

**ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF SAXMAN
REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by President Joe Williams Jr. at 6:05 PM. (Zoom capability available)

PRAYER – Opening Prayer was given by Nora DeWitt.

ROLL CALL/QUORUM

Roll Call was taken as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: President Joe Williams, Vice President Charles (Chuck) Denny, Secretary Carrie (Wallace) Denny, Trudi Swink, and Nora DeWitt.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Richard Shields Sr. and Crista Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT:

A quorum was declared present and the meeting continued per the agenda (in packet).

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

1 IRENE DUNDAS SEAWEED PRESENTATION

CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

Council concurred to accept the agenda with the following additions:

- Acceptance of Richard Shields Sr.'s Resignation
- Hire of Tribal Administrative Assistant
- Finance Position
- Old Business Block Grant Resolution #2023.09.04
- Resolution #2023.09.05 authorizing the purchase of land in Saxman

STAFF REPORTS

2 FINANCE REPORT

BACKGROUND: Balance Sheet (Grants, Balance Sheet (non-Grants), Profit & Loss, Profit & Loss (Grants), Profit & Loss (Budget vs Actual ARPA 2021) were handed out and will be presented. Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Carrie Wallace to accept the Finance Report. All in favor, motion carried.

3 MAINTENANCE REPORT (in packet)

Rick Makua, Maintenance Supervisor was not present to give his report but the Council had no questions on his written report. Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Carrie Wallace to accept the Maintenance Report. All in favor, motion carried.

4 TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (report in packet and a document from Grants.Gov)

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Carrie Wallace to accept the Tribal Administrator's Report. All in favor, motion carried.

5 TRIBAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – Position is vacant.

Tribal Administrator Charlie White is in the process of advertising this position and wants to know who wants to sit in on the interview process.

President Joe Williams reported he was working with the City of Saxman and the Forest Service on obtaining timbers for totem poles. He asked for consideration to do three resolutions #2023.09.04, #2023.09.05, #2023.09.06.

OLD BUSINESS

6 KIC AND OVS BROADBAND MITIGATION MEETING BETWEEN TRIBAL COUNCILS

This meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2023 at 6 pm at KIC.

7 PURCHASE OF AP&T MAHONEY LAKE PROJECT SHARE

President Joe Williams discussed purchasing AP&T's Mahoney Lake Project share and if this was feasible for OVS. It was thought this would be a Community Development (CDC) project. The CDC consists of three entities the City of Saxman, Cape Fox Corporation and OVS.

8 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BIA 93-638 funding comes available in October and the Council felt that if they wanted to do this they should be working on this and have it done by November, 2023. The Council discussed how this would effect Saxman and its relationship with KIC; What would occur with the Social Services Program; Process of Indirect negotiations; and what would be the cost to OVS.

9 SCHOOL HOUSE RENT – Schedule a meeting to rewrite the old lease agreement.

10 CONSTITUTION REWRITE FROM COMMITTEE

President Joe Williams appointed Trudi Swink, Nora DeWitt and Chuck Denny to the Constitution Committee.

11 RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY WITHIN OVS RESOLUTION

#2023.09.04 (in packet)

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Chuck Denny to approve Resolution #2023.09.04 to purchase the property within Saxman. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: YES VOTE: Vice President Charles (Chuck) Denny, Secretary Carrie (Wallace) Denny, Trudi Swink and Nora DeWitt; NO VOTE: None: ABSTAINING VOTE None; Motion passes.

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Nora DeWitt to approve 2023.09.05 Resolution on 3 I's. Vote taken with one abstaining and three in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

12 National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) MEMBERSHIP

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Chuck Denny to send the President and one Councilmember to the NCAI Meeting, November 12th – 17th, 2023 and pay travel/transportation, per diem, lodging and associated fees; and use Small Tribe Grant (STG) funds. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: YES VOTE: Vice President Charles (Chuck) Denny, Secretary Carrie (Wallace) Denny, Trudi Swink and Nora DeWitt; NO VOTE: None: ABSTAINING VOTE: None; Motion passes.

13 PURCHASE SNOW PLOW TRUCK - Deferred

14 MONTHLY COMMUNITY EVENT

Scheduled for October 27, 2023 at 6:00 pm at Saxman Community Center to present the pros and cons on retrocession from CCTHITA.

AFN CONFERENCE Date of this conference is October 18th – 22nd.

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Nora DeWitt to send President Joe Williams and any other Councilmembers wanting to attend and pay travel/transportation, per diems, lodging and any associated fees. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: YES VOTE: Vice President Charles (Chuck) Denny, Secretary Carrie (Wallace) Denny, Trudi Swink and Nora DeWitt; NO VOTE: None: ABSTAINING VOTE None; Motion passes.

RESIGNATION OF RICHARD SHIELDS SR.

President Joe Williams advised the Council that Richard Shields Sr. has resigned as Councilmember.

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Carrie Wallace to accept Richard Shields Sr.'s resignation. All in favor. Motion carried. Staff was directed to advertise this in Saxman.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

October 2, 2023 at 5:30 pm

COUNCIL/PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – None recorded

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Carrie Denny to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Prepared & Submitted by Nora DeWitt:

Notes Provided By: Chuck Denny and Nora DeWitt and agenda was provided by Briana Berg

Signed by President Joe Williams Jr.:

Date of Approval by Council: July 22, 2024