

# Santee Sioux Nation

## SSN Council Headquarters

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### Regular Council Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2024

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10:00 am

1. Call to order – Chairman Denney called meeting to order at 10:10 am
2. Opening prayer – Wakiyan Thomas
3. Roll Call
  - a. Present – Chairman Alonzo Denney, Vice-Chairman Kameron Runnels, Treasurer David Henry, Secretary Andrea McBride, Hobu Creek District Rep Byron Tuttle, Howe Creek District Rep Carrie Rouillard, and Santee District Rep Linda Whipple
  - b. Absent – Bazile Creek District Rep Sandy Henry (excused-funeral)
  - c. Quorum established
4. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Chairman Denney asked if there are any changes to the agenda
    - i. Andrea McBride was notified that the Nutrition Center will not be here to present monthly report
  - b. Chairman Denney asked for motion to approve agenda
    - i. Motion made by Dave Henry
    - ii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
    - iii. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passes
5. Approval of minutes
  - a. Chairman Denney asked for a motion to approve minutes from the regular council meeting held on May 8, 2024
    - i. Motion made by Dave Henry
    - ii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
    - iii. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passes
6. Joyce Thomas – Head Start
  - a. Joyce spoke of the School board meeting she attended for Head Start. It was recommended from school board that she meet with admin to try to come to some type of plan to work on enrollment for Head Start and the school. When staff gets back in July she will set up a meeting with school admin to come up with a plan.
  - b. Joyce provided letters from Children and Families. The letters are just to let it be known that the grant number changed and that Santee Head Start was approved for a five year grant. She's not sure how this will now work, since she usually has to apply every year.

The documents provided were informative only and don't need to take action on anything.

- c. Waylon wanted to speak on the board mtg on Monday. The school board informed Joyce that the stipends done in the past were audit findings and the gift cards will not be given anymore. The \$200 registration deal will not be happening. The retirement part, 3% match that school staff has to put in, this is mandatory through legislative actions, as well as health insurance part. Maybe the tribe could work with head start to offer these benefits as well. Waylon also suggested that head start meet with Niobrara and work on recruiting those kids back too. Joyce was grateful that the stipends will be no longer be provided by the school, as she cannot compete with that.
  - d. The selection process point system does need approval. Its geared through seasonal workers and tribal programs.
    - i. Chairman Denney asked for a motion to move on approving Head Start's point system.
    - ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
    - iii. Motion seconded by Linda Whipple
    - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passes
  - e. The financial report is included in the packet provided by Joyce.
  - f. No further questions
7. HR program report – Nutrition Center – removed from agenda, not present.
8. Sidney Tuttle
- a. Sid brought forth a memorandum in regards to compensation time for the SSN Utilities department. He was asked if the utility workers can get paid overtime, but the utilities budget is too small. The other option is allowing them to keep their comp time they earn for longer periods of time or to utilize sooner as it is hard for them to follow policy due to their schedules. Dan said flex time is allowed if the supervisor or director sees fit, but it does have to come from the director and it has to be in writing submitted to Dan. HR would like the flex time adopted since there is no money in budget to provide over time pay. Carrie feels like we're setting them up to lose their hours anyway since the shortage of staff doesn't allow them to take time off now anyway. Chairman questioned that in regards to the budget, if we are not making money off of the other communities, why are we still doing it. Carrie stated she is confused as to why we are not making anything more after taking on these additional communities. If we don't have the employees to handle these issues or we don't know what we're doing, we should shut the program down and only work with Santee. Kameron thought they were breaking even. Dave said it is a lot closer, but the tax commission did have to cover tires for the trash trucks. Linda asked for a report for next month on an update with utilities. HR and CEO said they will report next month. Kameron suggests we increase the rates on the fees. Dave said she did increase the rates but we can always increase again. Chairman brought back the subject about the comp time and flex time.



- i. Chairman Denney asked for a motion to adopt the recommendation of allowing the Santee Utilities staff to use their accrued comp time while they are still in the same work week so as to allow for them to flex their time
    - ii. Motion made by Dave Henry
    - iii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
- 9. Before going into resolutions Kameron brought forward the Water and Waste System Grant agreement. In order for the USDA to pay the \$30,000 to Brosz Engineering for the preliminary engineering report, they need the Council to act on the agreement.
  - a. Chairman Denney asked for a motion to approve the Water and Waste System Grant Agreement
  - b. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
  - c. Motion seconded by Andrea McBride
  - d. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passes
- 10. Resolutions
  - a. 2024-38 Conditional relinquishment of Goldie Rose Star Comes Out
    - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-38
    - ii. Motion made by David Henry
    - iii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
    - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passes
  - b. 2024-39 Conditional relinquishment Skye Jaymes Star Comes Out
    - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-39
    - ii. Motion made by Byron Tuttle
    - iii. Motion seconded by David Henry
    - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passes
  - c. 2024-43 Requesting the Shop-EZ property be taken into trust (a correction needed to be made, adding Chairman Denney's name)
    - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-43
    - ii. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
    - iii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
    - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passes
  - d. 2024-44 Funding for supplemental needs and for supplemental firefighter pay to be allocated to the Santee Hazardous Fuels Program
    - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-44
    - ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
    - iii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
    - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passes
  - e. 2024-45 SSN approving the THPD and cemetery board to apply for the availability of NPS funds to administer the Tribal Historic Preservation Office
    - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-45
    - ii. Motion made by Andrea McBride
    - iii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
    - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passes
  - f. 2024-46 Conditional relinquishment for Lydia Marie Redowl
    - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-46

- ii. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
- iii. Motion seconded by David Henry
- iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passes
- g. 2024-47 Conditional relinquishment for Laken Renae Redowl
  - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-47
  - ii. Motion made by Byron Tuttle
  - iii. Motion seconded by Linda Whipple
  - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passes

11. Adjourn

- a. All agenda items have been addressed
  - i. Chairman Denney asked for a motion to adjourn at 12:32pm
  - ii. Motion made by Linda Whipple
  - iii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
  - iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, Chairman not voting, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea McBride  
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