# Santee Sioux Nation

## SSN Council Headquarters

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Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 13th, 2026
Council Headquarters
10:00 am

1. Call to order – Chairman Denney called meeting to order at 10:10 am
2. Opening prayer – Sidney Tuttle
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 wanted to add the selection of an Isanti LLC Board member. Chairman asked for a motion to approve the agenda with Andrea's addition.
        i. Motion made by Byron Tuttle
        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 April 8th, 2026
        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. Enrollment for Head Start is at 28. Today is the last day of classes and graduation is at 5 at the Warriors Lodge. Joyce needed Chairman's signature for extension of grant application, chairman signed. Joyce has no direction from office of head start to see what she needs to do to move forward with the new Head Start building. Joyce will send contact info to Kameron, and he will reach out on behalf of the council. On the renovation of tribal chambers to be used for additional Head Start area, all the noncompliance issues were corrected from the Fire Marshall's report. The council previously agreed to help Head Start with renovations, Joyce is asking if the council can

get a check made out to Travis Thomas so he could start purchasing materials. Dave will get the check ready. No further questions or comments for Joyce or Head Start.

7. David Henry, Jr – Boys and Girls Club
    a. The Boys and Girls club had a public safety assessment last week. Dave provided a packet. In the packet you will see that there are 'not mets' line items, they have a year to work with them and fix these. However, this will also help with future grant opportunities. Executive officers need to go to the courthouse to do fingerprints. Since the council serves as the board for the Boys and Girls club, he wanted to provide the packet and update on how the assessment went. No further questions or comments for David or the Boys and Girls Club.
8. Isanti LLC Board of Directors report – Chairman Alonzo Denney
    a. Chairman says right now it's a little chaotic within Isanti, LLC. A lot of personnel issues out there but businesses are doing decent. The ranch was able to sell $750,000 in cattle and was able to give each of the businesses some of this revenue. Chairman said the board shouldn't be spending their meetings on personnel issues and more on economic development instead. Their board meeting met with a different tax firm, and they could possibly replace the current CFO at a cheaper cost if decided to go with a different firm. The ranch is doing well. They sold some hay that will bring in a little bit of revenue. Management of stores is in a good place. The tribe is not putting money into Isanti LLC, and they are able to self-sustain. No further questions or comments for Chairman Denney or for Isanti, LLC.
    b. Selection of Isanti, LLC board members. Applicants were Roberta Redwing, Chris Swalley, Robyn Hamilton, and David Freemont. Chris Swalley received four votes and David Freemont received one. Chris Swalley will be appointed to the board of directors. Chairman Denney will notify him.
9. Pinpoint Corporation – Clinton Powell
    a. Dennis and Mike have been working on easements along the water pipeline route. The CMAR contract has been tabled because we haven't gotten any comments back from our attorney Conly. The CMAR is prepared to start as soon as next month but they need the contract. Alonzo's only concern is that if we sign off on the contract it will be an additional invoice coming in. Without all the unlocked funds, we're not able to carry these costs. Clint brought up interim financing. He had some conversations with CoBank out of Denver. They finance big infrastructure and understand how congressional financing works. He says it's low risk. Alonzo asked if we could use the federal funds to pay the bank payments. Clint says some could repay the interim financing, but some won't. Final construction funding would cover this. The estimate says we are on budget right now. We will set up a meeting later to discuss the loan, after we see something in writing saying whether the expected funds could be paid on the interim financing. The environment has been fully approved for the fast 41. The Corp of Engineers is leading federal agency for environmental. They need us to be at 90 percent design to move forward. The Corp is scheduled to be done with their environmental in February 2027. Construction start date is April 2027. And be complete with construction in October/November of 2027. The IHS tank project might be a hold up. IHS said both of our tanks need to be replaced and cannot be rehabilitated. Next week, Tuesday until the following Wednesday, there will be on site archeological survey work being done. Mike Crosley will work with them. No further questions or comments on the water project.

b. Mike and Clint sat through a federal highway grant webinar. Looks like they will have cooperative agreements made by June 1. Who will be the signatories for the cooperative agreement for federal highway safety plan?
    i. Chairman asked for a motion to allow Chairman Denney and Mike Crosley to be signatories for the cooperative agreement
    ii. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
    iii. Motion seconded by Dave Henry
    iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

c. A motion is needed to approve the federal highway safety plan. This will include Lindy Road as part of the package.
    i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve the safety plan
    ii. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
    iii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
    iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

d. Pinpoint is also working on the BRICK grant application. This will be funding for the water project. No further questions or comments for Clinton Powell or Pinpoint.

10. Judicial Commission – Misty Flowers

a. The current truancy code was done in March of 2015; this one should still be in effect. The changes that were made were trying to get in line with what the state requires. Misty says that the code was sent to the school administration for a 30-day review and comment but didn't receive a response. Waylon says that things have been sent to the courts on truancy, but the school never received anything back. Kameron suggests we send the code out again and come back to this with a deadline. A decision needs to be made and have it finalized by July. Chairman agrees with Kameron's suggestion. Chairman added to contact every program that's included in the code and bring them all to the table and agree on something. Misty says the judicial comm role is to draft the codes. They only meet once a month and feel it's beyond their capability to pull all these people together to meet. At what point does it go from a written code and on to being implemented. Misty says she's already asked for feedback on the codes but doesn't receive anything. Waylon said the board is more than willing to be involved in any meeting moving forward. Chairman says he is putting an email together to send out to all involved to come together. Alonzo directed Danny Redowl in the email to get this meeting done asap and to be ready to bring to the table for adoption by July.

b. The Village Board passed an ATV ordinance for the village but this ordinance that the Judicial Commission brings forward would cover the whole reservation. Misty says she did have a conversation with Dave Henry, Jr from the Safety Commission, and they are in support of the Code. Kameron says we're probably not going to come to a consensus today, but we should send a letter to law enforcement on enforcing the current ordinance.

c. Misty asked if there were any other codes that the tribal council would like them to work on. Kameron brought up a possible hunting code or ordinance. The Fish and wildlife ordinance is dated back in 1992; this should be updated. Housing would like to see an updated housing code as well. Misty asked housing for recommendations so that they could work on it. No further questions for Misty Flowers or the Judicial Commission.

11. Old business on Enrollment and Housing
    a. Enrollment - Kameron talked about possible enrollment changes. Four years ago, we had a survey done and about 70 people did it. Kameron shared what was received on the survey. We will work on setting up community meetings or possibly sending out the survey again to get more responses from the Nation.
    b. Housing – The money the council agreed to be used for bringing in mobile homes has not been moved yet. Vietta suggests we should place an order for three homes for now and figure out the logistics later, while they are at a lower price. Chairman suggests we could put them on Red Banner Road. We will set up a meeting with Jay from Centennial to move forward.
12. Open Floor
    a. Chairman brought up the election board. It was brought to his attention that they aren't fully aware of what they are doing. Andrea suggested we contract Flo Johnson, since she sat on the election board for years, to guide them. Council agreed that Flo Johnson will be contracted to help the election board with what needs to be done for the next election.
13. Resolutions
    a. 2026-43 Application Approval for the Intertribal Bison Council FY25 Herd Development Grant
        i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-43
        ii. Motion made by David Henry
        iii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry
        iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
    b. 2026-44 Conditional relinquishment for Ricky Alexander Grant, Jr
        i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-44
        ii. Motion made by Andrea McBride
        iii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
        iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
    c. 2026-45 Conditional relinquishment for Kodah Lewis LaPointe
        i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-45
        ii. Motion made by Andrea McBride
        iii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry
        iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
    d. 2026-46 Conditional relinquishment for Braylon Virgil LaPointe
        i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-46
        ii. Motion made by Andrea McBride
        iii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
        iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
    e. 2026-47 Conditional relinquishment for Rainah Marie LaPointe
        i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-47
        ii. Motion made by Andrea McBride
        iii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
        iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

f. 2026-48 SSN Approving submission of funding requests, grant application for financial support for the Buffalo Programs
    i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-48
    ii. Motion made by Byron Tuttle
    iii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry
    iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

g. 2026-49 Authorizing a budget increase and program enhancement for the Title VI Nutrition Program to support disabled and homebound elders
    i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-49
    ii. Motion made by David Henry
    iii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
    iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

h. 2026-50 Homesite lease agreement on Franklin T. Whipple estate
    i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-50
    ii. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
    iii. Motion seconded by David Henry
    iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

14. All agenda items have been addressed
    i. Chairman Denney asked for a motion to adjourn at 2:35 pm
    ii. Motion made by Byron Tuttle
    iii. Motion seconded by Kameron Runnels
    iv. 6 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea McBride

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