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**ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF SAXMAN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

A. CALL TO ORDER Vice President Caryl Williams called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm in the Saxman Tribal Office meeting room per agenda (in packet). Zoom capability was available.

B. PRAYER Invocation was given by Joe Williams Jr

ROLL CALL:

President Joe Williams Jr.	Z	Vice President Nora DeWitt	EX
Secretary Caryl Williams	P	Treasurer Charles (Chuck) Denny	P
Councilmember Vacant		Councilmember Mike DeWitt	P
Councilmember Trudi Swink	Z	UE-Unexcused; P-Present; Z-Zoom	

Others Present: Bookkeeper Amy DeTienne, William Ware, Tlingit & Haida COO Roald Helgesen, Tlingit & Haida Deputy COO Gail Dabaluz, Tlingit and Haida ARPA Coordinator Shaleena Delgado, and Youth Representative Amos Gray.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Ware presented himself as a consultant willing to assist OVS with anything they would need as he is retired and currently offering consulting services to small tribes. Mr. Ware offered his condolences to the OVS Council and staff concerning the loss of our Tribal Administrator Charlie White. William spoke of his background in working with small tribes and his current consulting contracts with other small tribes. Councilmember Mike DeWitt spoke of Mr. Ware being his relative and that OVS needed help with the budgets and grant closeouts. Mike DeWitt requested that William forward his resume on to Amy DeTienne for the distribution to Council for consideration.

Roald Helgesen and his team from T&H presented a power point on Full-Service Lease Agreements Update to the Finance Committee. In this presentation, Mr. Helgesen explained the process of obtaining a 105(l) and each of the components necessary to get started developing this for OVS. He stated that the US Government is required to enter into an agreement with OVS and that it is a matter of law. Roald introduced his team and stated that T&H is willing to assist OVS in the retrocession and the 105(l) compact agreement with the BIA in every way necessary at no charge. Roald covered what each of his team does at T&H and how they could also assist. The SLFRF funds should be standard revenue replacement and Roald explained that Shaleena could assist Amy with that process. Further offers of assistance were made and Roald told Council that T&H President Peterson gave him the specific instruction to assist OVS in every

way possible. J. Williams asked Roald to provide the amounts owed to OVS from T&H from prior years on the Small Tribes money. Roald stated Cara would send that in an email to Joe immediately. Roald will look into the DOE grant for OVS to find out the funding amount. President J. Williams inquired about the TIPP reports and balances. Mr. Helgesen will ask about this process and get the balances.

D. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

Motion/Second M. DeWitt and Chuck Denny to approve the agenda with additions as follows:

- Add I.5 William Ware. Question called. All in favor, motion carried.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of minutes was deferred until the next regular meeting.

G. STAFF AND PRESIDENT REPORTS

G.1. Oral report by Bookkeeper, Amy DeTienne. An ARPA update was given along with a request for a Finance Committee meeting. Audit update was provided. Staff schedules were discussed along with information of the daily talks between the Bookkeeper and the President. Trudi Swink asked about staff travel dates. Providers Conference is 12/2/24-12/6/24.

G.2. Oral report from the President J, Williams, Jr. TERO ordinance was discussed. President J. Williams mentioned retyping the Constitution and spending time doing that daily. KIC Broadband and the letter from Norman Skan was discussed and he stated that it isn't a service area but a business. President Williams requested an executive committee meeting be held with KIC. Mike DeWitt requests that OVS Council meet with KIC Council and work with them as a business. Chuck Denny recommends sending the issue to the Broadband Committee for review and a plan of action. He will text the committee to see availability. Concern was expressed regarding the threatening tone of the letter received from KIC President Skan. T. Swink suggested forming a committee and setting up an appointment with the KIC Council.

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

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and M. DeWitt to approve the ARPA Finance report. All in favor, motion carried.

H. OLD BUSINESS

H.1. Food Card and Utility Assistance Program

12/10/2024 is the final application day and cards can be picked up 12/13/2024. Flyers were distributed to each house by Robert DeWitt and participants are signing the acknowledgement form for the program end.

H.2. Land Purchase

The bids on the Wolf Street Property (Seludo) were not accepted. We bid up to \$175,000 and the other bid went up to \$225,000. Our agent advised us that it appeared the owner was the one bidding against OVS. President Williams informed the Council that he would have more information by the end of the day. Chuck Denny asked about appropriating the funds to be spent from ARPA before the end of the year. President Williams confirmed the price on the Corpuz property is \$35,000 and Desiree Duncan was able to get \$3,400 allocated to clean the property. The Kushnick's have not removed any of their items from the property. The Corpuz property deed was sent by T&H to the BIA. It is in the BIA hands now to return the deed to T&H for conveyance to OVS. President Williams informed the Council that Desiree Duncan had resigned from T&H and she is retiring.

H.3. Retrocession from CCTHITA and Associated Documents

Roald Helgesen and his team covered the 105(l) in his presentation during public comments. President Williams and Bookkeeper Amy DeTienne met with Roald and his team via Zoom on 12/14/24 to discuss T&H's assistance with the retrocession. T&H President Peterson instructed Roald and his team to help with the retrocession in anyway necessary. Chuck Denny stated this is a committee matter and should not be under discussion at the Council Meeting and is not Old Business.

H.4. Job Openings Tribal Administrator, Tribal Administrative Assistant, and IEGAP Coordinator

Amy DeTienne confirmed the ads were renewed at a total of \$700 for the week. The Council will consider what William Ware sends over as consultation. President Williams mentioned his sister Linda Williams expressed interest in applying for the IEGAP Coordinator position.

H.5. ARPA Budget Modifications

Amy DeTienne requested a Finance meeting. Chuck Denny asked when people would be available to meet and said he would call around to confirm a time.

H.6. City and OVS Joint Christmas Party

Amy DeTienne informed the Council that Cape Fox has been engaged as the caterer. The event will be held on 12/20/24 at the City Hall upstairs. The menu and event will be discussed at the finance meeting.

I. NEW BUSINESS

I.1. Grants and Current Opportunities

President Williams and Amy DeTienne gave updates on the IJT program and stated that all grants would be covered in the finance meeting coming up.

I.2. Community Workshop

President Williams gave a brief outline of the staff at Sitka Wild wanting to come down and do a workshop for Saxman. The Council didn't feel this would be doable this year but perhaps in the future and maybe better affiliated with the City of Saxman.

I.3. Tidal Energy Update

President Williams gave a program update and restated that the total incentive from the program was \$50,000 and that \$30,000 was committed to Siemen's our project management firm and the other \$20,000 was for OVS to use as they saw fit, no restrictions. He informed the Council that we (He and Amy) will meet with ETIPP in Anchorage on Thursday 12/5/24 at 9 a.m. to meet with program personnel.

I.4. Upcoming Travel Update

BIA Provider's Conference in Anchorage 12/2/24-12/6/24. Caryl Williams informed the Council she will be unable to attend the BIA Provider's Conference.

I.5. William Ware

Mike DeWitt requested that Amy contact Will and have him send a contract proposal along with his resume for Council review. He also mentioned having a strategic plan and setting up the grants going forward and project management to see where Will could best help the Bookkeeper position.

J. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee meetings held to report on.

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

L. NEXT MEETING DATES

Special Meeting November 21, 2024, at 6:00 pm

M. COUNCIL/PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Chuck Denny felt the meeting was good, a little short. He reminded the Council that the vacant seat needed to be advertised and that we need a Health Board Report and an update on the Dialysis Clinic.

M.DeWitt felt the meeting was good and he is looking forward to seeing what William Ware has to offer.

C. Williams felt the meeting was good and talked a bit about the 105(l) for funding for our tribe.


Joe Williams thanked everyone for their time and felt the meeting was good.

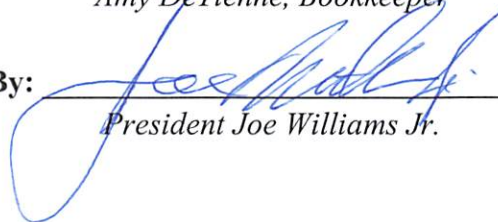
Trudi Swink had no comment.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Chuck Denny and passed by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Submitted By: 
Amy DeTienne, Bookkeeper

Reviewed By:  Date: 12/16/2024