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MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 17, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

A.CALL TO ORDER by President Joe Williams at 6:15 pm.
B. PRAYER given by Secretary Nora DeWitt.

C. ROLL CALL: Done by Mariya Williams.
CODE: E=Excused; UE=Unexcused; P=Present; Z=Zoom

President Joe Williams Jr.	P	Secretary Nora DeWitt	P
Vice President Amos Gray	P	Treasurer Chuck Denny	P
Councilmember Trudi Swink	Z	Councilmember Mike DeWitt	P
Councilmember Kayla Williams	Z	Elder Advisor Dena Mahi	P
Youth Advisor – Vacant			

OTHERS PRESENT: Tribal Administrator Amy DeTienne, Mayor Frank Seludo, Administrative Assistant Mariya Williams.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS None

E. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA
M/2 C.Denny and A.Gray to approve agenda. Items added to the agenda: I.10 Woodmizer. All in favor, motion carried.

F. CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVAL OF MINUTES All minutes were deferred.
F.1. Meeting Minutes February 2, 2026
F.2. Meeting Minutes February 17, 2026
F.3. Meeting Minutes March 2, 2026 – Defer. Handed out in packet. N.D. (Exhibit F.3)
F.4. Meeting Minutes Q3 2025 COS and OVS
F.5. F.4. Meeting Minutes Q1 2026 COS and OVS

G. STAFF REPORTS
G.1. Tribal Administrator and All Administrative (Building Supervisor, IGAP, and Finance) Reports – Amy DeTienne (Exhibit G.1)
Travel availability is needed to schedule a meeting with CCTHITA. Amy reported receiving an email requesting a meeting for April and advising $155,382 is the FY26 awarded amount. At this meeting CCTHITA wants to cover FY26 and FY27. She received an email from Sarah Walker advising that the deadline to give notice on decision to contract direct FY27 programs is April 4th. She explained OVS applied for Title 1 funds and not Title IV. It was noted the Southeast Leaders Roundtable meeting is April 15th – 17th in Juneau.

M/2 C.Denny & A.Gray to accept Tribal Administrator's report. All in favor, motion carried.

G.2. President Report – Joseph Williams
President Williams stated he will present his report at next scheduled meeting.

G.3. Travel Reports – Amos Gray (Exhibit G.3)
A.Gray reported that he attended the tax and finance portions. It was very interesting and a Tribally charted LLC would be federally tax exempt. Positives would be partnership with other tribal entities, eligible for certain taxes and bonds. He reported he will do further research and needs to compare this to BIA section 17. He said Section 17 establishes its own board and is separate from the Tribe.
Point of order called by M.DeWitt as the research comments can be discussed later.
M/2 N.DeWitt and M.DeWitt to approve this travel report. All in favor, motion carried.

G.4. Travel Report – Verbal Dena Mahi
D.Mahi stated she attended the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) as the elder representative. She explained she made sure to sit at different tables to talk to different elders from different areas. She went to a session, and Barrow was having a class on fisheries and they showed a film. They were very upset because in the 40's three men were arrested for fishing, and these men did all the fishing for the elders of the village. The government was shutting them down and the whole town stood up against their arrest, and they fought the law and won. Other villages have had the same fight for subsistence hunting, and this happened in Bethel with hunting tarmagun and white swans. She went to a class on colleges and brought back paperwork to the KIC elders lunch so they can get the information and pass it on to the right person for grants and scholarships. She attended a workshop on deer hunting. In their community they take student out deer hunting and the students, shoot the deer, pack it out of the forest and learn how to clean and prepare the meet and skin. They take the meat to the elders luncheon program. They also teach them how to preserve the meat. She said she visited the fundraising tables and other tables of information.
M/2 N.DeWitt and C.Denny to approve Dena Mahi's verbal report. All in favor, motion carried.

H. OLD BUSINESS

H.1. Federal Subsistence Management Program Review
BACKGROUND: Meeting held by Subsistence Task Force on 03/10/2026. Report by Joe Williams.
President Williams reported there were many folks in the room and online, but each was given only 3 minutes to speak. They objected to the time limit, explaining they all spent a lot of money to be present and to be cut off was not fair. President Williams spoke about his personal subsistence experiences as a youth in Saxman. He challenged that there are 229 federal recognized tribes in Alaska and bring more than 400 million to our communities, yet they are listening to a "club", as is the Sierra Club and not an officially recognized tribes. He told them 1% of the salmon caught in Alaska is what we are talking about. Sierra Club is saying they are being discriminated against and objecting and calling for this reconsideration. He concluded by gifting each board member a jar of smoked fish.

H.2. Alliance of Sovereign Tribes of Southeast Alaska
BACKGROUND: Next Meeting is 04/06/2026.
Amy DeTienne stated April 6th is their next regularly scheduled meeting. On that day there is also a meeting with the Borough Assembly regarding the Salmon Falls property rezone. Both will have zoom availability. She asked the Council to keep in mind that this is when the Self Governance Conference is also scheduled.

H.3. Wolf Street Property

BACKGROUND: Nora and Joe toured the site. Have received an adjusted bid from the contractor since the OVS maintenance team has made good progress on the interior.
A.DeTienne received the accepted bid and they are plugging along with the project. She said she has two staff out for medical reasons and Greg is continuing to work on the project. She has not heard back from the bank on the loan.

H.4. FCC Broadband
BACKGROUND: Max is requesting a contract so he can keep track of hours to get the project started. Contract is attached.
A.DeTienne explained the contract is going to be used as a method to keep track of the hours and various aspects of the project. The contractors also asked about the dimensions of equipment to figure out where to put equipment.

President Williams reported Tim Lewis would like to be our first customer for Broadband services, and he is on the other end of the Island. The boundary of this area was discussed as it is in the area that KIC and Saxman are negotiating. It was noted that the question of other parts of the Island that could use Saxman's broadband needs to be presented to our contractor Max Lopez. President Williams reported KIC President Gloria Burns approached him about a meeting regarding this and acknowledged the need to meet.

President Williams at 7:01 pm called for a break of ten minutes. The meeting was called back to order at 7:09 pm.

H.5. Forest Plan Community Meeting
BACKGROUND: Two meeting sessions. Next meeting 04/01/2026
What is going to be discussed at the meeting? It was noted information will be received before the meeting. The meeting will start at 4:30 pm.

H.6. Saxman Water Project
BACKGROUND: The grant was applied for. Meetings with State and BIA roads occurred and this was part of what they are tasked with developing.
The plan is to get the 10" pipe in there and do the design to put in the waterlines. A.DeTienne stated it is desired to add an extra mile of 10" pipe to address the South Tongass Highway concern and get this installed. She hasn't heard how long it takes to process the applications. President Williams stated the project superintendent agreed to do the plan and design.

H.7. Pentecostal Property
BACKGROUND: Sharli met Joe and Amy on 3/11/26. Property purchase is moving along with paperwork being filed. Closing date is set for 4/30/26.
A.DeTienne explained she is working on recording the Ernest money, contractor fee, and property value appropriately in QuickBooks.

H.8. 105L Program

BACKGROUND: Keep this on the agenda for status updates. No new updates. This is used as a place holder in the agenda.

H.9. Schoolhouse Property Transfer (Exhibit H.9)
BACKGROUND: Quit Claim deed has been started by the City of Saxman.
Attachment included with Quit claim deed will include an amendment stating if the building ceases to be used for public purposes or if the Tribe no longer has a need for the building it will revert back to the City. He noted in ten years who knows where the City or the Tribe will be at and he wants to be thorough. He stated he will check the resolution to determine what needs to occur and present this to the Saxman City Council before processing.

H.10. OVS Withdrawal From CCTHITA/ Title 1 Contract with BIA
BACKGROUND: It was determined that the Constitution is the starting point for this. Committee is meeting to get this accomplished. Will follow up on an April meeting with Tlingit & Haida.
President Williams stated the committee is up to Section III of the constitution in their review. The Council still needs to meet with CCTHITA for 2026 and 2027 budget information. The decision of what programs will be left with CCTHITA and what programs OVS wants to administer needs to be addressed. Questions are what services do they provide now and what are the number of client served for the last three years and other questions will be followed up later when they come to Saxman to meet with the Council in April.

Chair A.Gray declared a 5 minute break at 7:18 pm. The meeting was called back to order by Chair A.Gray.

H.11. Roads
BACKGROUND: Need to set up a meeting to update LRTP.
A.DeTienne stated the last Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is from 2012. There needs to be a meeting scheduled for update this.

H.12. Census of Saxman
BACKGROUND: A census form needs to be developed. Meeting with the City to do this needs to happen.
Mayor Seludo stated the deadline to complete and submit this is April 30th. He has the guidelines and forms that need to be done to accomplish this. It was decided to have a meeting on Thursday to plan accomplishing this census survey and doing Tribal enrollment. Dena Mahai volunteered to help with the survey for the elders in both elder buildings.

H.14. Green Crab Detection and Management Workshop
BACKGROUND: April 20-23rd in Metlakatla. With Native American Fish & Wildlife Society. This agenda item is a placeholder of the information of this workshop. This workshop will include a trip to Metlakatla to see how they run their program.

H.15. CPR Class for Saxman Residents

BACKGROUND: Saturday March 21st at the Red Hall. 9:30 am to 4:30 am
Mariya Williams stated this will be done by CCTHITA and all participants need to fill out an application because there is a risk for meningitis. She stated they can have 6-8 people and non-members will have to pay $15.00.

H.16 Corpuz Property (Exhibit H.16)
BACKGROUND: We have the deeds!!
Took CCTHITA five years to obtain this deed with the BIA.

H.17. Round Table (Exhibit H.17)
BACKGROUND: Southeast Alaska Native Leaders Roundtable meeting is in Sitka on April 15-16, 2026.
M/2 N.DeWit and A.Gray to send J.Williams, C.Denny, N.DeWitt, and Dena Mahi to the Southeast Alaska Native Leaders Roundtable meeting in Sitka on April 15-16th, with travel days of April 14th and 17th and expenses will include conference fees, airfare, car rental, hotel and per diem. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: YES VOTE: A.Gray, M.DeWitt, N.DeWitt, T.Swink, K.Williams, C.Denny; NO VOTES: None; ABSTAINING VOTES: None. Motion passes.

I. NEW BUSINESS

I.1. Totem Poles
BACKGROUND: Update from Nora and Amy.
In meeting with Jamie and Kelly White the budget they have is not large enough to erect the totem poles stored which was discussed at the last Council meeting. There is concern with over crowding the front entry lobby area and therefore cannot be a part of the project they proposed. The condition of the poles is very poor and need to be restored back to old Cape Fox Village. The condition of the items in connex is not known. They advised that OVS has to be consulted on the repatriated items and they are not in good condition. They were surprised when told that OVS has to be consulted because they are the named party of the repatriation.

I.2. Per Diem
BACKGROUND: Part of policy development.
Investigate policy and defer to next meeting.

I.3. Traditional Foods
BACKGROUND: Unsuccessful hunt on Monday. Will keep trying or maybe find new hunting grounds.
This will be followed up with Chris Bryant and brought to the next meeting and it is hoped Chris is able to attend the meeting. D.Mahai brought a fur key chain that she thought would be a nice gift idea for the canoe gathering and the seal fur could be used for this.

I.4. Self-Governance Conference (Exhibit I.4)
BACKGROUND: Self Governance 2026 in AZ. April 5th to 7th. Need to send staff and council.

Amy DeTienne, Delina Mahi, and Joseph Williams will be able to go to the Self-Governance Conference. Chuck Denny and Kayla Williams will not be able to attend. Nora DeWitt has requested this travel from the KIC Health Committee. Trudi Swink, Jeannette Rosier, Mariya Williams, Amos Gray will advise asap.

M/2 by A.Gray and C.Denny to send Amy DeTienne, Joseph Williams, Dena Mahi, Jeannette Rosier, Mariya Williams and tentatively Trudi Swink, Mike DeWitt and Nora DeWitt to the Self Governance Conference on the 4th through the 8th and pay the airfare, per diem, hotel, car rentals, and conference fees with the start-up funds for contracting the 93-638 programs.
ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: YES VOTE: A.Gray, M.DeWitt, N.DeWitt, T.Swink, K.Williams, C.Denny; NO VOTE: None; ABSTAINING VOTE: None. Motion passes. N.DeWitt stated she has requested this travel from KIC Health Committee and is waiting for approval.

President Williams stated he has a friend that lives there and she has offered OVS a room and he asked if this was okay. He will bring smoked salmon down for a gift and she has a pool they can use. President will accept the offer and give her a call tomorrow.

I.5. Letter of Support
BACKGROUND: Resolution needed for support of the Cape Fox Heritage's grant application sent to them by March 20th.
Secretary N.DeWitt stated she is waiting on the grantor's name and the grant amount. Once known she can write the resolution. A.DeTienne stated the grantor was T-Mobile and is for 50K.

N.DeWitt reported she and A.DeTienne met with Kelly and Jamie White and they explained the grant included improvements to the gym, gym floor repairs and repainting to allow for markings for volleyball, and make improvements so the echo in the room is improved. Also explained was the experience Jamie White has had with managing grants and the grant will be administered by Cape Fox Heritage and she will directly manage the grant.

M/2 A.Gray and C.Denny to send a letter of support for the 50K T-Mobile Grant application. All in favor, motion carried.

I.6. Suicide Prevention Assembly (Exhibit I.6)
BACKGROUND: Training provided by guest speakers during the day and dinner and dancing during the night.
A request to come to Saxman to present a basketball camp to support youth and offer wellness and support because of the recent suicide. There is a committee working together in Prince of Wales that would like to see Village to Village basketball games being done to continue to provide Village to Village support. The end of April they plan to go to Metlakatla and return May 2nd and sometime in there they would like to visit Saxman. A flyer needs to be distributed to Saxman about this event. There is no age limit. Frank offered his truck. Amy offered housing. They are shooting for the moon and trying to reach everyone.

It was felt this would be beneficial to the canoe journey and help with community healing. They are looking at $100,000 to do this project and seeking funding from the ANSCA Corporations and other contributors.

I.7. Tom Begich
BACKGROUND: Begich will be at OVS on March 21 for a Community Conversation. Meeting time will be from 3:30 to 5 pm.

I.8. KIC Salmon Falls Letter of Support (Exhibit I.8)
BACKGROUND: KIC is looking for letters of support from the tribe for the Salmon Falls project.
M/2 A.Gray and N.DeWitt to write a support letter for the development of Salmon Falls for a Wellness Center. All in favor, motion carried. KIC Tribal Administrator/CEO stated she will write a letter for President Williams to sign.

I.9. OCS Community Experience
BACKGROUND: Providing Saxman residents to share with a Kin Support program member regarding OCS and what supports families need.

City Clerk Ginger McCormick received an email from Holly Handler asking if she could come to discuss what our community needs are and offer guidance on the process with the Office of Children Services (OCS). She would like to visit in May. She will help to figure out community needs and have a panel present to answer questions and provide guidance.

T.Swink stated she would like to have CCTHITA Social Worker Jackie Johnson involved. Dates will be discussed to see what date is best available.

I.10. Woodmizer
Background: Tim Lewis is willing to help get others trained.
President Williams stated he will have Mr. Lewis write up a MOU/MOA for the use of the wood mizer and get this back to the Council before the week is over.
It was felt a contract was needed. Also, it would be good to have the youth involved. An idea shared was to do plagues with family crest on them. Something small for the youth to carve on. Community involvement is encouraged.

President Williams stated Mr. Lewis was willing to cut some lumber for any of our needs. It was felt this should all be in writing and to ensure there is appropriate insurance coverage.

The facades were discussed and N.DeWitt requested more detail as she did not understand how this was going to look. President Williams stated he will provide that.

Comparing this to the cost of sending people out for training, it may be more beneficial. They can get the wood mizer up, operating and pay for the gas, oil, maintenance, and saw blade replacement. Charging rent for the wood mizer was suggested but the benefits of training might be worth the exchange rather than charging. Stated insurance should be acquired to cover damages and liability for the operators.

It was explained that Tim Lewis has red cedar logs they purchased and what's left over they are willing to cut for Saxman's needs. They will take the wood mizer to Ward Cove to use out there. Doesn't know what condition this machine is in so this will give this responsibility to them to get it running. Mr. Lewis said he would give us the planks at no costs and this would be for the facades, they will deliver at no charge to us. President Williams asked if a phone poll would be acceptable and the MOU can be sent via email.

President Williams explained when he does his tour and brings out visitors he explains to them historically the totem poles were placed in front of homes to signify the clan crest of the home. The homes were close together and that is what he envisions for the totem park.

J. COUNCIL COMMITTEES

J.1. Start-up/Transition Committee Meeting minutes 3/9/26 – next meeting 3/17/26
Got a late start today but got to Section 3 of the constitution. The next meeting is Monday the 30th at 4:30 pm- 6:30 pm. The chairman of the Constitution Committee is Amos Gray.

J.2. Land Purchase & Development Committee Meeting Minutes
This committee is to look at purchasing properties that are up for resale. A good start is at the joint meeting with the City. N.DeWitt explained OVS Indian Housing Plan (IHP) NAHASDA funds were to be used to buy property that come up for sale in Saxman.

A.Gray stated it bothers him the property across from his home is still vacant. It was mention JJ and Anna DeWitt were still waiting for this home. It was thought they didn't qualify as income wasn't high enough.

President Williams stated OVS hasn't received any financial reports regarding the Tribe's rentals. Concern was expressed for vacant homes, that are deteriorating.

J.3. Flag design and letterhead -Chuck
Will call and follow up.
M.DeWitt stated he called CFC's Virginia office and provided information to Amy about ordering flags. They will need a picture of the design, what size, what color and the amount desired. Mayor Seludo stated he has a flag catalog on his desk and can bring it over.

J.4. HSC – (KIC Health Services Committee) Nora DeWitt
Defer to present report at the next meeting.

J.5 KNEPC – (Ketchikan Native Education Parent Committee) Amos Gray
Next meeting after his appointment is March 21st.

J.6. 2027 Canoe Planning – Community meeting called 3/11/26 at 4:30 pm

April 30th is the next scheduled community meeting.
The last meeting was well attended by representatives from Cape Fox Heritage Foundation, Cape Fox Tours, Clan Leaders, OVS, and others. He reported Harvey Shields is reaching out to the dance groups. Ginger McCormick will be getting together to establish various committees. They scheduled April 30th for a full community meeting. Amy reported she is reaching out to the Lummi Tribe for the information on their planning for the 2025 canoe landing and also the Nisquali for information for the 2026 canoe landing. They provided a list of committees they appointed to work on their projects. J.Williams stated he will draft a letter for the Council to approve. That letter will be to invite everyone else in the community to come to meeting.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION None
L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

M. NEXT MEETING DATE(S)
M.1. April 6th, 2027 (borough meeting) on the KIC Wellness Center at Salmon Falls.
April 6th there is a meeting for the Alliance of the Sovereign Tribes of Southeast Alaska.
The Self-Governance Conference April 5th to 7th in Arizona with Travel 4/4 and 4/8.
Council agreed to move the regularly scheduled meeting to April 13th at 6:00 pm.

N. COUNCIL COMMENTS
T.Swink thanked Kayla for the link last night. She said Ketchikan is going through growing pains. She grew up around a detention center, and this didn't affect her. She felt the wellness center is a need on our island. She appreciated the words spoken by Mayor Seludo and A.DeTienne.

A.Gray stated we talked about a lot and got some things accomplished. He was glad everyone is doing their part and he looks forward to see what's accomplished.

M.DeWitt thanked staff for the timely packet and it gave him enough time to review. He said it was good to see engagement and everyone's involvement. Thank you to everyone.

A.DeTienne thanked everyone for their comments, and it provides information and growth. She appreciated everyone's efforts. Continued efforts is greatly appreciated.

D.Mahi when first started out the Village is small and now what an impact. Glad to share experiences. Glad to hear about history. She appreciates it.

N.DeWitt appreciates everyone's hard work. The meeting with Kelly and Jamie White was great and her questions were answered. She appreciates those who attended the Borough Assembly meeting and it was good to support one another.

J.Williams appreciated the efforts of staff and movement of progression. Let all staff know he really appreciates all the efforts. Amy has done well and he appreciated her efforts. He stated we will cross roads and at times when we don't agree we just figure it out and he looks forward to progressing. He said just think OVS is proud owners of 2 properties. He noted this is further along than we were a year ago and hasn't happened before. He said the plan will come out to be bigger than us. He thanked all for doing their homework and he learned so much from all the input. He really appreciates others going on travel to attend all conferences offered. He appreciates all council input and bringing his attention to information he didn't get because he couldn't attend it all. He asked to have the youth attend the next meeting and give their AFN reports.

O. ADJOURNMENT

M/2 C.Denny and A.Gray to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by Mariya Williams: Maiya Williams

Signed by President Joe Williams Jr.: Joe Williams Jr.

Meeting Date Approved: 05-20-26