

**ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF SAXMAN  
REGULAR MEETING - FEBRUARY 22, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

This meeting was called to order by President Joe Williams at 4:44 PM (zoom capability was 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, Treasurer Trudi Swink, Council Members Caryl Williams, Claudia Boyd and Nora DeWitt.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Secretary Carrie (Wallace) Denny.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tribal Administrator Charlie White, Tribal Administrative Assistant Layla Kelly.

A quorum was declared present and the meeting continued per the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

**CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion/Second Caryl Williams and Nora DeWitt to approve the agenda. Items added were as follows: Old Business: Retrocession from CCTHITA paperwork update; Rental Agreement on Saxman Schoolhouse. New Business: Tribal Administrator's outdated contract. Also requested to have an executive session regarding administration. Question called, all in favor, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1 FEBRUARY 8, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**2 HEALTH CARE REPORT**

**BACKGROUND:** Nora DeWitt will be presenting to the Council her verbal healthcare report.

**3 FINANCE REPORT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Bookkeeper Amy DeTienne will be presenting her written finance report to the Council for approval.

**4 PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL REPORT**

**BACKGROUND:** President Joe Williams will be giving a report from the travel to the Alaska Forum on the Environment in Anchorage and on the NCAI Executive Winter Session in Washington, D.C.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **RETROCESSION ON TLINGIT & HAIDA (CCTHITA) PAPERWORK UPDATE:**

Tribal Administrator updated the Council and advised he was working on the required document. It was thought the resolution was passed when Brianna was doing the minutes and wanted to know if it was sent. The problem with enrolling with both Ketchikan and Saxman Tlingit & Haida Chapters was discussed. It was suggested to use CCTHITA enrollment to help with enrollment for the BIA. The only problem is that this doesn't show all of Saxman's Tribal Citizens. The programs the Tribe will offer can be decided once the amount of funding is known. CCTHITA offered to assist with the 105L proposal and advised once this application is received they will retro pay back to the date of the application. Tribal Administrator Charlie White stated he knows how to do this and explained briefly what this composes of. Enrollment was discussed.

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Caryl Williams to create an Enrollment Committee. All in favor, motion carried. Nora DeWitt, Caryl Williams, Claudia Boyd and Chuck Denny are appointed.

### **SCHOOLHOUSE RENTAL AGREEMENT UPDATE**

Nora DeWitt mentioned it has been two years and the City of Saxman still hasn't address this agreement. She was concerned because the City of Saxman is owed one past year and this current year for Schoolhouse rent but before the Tribe can pay there has to be a rental agreement to justify this payment for our audit. President Joe Williams spoke with City of Saxman Mayor Frank Seludo and the City was considering forgiveness of the rent. It was decided to keep this on the agenda every month until it is taken care of.

### **5 ALASKA GRANT SYMPOSIUM - Deferred**

**BACKGROUND:** The topic of the Alaska Grant Symposium was deferred based on lack of information. It was asked where funds would be coming from to fund this trip. A question was asked if the grant writers were going to attend and if so would it be necessary to stay a day or two to meet with them in person.

Council discussed this and it was mentioned that the AML Infrastructure Development Symposium is three days before the Grant Symposium and would be added travel days. This training was discussed and was deferred to the next meeting to have more information on the AML training tracks.

### **6 TRADITIONAL FOODS COORDINATOR CONTRACTS**

**BACKGROUND:** The Council needs to read over the draft contract and make any changes, then approve the contract and appoint Chuck Denny and Joe Williams as the Traditional Foods Coordinators.

Motion/Second Caryl Williams and Nora DeWitt to approve the Traditional Food Contract for Joe Williams and Chuck Denny.

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Caryl Williams to amend the motion to add the payment will be 50% up front and 50% once the project is completed for a total of \$12,500 from the Rural Development funds to be split between both parties. All in favor, motion carried.

Question on the main motion. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: YES VOTE: Nora DeWitt, Claudia Boyd and Caryl Williams, NO VOTE: None, ABSTAINING VOTE: Chuck Denny; Motion passes.

**7 CREATION OF AN OVS FLAG:** Defer to the next meeting

**BACKGROUND:** The idea is being brought to the Council to approve making a flag for OVS to bring to D.C.

**8 DONATION FOR FORMER COUNCIL MEMBERS FAMILY - Defer**

**BACKGROUND:** The idea was brought up at the last previous meeting to make a donation for funeral expenses for former Council Member Crista Thomas. Council discussed this and to possibly set up a funeral fund for Tribal Citizens; which fund to use for this expense; and how to handle this. The Council concurred to defer.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**CARRY OVER CONTRACT FOR TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR CHARLIE WHITE**

Charlie stated this was just a matter of extending his contract. He said he will provide his contract and this can be added on to the next meeting's agenda.

### **9 UPCOMING ELECTIONS**

Tribal Administrative Assistant advised the election is coming up soon and will be on April 18<sup>th</sup>. She asked the Council to agree to this election date and she needed to figure out whose term is up.

### **10 KPU TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT**

**BACKGROUND:** KPU Division Manager stated FCC requires telecommunication entities to communicate regularly with tribal organizations within their serving area. They are requesting a meeting to discuss a couple of topics.

It was concurred that President Joe Williams, Vice President Chuck Denny and staff could meet with KPU.

### **11 UPCOMING COMMITTEE LIST**

It was concurred an updated list would be provided.

### **12 SEA OTTER SKIN SEWING CLASS**

**BACKGROUND:** Jared Olin asked in an email if Saxman wanted to have a sea otter skin sewing class.

### **13 TLINGIT & HAIDA REPORT ABOUT CORPUZ PROPERTY**

**BACKGROUND:** President Joe Williams forwarded an email to all Council Members and staff on Thursday, February 15, 2024, which was a report from CCTHITA regarding the Corpuz property.

President Williams asked the Council to read over this report and then the Council can discuss it.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEXT MEETING DATE(S)**

Friday, February 23, 2024 at 1:30 pm until 3:00 pm to meet with Senator Sullivan  
Monday, March 4, 2024 at 4:30 Regular OVS meeting

**COUNCIL/PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS** None recorded.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Claudia Boyd to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:58 pm.

Minutes Prepared & Submitted By: Nora DeWitt

Notes Provided By: Nora DeWitt and Layla Kelly

Signed by: Joe Williams Jr. Date of Meeting: August 5, 2024  
President Joe Williams Jr. Council Approved