

Santee Sioux Nation

SSN Council Headquarters

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Regular Council Meeting Minutes April 10, 2024 SSN Headquarters 10:00 am

1. Call to order – Chairman Denney called meeting to order at 10:04 am
2. Opening prayer – Redwing Thomas
3. Roll Call
 - a. Present – Chairman Alonzo Denney, Vice-Chairman Kameron Runnels, Treasurer David Henry, Secretary Andrea McBride, Hobbs Creek District Rep Byron Tuttle, Howe Creek District Rep Carrie Rouillard, Santee District Rep Linda Whipple, and Bazile Creek District Rep Sandy Henry. All council present, quorum established.
4. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Sidney Tuttle (HR) and Roberta Redwing was removed from the agenda and Pat Liska and Jim White were added to the agenda.
 - b. Chairman asked for motion to approve agenda
 - i. Motion made by Dave Henry
 - ii. Motion seconded by Carrie Rouillard
 - iii. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, and Chairman not voting, motion passes
5. Approval of meeting minutes – March 13, 2024
 - a. Minutes were given to the Council a few days in advance so that they would have time to read through them and prepare any questions, comments, and/or changes they may have.
 - b. Chairman Denney asked the council if there were any concerns, comments, or questions with March's minutes and there were none.
 - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 13, 2024.
 - ii. Motion made by Byron Tuttle
 - iii. Motion seconded by Linda Whipple.
 - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, and Chairman not voting, motion passes
6. Pat Liska
 - a. Pat Liska is running for county supervisor, they represent different districts in the county. Pat currently represents Santee and wants to continue representing Santee. They budget for the county and try to keep taxes low but still be able to maintain roads. They work with the Tribe in cost sharing of most road projects and maintenance, etc. Work on keeping the taxes straight across. He is on safety committee, so county workers are kept safe. Pat has been the county supervisor for 10 years. Pat just wanted to come today to

explain a little on how they and the tribe work together and what a county supervisor's role is. Kameron asked for an update on the ~~Hoby~~ Hobu Creek cemetery road. Pat said that it has been sent to the attorneys and it has been approved to move forward and open the road up. The legalities of the whole situation just takes a little longer.

7. Jim White

- a. Jim put in for a sun dance lease by Marlene White's 7-8 years ago, it got denied because the game warden said it was on hunting land. He has had his land he is on now for 8 years, but he wants to use his sun dance land to put a mobile home on and create new space for his sun dance. On March 15, 2024 he wrote a letter to Mike Crosley to inquire about the same land he asked for before. He wants to make sure it's okay with the council to move forward. Alonzo advised Jim to work with Mike Crosley on picking out an available location. The specific land he is looking at is currently used for cattle, but the cattle is moved during his sun dance time, which he says wouldn't be a problem.

8. Vice Chairman update

- a. Next week the council executives are going to Washington DC to speak with congressional delegation and the interior department. The whole purpose for us going is to try to get more support for our water project and we will try to speak with them about housing issues as well.
- b. Housing issues – Kameron talked about a housing needs assessment that is needed. We have a proposal but this may be something we can do on our own. It will take a lot of work, but it is something that can be done. This document will help in the process of receiving funding from grants. When we did hazard mitigation plan, we did add in there 'resilient housing stock', this means if we apply for grants through FEMA, we can apply for specific housing purposes. This is an approved action item by FEMA and we can apply for this grant in the fall again. In the next few months this is something we should definitely pursue. We need to take advantage of the hazard mitigation plan that we spent money on, this plan is a five year document and we need to utilize it while we can.
- c. We talked about committees being put on the ballot. We used to have a land committee, but it has been stagnant or non-existent. Kameron feels this needs to be put into action again. He thinks this committee could be a mediator between the council and land issues. Carrie agrees with the land committee, but thinks that all committees should be put on the ballot. Kameron said that in the past, the committee positions were posted, unfortunately there is rarely any interest. The public safety commission needs to get going as well, it's been 7-8 months. Dan said that the committees were district based. Sandy brought up Isanti LLC board, this needs to be brought up in discussion as well. As of right now the tribal government is the board.
- d. Kameron brought up the Project Team, unfortunately their cost is too much. Is there planning grants available? Kameron wants to have community gatherings to speak on what we want to do and get opinions from the nation and ask what their goals are, etc. Kameron would like something in a formal document so that our future council has a plan for the tribe. The economic development program will help with any grants moving

forward. Linda said she is available Tuesday and Thursdays to help with any future planning of this document, she wants to help be productive.

e. Linda is excused at 10:55 for a medical appointment.

9. Resolutions

a. 2024-28 contract between BIA, GP Region, and SSN land management/natural resources program

i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-28

ii. Motion made by Kameron Runnels

iii. Motion seconded by Carrie Rouillard

iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and Chairman not voting, motion passes

b. 2024-29 enrollment for Eli Fuoss and ~~Italianna~~ Italianna Suarez

i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-29

ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard

iii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry

iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and Chairman not voting, motion passes

c. 2024-30 transfer third party revenue for from first interstate to first Dakota – \$ 6.5 million

i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-30

ii. Motion made by Kameron Runnels

iii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle

iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and Chairman not voting, motion passes

d.

10. Adjourn

a. All agenda items have been addressed

i. Chairman Denney asked for a motion to adjourn at 11:33 am

ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard

iii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry

iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and Chairman not voting, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea McBride
Santee Sioux Nation Council Secretary

