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**ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF SAXMAN
MEETING MINUTES – MAY 5, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm by President Joseph Williams, Jr.

B. PRAYER

By Nora DeWitt

C. ROLL CALL: by M. Williams

CODE: E=Excused; UE=Unexcused; P=Present; Z=Zoom

President Joseph Williams Jr.	P	Secretary Nora DeWitt	Z
Vice President Amos Gray	P	Treasurer Charles “Chuck” Denny	P
Councilmember Trudi Swink	P	Councilmember Mike DeWitt	E
Councilmember Kayla Williams	Z	Elder Advisor Dena Mahi	P
Youth Advisor Vacant			

OTHERS PRESENT: Tribal Administrator Amy DeTienne – Z

TA assistant Mariya Williams

Savannah Criton – R.E.P.

Marcy Whitfield – P.N.N.O.

Hannah Hudson – P.N.N.O.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D.1 ETIPP Energy Program Goal Refinement

BACKGROUND: Savannah, Hannah, Marcy, and the team will continue to refine goals for OVS regarding energy efficiency in the community and will conduct site visits to gather base information on the use of the OVS energy grant.

Saxman discussed the goals and objectives of the Energy Technology Innovation Partner Project (ETIPP), which aims to help research the possibilities for Saxman to update, create or new renewable energy for Saxman. The project is community-driven, with the community defining their energy goals. With aids of surveys and building inspections. The community will then decide how to allocate the funds for the project. The council members, ETIPP and REP discussed possibilities for project ie; micro hydroelectric systems from rainfall, battery storage capacity to manage electricity command, heat pump installation, solar panel installation, layout and how effective the use of KPU’s hydro plant for Saxman vs Mahoney Lake for a source of energy for Saxman. Factors were considered for the community as a whole such as, house’s age, layouts, weather proofing, diesel or electric heat, Toyo stoves, heat pumps and what to unify or change for the community as a whole.

E. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

Move H.1. S. Criton, M. Whitfield, and H. Hudson first and move up items I.3. and I.4.
M/S C. Denny/A. Gray to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

F. CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

F.1 April 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes – add the word “empty” before “ballot box”

F.2. April 28, 2025 Election Meeting Minutes – deferred for next meeting, N.DeWitt will have them for next meeting.

Motion/Second by C. Denny/A. Gray to approve April 21,2025 minutes with the addition of the word “empty” before “ballot box”. Motion carried.

G. STAFF REPORTS

G.1. CCTHITA Social Worker’s Report – Casey Groat/Jackie Johnson

G.2. Consultant Report – William Ware

G.3. Tribal Administrator’s Report – Amy DeTienne

C.Denny: Do you have a Finance report? A.DeTienne: When you call a Finance committee meeting, I can provide a report.

G.4. President’s Report – Joseph Williams

Recent travel included a trip for RurAL Cap. While on that trip, Joe met with the BIA to discuss the writing of a trespass letter for the Corpuz property. BIA agent was reluctant to contact Irene Lampe at T&H to issue a no-trespass letter to the neighbors. The BIA agent made the phone call after Joe informed him that it was job to make it and it was discovered that Irene was already working on it and would have it to the TA that day. A proposal was made to approach the family regarding the conveyance of the connex sitting on the Corpuz land to OVS in exchange for the assistance of cleaning up their property by OVS staff.

Motion/Second by C. Denny/A. Gray to accept all staff reports. Question called. Motion carried.

H. OLD BUSINESS

H.1 ETIPP Energy Program Goal Refinement

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Report presented in Public Comments.

I. NEW BUSINESS

I.1 Check Signing

BACKGROUND: All council members will be listed as check signers on the bank account.
Need a motion to remove Charles White and Caryl Willams as signers for the bank account.

Motion/Second by C. Denny/A. Gray to remove Charles White and Caryl Williams as check signers and approve for all council members: Joseph Williams Jr., Michael DeWitt, Kayla Wiliams, Trudi Swink, Amos Gray, Nora DeWitt, Charles Denny to be signers on the bank account. Motion carried.

I.2 Online Banking

BACKGROUND: Need a motion to grant the Bookkeeper online access to the bank account.

Motion/Second by C. Denny/A. Gray to grant the Bookkeeper, Jeannette Rosier, access to online banking. Motion carried.

I.3 Oath of Office for Elected Council Members from April 24, 2025 Annual Election

BACKGROUND: Swear in newly elected council members.

Newly elected council members, Joseph Williams, Jr., Nora DeWitt, Trudi Swink, Amos Gray, and Kayla Williams took their oaths of office for their respective council positions.

I.4. Council Positions

BACKGROUND: Vote in council members for the Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer positions. Assign Council Members to the respective committees.

Motion/Second by C. Denny/N. DeWitt to nominate Amos Gray as Vice President. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Amos Gray/C. Denny to nominate Nora DeWitt as Secretary. Motion carried

Motion by Amos Gray to nominate Charles Denny as Treasurer, requesting unanimous consent. Motion carried.

Joseph Williams Jr. – President

Amos Gray – Vice President

Nora Dewitt – Secretary

Charles Denny – Treasurer

Michael DeWitt – Council Member

Trudi Swink – Council Member

Kayla Williams – Council Member+

Committee assignments are deferred until the next meeting.

J. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Next meeting will have committee reports

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

M. NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

May 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM

N. PRESIDENT AND COUNCILS' COMMENTS

N. DeWitt, congratulations to the new council, welcome K. Williams and excited for VP A. Gray. Looking forward to new things.

K. Williams, congratulations to the council.

C. Denny, Thanks for the support and congrats to the new council.

A. Gray, Thanks for the opportunity as VP. Looking forward to VP. Congrats to all.

T. Swink, Looking forward to finance reports from the bookkeeper.

D. Mahi, congratulations. Important step, need to be uplifted and encouraged, enjoy learning more. Elders.

J. Williams, thanks to all present council members and congrats to new council members.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second C. Denny/A. Gray to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting ended 7:54 PM

Submitted By: Mariya Williams
Prepared by: Mariya Williams, TA Assistant

Signed By: Joseph Williams, Jr.
President Joseph Williams, Jr.

Date of Meeting: 5/5/25