

## **ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF SAXMAN REGULAR MEETING**

**February 21, 2023**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Williams Jr. at 6:15 pm per agenda.

### **PRAYER**

The invocation was given by President Joe Williams Jr.

### **ROLL CALL TAKEN AS FOLLOWS**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Joe Williams Jr., Vice President Charles (Chuck) Denny, Secretary Carrie (Wallace) Denny (via zoom) and Councilmember Crista Thomas (via zoom).

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Treasurer Trudi Swink, Councilmember Richard Shields Sr. and Nora DeWitt.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tribal Administrator Charlie White, and Interim Tribal Administrative Assistant Lori Richmond.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Crista Thomas to add Evaluation Committee to the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Carrie Denny to reconsider the agenda for the purposes of looking at the business cards. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Carrie Denny to accept the recommendation of Kelly White for business card design. All in favor, motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Staff reports and finance reports provided in the first meeting of the month as required.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **2. KIC AND OVS BROADBAND MITIGATION**

A meeting with KIC is scheduled for March 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

#### **3 RENTAL POLICY DRAFT**

BACKGROUND: A revision to draft rental policy has been provided for approval.

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Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Crista Thomas to approve the rental agreement but to change OVS to Tribal Administrator; No pets unless approved and in that specific rental agreement; and \$500 damage deposit. All in favor, motion carried.

**4 MARCH TRAVEL/COUNCIL RETREAT**

BACKGROUND: Need to finalize travel plans for Councilmembers and discuss retreat details. Council was advised Crista Thomas will be in Anchorage, Carrie Denny and Joe Williams can go to Arizona, Chuck Denny and Richard Shields can't go as they have Cape Fox Board meetings and travel at the same time.

**5 FOOD ASSISTANCE ARPA EXTENSION**

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Crista Thomas to extend the food card assistance for residents of Saxman for the months of April and May due to State SNAP benefits and food stamp delays. All in favor, motion carried.

**6 TRANSFER OF SCHOOL HOUSE PROPERTY**

City of Saxman Mayor Frank Seludo has agreed to have both Councils meet to discuss the transfer of the Schoolhouse property, lease agreement and road conveyance on February 24, 2023 at 6 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**7 TLINGIT POTATO GARDEN**

BACKGROUND: Forest Service would like to work with the Tribe to start a community potato garden. They have a meeting February 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the project. Would anyone be interested in working with them on this? Location for garden is still unknown and if there are any ideas on a good location that could be used, they can advise during the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Council concurred in finding out more details and seeing if Lori can be the Saxman Representative.

**8 CEDAR BASKET WEAVING COURSE**

BACKGROUND: SHI will be at OVS March 11-21, 2023 for a basic weaving class.

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Crista Thomas to use ARPA funds to cover all fees associated with the SHI cedar basket weaving course for \$200 per participant and fund a total of 12 participants. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: YES VOTE: Chuck Denny, Carrie Denny and Crista Thomas; NO VOTE: None; ABSTAINING VOTE: None; Motion passes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING DATES**

March 6<sup>th</sup>

**COUNCIL/PRESIDENTS COMMENTS**

Vice President Chuck Denny stated he was glad to have a quorum.

Secretary Carrie (Wallace) Denny stated this was a good meeting.

Councilmember Crista Thomas stated this was a good meeting.

Tribal Administrator Charlie White stated he was looking forward to our next meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

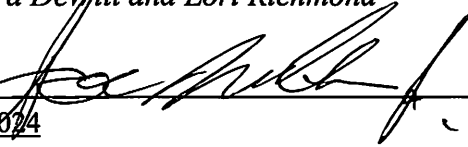
Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Crista Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by Nora DeWitt:



Notes provided by: Chuck Denny, Nora DeWitt and Lori Richmond

Signed by President Joe Williams Jr:



Date of Approval by Council: July 22, 2024

*Handouts distributed: Memo from Accountant Greg Romano commenting on the processes and accounting procedures within the office that would create some efficiencies*