to apply for the 2025 grant allocation for Santee Sioux Nation
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-70
 - ii. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
 - iii. Motion seconded by Kameron Runnels
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- e. 2025-71 Approval for tribal membership for Dominique Miguel Guy Whipple
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-71
 - ii. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
 - iii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- f. 2025-72 Approval for tribal membership for Amber Rose Kayrn Torrez-Cline
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-72
 - ii. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
 - iii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- g. 2025-73 Approval for tribal membership for Ashley Elizabeth Ferguson
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-73
 - ii. Motion made by Sandy Henry
 - iii. Motion seconded by Kameron Runnels
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- h. 2025-74 Approval for tribal membership for Kyle Dean Frazier
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-74
 - ii. Motion made by Dave Henry
 - iii. Motion seconded by Kameron Runnels

- iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- i. 2025-75 Approval for tribal membership for Sean Logan Kitto
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-75
 - ii. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
 - iii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
 - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

11. All agenda items have been addressed

- i. Chairman Denney asked for a motion to adjourn at 12:49 pm
- ii. Motion made by Dave Henry
- iii. Motion seconded by Kameron Runnels
- iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea McBride

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