

**ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF SAXMAN  
REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 6, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Williams Jr. at 6:00 pm per agenda.

**PRAYER**

The invocation was given by Councilmember Richard Shields Sr.

**ROLL CALL TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Joe Williams Jr., Vice President Charles (Chuck) Denny, Treasurer Trudi Swink, Councilmember Nora DeWitt, Richard Shields Sr., and Secretary Carrie (Wallace) Denny (arrived at 6:28 pm).

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilmember Crista Thomas.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tribal Administrator Charlie White, Tribal Administrative Assistant Valena Johnson, Maintenance Supervisor Rick Makua, CCTHITA Social Worker Jackie Johnson and Accountant Jay Johnson.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

**CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2023 REGULAR MEETING**

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Trudy Swink to approve the February 6, 2023 regular meeting minutes following the revisions to the draft minutes requests are made. All in favor, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023 REGULAR MEETING DRAFT MINUTES**

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Trudi Swink to defer the draft February 21, 2023 regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried. The Council requested that the members absent be listed in the February 21<sup>st</sup> minutes.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**3 FINANCE REPORT – Accountant Jay Johnson**

Accountant Jay Johnson Presented the financials for year ending 2022 and the current financials to date. J.Johnson suggested the Council make a resolution describing the ARPA balance and how much needs to rollover into the new budget. President Joe Williams asked Jay Johnson or Charlie White make a motion to present to the Council for the next upcoming meeting to approve

ARPA rollover. Nora DeWitt asked how the 16k of ARPA food assistance is broken up. Treasurer Trudi Swink responded that she will go over and ask the City for details.

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

#### **4 SOCIAL WORKER REPORT – Jackie Johnson**

CCTHITA Social Worker Jackie Johnson advised the Council Mike DeWitt is our CCTHITA Navigator and will be doing any enrollment and TANF applications can be submitted to the OVS office and they will be given to Mike DeWitt. Jackie Johnson informed the Council she is going to Reno in April for ICWA training.

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Chuck Denny to accept the CCTHITA Social Worker's verbal report. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **5 MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Maintenance Supervisor Rick Makua presented his report. It is noted that his report included multiple request for the Council to consider and asks for purchase of a truck with snow plowing ability (as it is easier to use that the four wheeler). R.Makua reported that the Council previously approved the hiring of an additional laborer and OVS is contracting Mike Simpson to help with plowing the snow and other maintenance work. He suggested building a patio for the 2779 Bear Clan home and estimated it would cost about \$500 bucks. He stated his report asks for consideration to purchase his personal trailer for \$9,000 and it could be used for storage. A picture of the trailer was requested.

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Nora DeWitt to accept the Maintenance Supervisor Rick Makua's report. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **6 TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Nora DeWitt to accept the Tribal Administrator Charlie White's report. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **7 TRIBAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT**

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Nora DeWitt to accept the verbal report from Tribal Administrative Assistant Valena Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **8 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Joe Williams informed the Council on his meeting with the BIA about the Tribe's retrocession from CCTHITA, road conveyance & maintenance, and the meeting he had with

Rural-Cap. Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Richard Shields to accept President Joe Williams' verbal report. All in favor, motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **9 KIC AND OVS BROADBAND MITIGATION**

BACKGROUND: KIC and OVS Councils' meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2023 at 5:30. The Administrative Assistant is working on the arrangements to use the Cape Fox Building in Saxman. No action is needed at this time.

#### **10 RENTAL POLICY DRAFT REVISIONS & RENTAL AGREEMENT REVISIONS TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED LEASE**

The Council deferred this and requested a clean copy of the revised draft agreement for consideration at the next meeting.

#### **11 DOUBLE DIPPING OF ASSISTANCE**

Council was advised that there are applicants receiving food card assistance that are allegedly not even Saxman residents and applicants are not Tribal Members.

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Chuck Denny to approve President Joe Williams to contact the City of Saxman Administrator, Lori Richmond, to discuss non-residents and non-Tribal Members receiving ARPA Assistance. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **12 OVS BUSINESS CARDS AND TRIBAL SEAL**

Kelly White was not present at the meeting to present the design considerations.

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Nora DeWitt to defer to the next meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **13 BIA MEETING**

President Joe Williams and Tribal Administrator Charlie White reported on the teleconference held with the BIA on March 1<sup>st</sup> at which time they discussed road conveyance, putting land into Trust and the JOM Program. No action needed.

#### **14 ELIZABETH PERATROVICH DAY PROCLAMATION**

A joint Proclamation was presented recognizing February 16<sup>th</sup> as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day. This proclamation was signed by all governing bodies on the Island. Vice President Chuck Denny represented OVS and provided copies of the proclamation to the Council.

### **15 CEDAR BASKET WEAVING COURSE**

Sealaska Heritage Institute will have a cedar basket weaving on March 11-21, 2023. Jackie Johnson reported this is a two week course. The Council wants to encourage Saxman people to take the class first and foremost.

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Chuck Denny to use ARPA funds to cover all fees associated with the SHI basket weaving course for \$200 per person up to 12 participants, that are Saxman residents. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: YES VOTE: Chuck Denny, Trudi Swink, Nora DeWitt, Richard Shields Sr.; NO VOTE: None; ABSTAINING VOTE: None; Motion passes.

### **16 SPRING INTO HEALING**

BACKGROUND: CCTHITA Advocacy Program is hosting a Spring Into Healing Workshop in Prince of Wales (POW) on Marh 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> in Craig Tribal Association building. Travel scholarships are first come, first served basis. T&H wants OVS to register online if interested. No action needed but President Williams asked if any Councilmembers wanted to go on behalf of OVS to let administration know. It is noted no Councilmembers are available.

### **17 DENALI COMMISSION GRANT PROPOSAL**

BACKGROUND: President Joe Williams would like to consider approval of hiring Far North Strategies LLC for the Denali Commission grant proposal deadline April 14<sup>th</sup>. President Williams stated he would like to give Council more time to adequately be informed about the proposal and would like to defer until the next meeting. Council concurred.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Chuck Denny to enter into Executive Session at 8:40 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Chuck Denny to end Executive Session at 9:22 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

### **NEXT MEETING DATES**

Many of the Councilmembers and staff will be traveling in the end of March. There would be no quorum so April 10<sup>th</sup> is the next scheduled meeting.

### **COUNCIL/PRESIDENTS COMMENTS**

President Joe Williams Jr. thanked everyone for coming and wished all a good rest of the night. Vice President Chuck Denny stated it was a good meeting; was quick and easy meeting topics.

Tribal Administrator Charlie White stated it was a good meeting and he is looking forward to the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Nora DeWitt to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by Nora DeWitt: Nora DeWitt  
Notes provided by: Chuck Denny, Nora DeWitt and Valena Johnson

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