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**ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF SAXMAN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – FEBRARY 18, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Caryl Williams at 6:15 pm.

B. PRAYER

Opening prayer done by Secretary Nora DeWitt.

The duties of chairing the meeting was turned over to President Joe Williams Jr. upon his arrival.

C. ROLL CALL:

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

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| President Joe Williams Jr. | P | Secretary Nora DeWitt | P |
| Vice President Caryl Williams | P | Treasurer Charles (Chuck Denny) | P |
| Councilmember Amos Gray | P | Councilmember Mike DeWitt | P |
| Councilmember Trudi Swink | Z | | |

OTHERS PRESENT: Tribal Administrator Amy DeTienne, and Dena Mahi.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS None

E. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

Motion/Second C.Williams and M.DeWitt to accept the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

F. CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

F.1. February 03, 2025 – Regular meeting minutes

Motion/Second C.Williams and A.Gray to approve the minutes of February 3, 2025 (Exhibit F.1). All in favor, motion carried.

G. STAFF REPORTS

G.1. CCTHITA Social Worker's Report – Jackie Johnson None

G.2. Tribal Administrator's Report – Amy DeTienne

Tribal Administrator Amy DeTienne reported she attended the Alaska Forum on the Environment in Anchorage. She met with EPA, IGAP representatives and Sam Demmert who is assisting Florence McGilton (newly hired IGAP Coordinator for OVS). She reported meeting with people who can help get the ball rolling for water and sewer line project and the funding looks good right now. She stated this will be discussed during the Strategic Planning meetings. Amy stated she has been working on the agenda for Strategic Plan and both Council will attend except for OVS Secretary Nora DeWitt and Vice Mayor William Thomas.

Motion/Second C.Denny and M.DeWitt to accept the Tribal Administrator's report. All in favor, motion carried.

G.3. President's Report – Joe Williams Jr.

President J.Williams stated he has been on travel status and went to Washington D.C. He reported Senator Lisa Murkowski advised the Tribal Leaders she instructed Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Tribes have a government to government relationship with the Federal Government and all Tribes are federally recognized. She stated the House of Representatives Indian Affairs Committee advised all funds have been given to the Tribes so at present there has been no affect from the cutbacks U.S. President Trump has implemented. She has a meeting with the Indian Affairs Committee. He said he basically discussed Saxman's water issue and the needed funds for the main water lines. Also he discussed the need for a boat harbor to accommodate skiffs. This would help ease the waiting list for skiff spaces. He advised her that Saxman is the only community in Southeast Alaska that does not have a harbor. Then on Sunday he attended the Elizabeth Peratrovich event at Kayhi.

Motion/Second C.Denny and A.Gray to accept the President's report. All in favor, motion carried.

H. OLD BUSINESS

H.1. Youth and Elder Advisory Positions

BACKGROUND: Appointment of the two advisory positions.

Motion/Second A.Gray and M.DeWitt to appoint Kayla Williams as the Youth Advisor. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion/Second M.DeWitt and A.Gray to appoint Dena Mahi as the Elder /advisor. All in favor, motion carried.

H.2. Broadband Negotiation

BACKGROUND: A letter was sent to Ketchikan Indian Community (KIC) and as of 2/3/25 there has been no response.

President J.Williams stated he needed to contact KIC.

H.3. Corpuz Land Purchase (adjacent to Kushnick's property) - President Joe Williams Jr.

BACKGROUND: Waiting on approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Left on the agenda until the property sale and cleanup is completed.

There is no update.

H.4. Withdrawal from CCTHITA

BACKGROUND: At the last meeting the report was at status quo and an update is requested if there is activity.

Tribal Administrator A.DeTienne went through notes of meeting she had in Juneau and noted CCTHITA offered to assist with grant writing. She reported the measurements were done for the

Tribal office building (old Saxman Schoolhouse) and this is needed when applying for the 105a program. This will be reviewed at the Strategic Planning meeting.

H.5. Resolution ARPA Budget Modifications 2024

BACKGROUND: This is currently being worked on and once done will be referred to the Finance Committee and then will be referred to the Council for approval. The Continuing Budget Resolution authorizes spending until February 10th. If the 2025 budget is not ready the Continuing Resolution will need to be extended.
Deferred.

H.6. Website/Network Project

BACKGROUND: An update is requested.

A.DeTienne reported the consultant is still working on this and everyone has use of their tablets now. She stated they are now looking at placing the ordinances and policies online so the Council can have easy access.

H.7. STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT – JUNEAU, AK.

BACKGROUND: The Council of OVS and the City of Saxman (COS) will have a Strategic Planning Retreat in Juneau to meet with various agencies in Juneau (CCTHITA, THRHA, BIA, Alaska Department of Roads etc.) An update is requested.

A.DeTienne gave a brief rundown of the agenda for the strategic planning meetings. President J.Williams noted he asked THRHA Executive Director Jackie Pata for a detailed report of Saxman's Project. Also, Alaska Department of Transportation representative Chris and Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) Representative Elizabeth will be present.

H.8. Election Ordinance Revised

BACKGROUND: The Policy Committee met and made changes to the Election Ordinance. These changes are presented for Council's approval.

Motion/Second C.Williams and A.Gray to pass the Election Ordinance as revised. All in favor, motion carried.

I. NEW BUSINESS

I.1. ELECTION 2025

BACKGROUND: The election notice is provided for approval.

Motion/Second C.Williams and A.Gray to accept OVS Tribal Election notice. This notice needs to be posted by March 1st. All in favor, motion carried. This notice will be posted at 3 Bears, South Tongass Gas Station, public buildings and flyers will be distributed throughout the community.

I.2. Budget Ordinance and Management System & Standards Ordinance

BACKGROUND: The budget ordinance is presently being worked on and when completed will be presented for approval.

I.3. Extend the Continuing Resolution through March 31st

Motion/Second C.Denny and C.Williams to approve the Continuing Resolution to extend the deadline to present the 2025 Budget to March 19, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

J. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS Council Committee Listing Included
BACKGROUND: The Council Committee List is presented for Council to reference.

J.1. February 6, 2025 Policy Committee Workshop/Annual Budget Policy

J.2. February 13, 2025 Policy Committee Workshop/Financial Policy

J.3. OVS/KIC Health Board Report

Motion/Second C.Williams and A.Gray to accept the Health Board Representative Nora DeWitt's report. All in favor, motion carried.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M. NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

Next Regular meeting is March 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm and on March 24, 2025.

Strategic Planning Retreat in Juneau February 24th -28th

The Policy Committee will meet on Thursday March 6th and Monday, March 17th.

N. PRESIDENT AND COUNCILS' COMMENTS

Councilmember Trudi Swink advised the Council she got sick and on Wednesday found out she has Influenza A. She reported she received great treatment as they reached out to her to check on her and she was grateful for their care.

Elder Advisor Dena Maki thanked everyone for voting for her and she is looking forward to working with the elders.

Councilmember Amos Gray stated he is looking forward to Strategic Planning meeting and getting the policies done. He appreciates the information and is looking forward to learning more.

Councilmember Caryl Williams commented it was good to get the policies and updates. She expressed her appreciation for Amy's hard work and for President Williams traveling to Washington D.C. to meet with our representatives. She felt it was great to have President Williams publicly acknowledged.

Tribal Administrator Amy DeTienne expressed determination to continue to work hard and appreciates all the support. She is very pleased to be a part of this.

President Joe Williams Joe commented having the Committee do the work and bring their work back to the Council for approval is the way he envisioned the business of the Tribe to be done. He stated he typed up his report and will email it to the Council. He advised Rural-Cap is sending him in March to the RES 2025 Conference in Las Vegas.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second C.Denny and A.Gray to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Submitted by Nora DeWitt: Nora DeWitt

Signed by President Joe Williams Jr.: Joe Williams Jr. Date: 2/3/25