

**ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF SAXMAN  
REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 12, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Williams Jr. at 6:12 pm per agenda.

**PRAYER**

The invocation was given by Councilmember Nora DeWitt.

**ROLL CALL TAKEN AS FOLLOWS**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Joe Williams Jr., Vice President Charles (Chuck) Denny, Treasurer Trudi Swink (zoom, left at 9:00 pm), Councilmember Nora DeWitt, and Crista Thomas (left at 7:53 pm).

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Secretary Carrie (Wallace) Denny, and Councilmember Richard Shields Sr.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tribal Administrator Charlie White, Tribal Administrative Assistant Valena Johnson, Maintenance Supervisor Rick Makua.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ginger McCormick would like to inform OVS Council of Saxman's role in the Polynesian Voyage Canoe arrival and events.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA**

Council concurred in accepting the agenda as a guide.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1 March 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes** – (in packet)

Corrections to be made and Council asked to have these corrected and brought back.

**2 May 1, 2023 Minutes (Rescheduled from April 10<sup>th</sup> , May 1<sup>st</sup> recessed/May 9<sup>th</sup> draft meeting minutes)** - (in packet) These were deferred.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**3 FINANCE REPORT** (in packet)

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Nora DeWitt to accept the Finance Report. All in favor, motion carried.

**4 SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT** – Not present

**5 MAINTENANCE REPORT** (in packet)

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Chuck Denny to accept the report. All in favor, motion carried.

**6 TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (in packet)**

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Chuck Denny to accept the report. All in favor, motion carried.

**7 TRIBAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**8 FAR NORTH STRATEGIES LLC MONTHLY REPORT (in packet)**

**9 SCHOOLHOUSE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SAXMAN**

**Background:** OVS needs an updated COS rental agreement still. OVS has received 8 invoices for \$1500 for rent going back into 2022 recently, and no lease has been signed.

The Council concurred the City of Saxman and OVS need to discuss future plans. No response has been made on the offer to buy the building. If OVS can't buy the building then what? We need some type of agreement in the meantime.

**10 PURCHASE OF AP&T MAHONEY LAKE PROJECT – moved to Executive Session**

**11 CDC – CASH CALL REQUEST**

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Chuck Denny to authorize payment. ROLL CALL TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: YES VOTE: Chuck Denny, Trudi Swink, Nora DeWitt, and Crista Thomas; NO VOTE: None; ABSTAINING VOTE: None; Motion passes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**12 OVS HOME REPAIRS UPDATE (in packet)**

Update of home repair project was received and discussed.

**13 HOME REPAIRS – COMPLETED PROJECT #8 (in packet)**

This report was reviewed.

**14 DRAFT SIGN ON LETTER – SE TRIBES CALL FOR DISMISSAL OF WILD FISH CONSERVANCY LAWSUIT (in packet)**

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Nora DeWitt to include OVS in sign on letter joining Southeast Tribes calling for dismissal letter in support of Southeast fishermen and Southeast livelihoods. All in favor. Motion carried.

**15 ANS/ANB EDUCATION PROPOSAL DRAFT – (in packet) Defer to next meeting**

**16 SEEK NEW ACCOUNTING FIRM**

Tribal Administrator Charlie White was directed to begin the process.

**17 STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Dates for the strategic planning meetings is October 16-18, 2023 and looking at San Diego.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**FYI (FOR YOUR INFORMATION)**

**16 POLYNESIAN CANOE EVENTS (in packet)**

Saxman and KIC working together to host the PVS crew July 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>. Saxman is hosting workshops for gift making, dancing, arrival/depart events; A celebration dinner and many other events that Council should be a part of. Reach out to Cape Fox Corporation for help too.

**17 OLDER AMERICAN ACT SERVICE AGREEMENT (in packet)**

No action needed but a copy of the updated service agreement between OVS and Catholic Services is provided for information purposes.

**18 ALL-SENIOR PICNIC CELEBRATION 2023 ON AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup> 11 am TO 2 pm AT  
WARD LAKE INVITATION/SOLICITATION LETTER FOR DONATIONS/  
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PICNIC** Deferred to the next meeting.

**19 PACIFIC KELP CO. (in packet)** Deferred to the next meeting.

**20 ANS/ANB EDUCATION PROPOSAL DRAFT (in packet)** No action as in draft form.

**NEXT MEETING DATES**

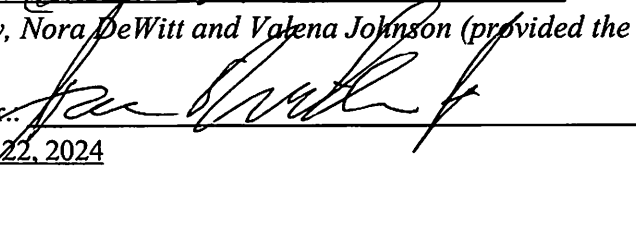
June 14, 2023 at 5:30 pm joint meeting with the City of Saxman

**COUNCIL/PRESIDENTS COMMENTS** – None recorded

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council concurred to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm.

Submitted by Nora DeWitt:   
Notes provided by: Chuck Denny, Nora DeWitt and Valena Johnson (provided the agenda)

Signed by President Joe Williams Jr.:   
Date of Approval by Council: July 22, 2024