

**ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF SAXMAN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - JULY 22, 2024**

A. CALL TO ORDER President Joe Williams Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Saxman Tribal Office meeting room per agenda (in packet). Zoom capability was available.

B. PRAYER Invocation was given by Nora DeWitt

C. ROLL CALL:

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

Others Present: Bookkeeper Amy DeTienne, Cape Fox (CF) Heritage Grant Writer Jamie White and Cape Fox Corporation (CFC) Board of Director Kelly White.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

CF Grant Writer Jamie White requested a letter of support for a grant they are writing to help do restorative work on the Saxman Totem Park Frog Wall, welcome sign at Saxman City limits, resurfacing the trails and resurfacing around the park itself. She explained with funding they hope to pay a stipend, do landscaping and hope to get flora and fauna for the grounds. They also want to add to the Tlingit Signs that are already in the Village. She explained the grant is a (United States Forest Service) USFS/AIANTA (American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association) Native Grant Program and requires a mandatory letter of support from the Tribe. She distributed pictures of the planned development and flier to put a call out to carvers. A copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) was requested and Jamie said it was on the site and would send the link. An executive session was requested and it was thought to have this immediately while Cape Fox representatives were present.

Motion/Second M.DeWitt and C.Williams to have an executive session regarding this matter. All in favor, motion carried. This meeting recessed at 6:09 pm to allow for the executive session.

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and C.Williams to come out of executive session. All in favor, motion carried. Council action will be taken when this item comes up on the agenda.

E. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

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

- Add F.24. December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting
- Add H.9. Boadband
- Add I.3 Resolution on Minute Processes

- Add I.4. Fire Truck & Building Grant/Ketchikan Gateway Borough's (KGB) Consideration of Raising Fees for Saxman's Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Add I.5. Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA) calling for "All Hands On Deck" (Support and assistance in opposing the movement to try to declare King Salmon as an endangered species).

Question called. All in favor, motion carried.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The packet of tonight's meeting contained June and July minutes and the ones being considered for approval were delivered in a separate packet in June, 2024.

F. Consent Agenda to Approve FY2024 Minutes

- F.1. July 8, 2024 Regular Meeting (pulled for corrections)
- F.2. June 26, 2024 Special Meeting
- F.3. June 24, 2024 Regular Meeting
- F.4. June 10, 2024 Regular Meeting
- F.5. May 15, 2024 Workshop
- F.6. May 13, 2024 Regular Meeting
- F.7. April 29, 2024 Regular Meeting (pulled for corrections)
- F.8. March 4, 2024 Regular Meeting (pulled for corrections)
- F.9. February 8, 2024 Special Meeting (pulled for corrections)

Council concurred to pull the minutes of 7/8/2024, 4/29/2024, 3/4/2024, and 2/8/2024 from the consent agenda. Motion/Second C.Williams and N.DeWitt to approve F2-F6 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

F.1 Minutes July 8, 2024 pulled from consent agenda

T.Swink discussed why the record stated she was unexcused because she tried to zoom in and it was unavailable and then she requested to be teleconferenced in and got no response.

Motion/Second C.Williams and N.DeWitt to excuse Trudi Swink as she attempted to zoom in and this was not available and then texted trying to see if she could teleconference but there was no response. Voice vote taken with four in favor and one opposed, motion carried.

F.7. Minutes April 29, 2024 Pulled from Consent Agenda

- On page 1 under roll call the title of Treasurer is to be with Chuck Denny's name and the title of Secretary is to be with Caryl Williams'.
- On page 2 under election of officers 2nd paragraph stating unanimous ballot for Carl should be Caryl not Carl. Motion/Second C.Williams and N.DeWitt to pass minutes of 4/29/24 with corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

F.8. Minutes March 4, 2024 Pulled from Consent Agenda

- 3/4/24 Corrections on #12 Schoolhouse Rental Agreement under the sentence C.White to word changed to the word “go”.
 - On #18 Friday, the word Marth needs to be changed to March.
- Motion/Second C.Williams and M.DeWitt to accept the minutes of 3/4/24 as corrected. All in favor, motion carried.

F.9. Minutes February 8, 2024 Pulled from Consent Agenda

- On page 1 where it stated others present the title for Woodrow Watson should be COS Councilmember and not COS Vice Mayor. M/Second C.Williams and M.DeWitt to accept the minutes as presented with correction. All in favor, motion carried.

F. Consent Agenda to Approve FY2023 Minutes

- F.10. January 23, 2023 Regular Meeting
- F.11. February 6, 2023 Regular Meeting
- F.12. February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting
- F.13. March 6, 2023 Regular Meeting
- F.14. May 1 & 9, 2023 Regular Meeting
- F.15. May 22, 2023 Regular Meeting
- F.16. June 12, 2023 Regular Meeting
- F.17. June 26, 2023 Regular Meeting
- F.18. June 27, 2023 Workshop at 10 am
- F.19 June 27, 2023 Regular Meeting
- F.20. July 26, 2023 Regular Meeting
- F.21. September 13, 2023 Special Meeting
- F.22. October 14, 2023 Special Meeting
- F.23. November 11, 2023 Special Meeting
- F.24. December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting

Council concurred to approve through unanimous consent agenda items F10-F24. M.DeWitt asked to abstain, as he was not serving on the Council during this time. Hearing no objections approval of the minutes was so ordered.

F.24. The following minutes have incomplete notes and no packets. A roll call will be taken to ask if you have any Council packets of information regarding what action was taken during these dates. Your response will go on record and then we as a Council will have to decide what to do next. If you have any documents please bring them to this meeting.

2024-01-08 2024-03-19 2023-04-14 2023-07-12 2023-07-06 2023-08-08

Chuck Denny stated he would check to see if he has any and no others made comment.

G. STAFF/COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

BACKGROUND: The packet included the updated Council Committee Appointments (in packet exhibit G) and agenda includes noted tasks needing to be completed and was referred to the Committees from the 7/8/2024 Council meeting.

G.1 Far North Strategies Consultant's Verbal Report - RONALDA & BRAD ANGASAN

Brad & RONALDA participated via zoom and gave the following verbal report:

- Submitted each required report and needed to figure out why this didn't get to the Council.
- Discussed and expressed concern regarding the Strategic Plan and the need to meet on this to update the plan and strategize implementation.
- Expressed concern on lack of operation and administrative capability and they are willing to develop operational procedures that would be helpful.
- Supportive of the development of the Community Development Committee as these three entities (Cape Fox Corporation, the City of Saxman and OVS) are coming together in partnership.
- In responding to the question where do we go from here? The plan has two critical areas #1 Operational and #2 Administrative. He explained operational examines critical gaps and these need to be focused on. He explained the Strategic Plan contained dates and timelines and these need to be looked at.
- Expressed concern on the need to administer and manage grants properly to avert risk aversion and possibly take over by others.
- Far North explained they are looking for grants and opportunities for OVS but the Tribe must have the infrastructure to manage and administer the project.
- Far North encouraged the Council to let them know if there are grants they know of and would like them to apply for.
- They advised it was good to identify what best fits us and to do the proper planning.
- Far North clarified that they are actively looking for funding opportunities. But the Tribe needs to provide direction on what we are seeking and this is done through the Strategic Plan.
- RONALDA reported they have acquired \$140,000 through Rural Cap, funds through the Denali Commission and the Forest Service. She encouraged the Council to call or text her to let them know if we have grant ideas
- RONALDA and OVS Bookkeeper Amy have completed the final report on the Food Grant and OVS should be receiving these grant funds soon
- RONALDA reported the three year grant from the Department of Energy has been awarded and this will help pay for heat projects to Tribal Members homes. She will email Amy and Joe this information and they can give it to the Council

- Ronalda reported working with Amy and they are setting up a shared drive to create some templates and forms they can both access which will include board reports and reports to funding agencies.
- Far North offered to assist in the development of Standard Operating Procedures and the Strategic Plan has addressed developing these. They cautioned because of the time limits of the Strategic Plan this needs to be addressed soon.
- Caution was given to research the grants and not go after grants that are not achievable in carrying out.
- Ronalda will be submitting a written report or if we want the funding reports she can make them available. She encouraged the Council if they have any grant ideas to give them a call, email or text.

Appreciates was expressed for the time and effort put into Strategic Plan and their wanting to work with us on having a successful plan. It was mentioned the Council has it on their to do list and agree a workshop is needed on the Strategic Plan. The Council will schedule a time to meet and review the plan.

G.2. Finance Report – Bookkeeper Amy DeTienne

BACKGROUND: The packets contained the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual ARPA 2021 for year – January through June, 2024 (Exhibit G.2.a.). She distributed at the meeting the Balance Sheet by Class Report as of June 30, 2024 (Exhibit G.2.b).

Amy presented the financial print outs and added the following to her report:

- The ARPA Jan-June 2024 shows the utilities and advertising is overspent due to the extra advertising of the vacant positions of the Administrative Assistant and Coordinator.
- The funds from the Forest Service was received and the Denali Commission funds are still due.
- Ronalda with Far North submitted the paperwork for the Food Grant.
- There is a carry over for last year Small Tribes Grant (STG) but she is still waiting for CCTHITA to send the information.
- #6524 entitled Misc. Donation contains the payment to the Dialysis Clinic and the graduating youth's honorariums. It was asked if this included the funeral expense donation for Christa Thomas. This check has not yet been issued as the Bookkeeper needs the minutes to verify the expense. Now that the minutes are done this will be provided.
- The changes to the phones and email showing Tlingit & Haida instead of OVS needs OVS to submit a commercial application and a release form & assumption from CCTHITA signed by both CCTHITA President Peterson and OVS President Williams. Once done this will release CCTHITA's interest in our phone bill and this can be completed.
- The documents to update the bank signatures is done they provided the signature cards but it needs Carrie Denny's signature and once she returns her signature can be obtained. The bank requires all of the signers to sign and once done this process will be completed.

- Another project she is working on is the Website. The previous website purchased was the free version and is limited. She stated the goal is to have a website hosted with the a name like saxman.gov or something similar. A friend she has is knowledgeable with websites and is willing to assist but Council input is necessary.
- Far North submitted the report to Rural Cap a month ago and this report was rejected. The report was corrected and resubmitted and now it is a go ahead.
- The Tribal Administrator Charlie White did the RFP and there are three accounting firms interested. As of today, two of these are submitting a proposal.
- The previous audit is on file and she advised there is a corrective action plan. This will be provided to the Council by Wednesday.

3. CCTHITA Social Worker Report – Jackie Johnson gave a verbal report.

J.Johnson gave an oral report and reported she has a case load of 14 clients and is working with the Office of Children Services (OCS).

G.4. President Report - Joe Williams Jr. gave a verbal report

President J. Williams stated he has the opportunity to work on a grant for a tidal action energy project. He spoke with someone in Phoenix and this started the beginning of this project. To date Ketchikan Public Utilities (KPU) and another agency is working with OVS on this project and the grant is being prepared for submittal.

President J.Williams reported he distributed halibut, sockeye and king salmon to the community and now knows how much fish can be purchased for \$60,000. He expressed his amazement that in 10 minutes 700 pounds of sockeye salmon was distributed and another distribution took only 7 minutes. Tomorrow will be the last day for fish distribution. So far there has been \$200 of seaweed, 180 pounds of halibut, 2,072 pounds of king salmon and 3,300 pounds of sockeye salmon distributed. He reported the icemaker has been delivered and the freezer/refrigerator unit has been purchased. The installation will be at the end of July. He reported all of the funds are spent.

Equipment purchased is the walk in refrigerator/freezer, commercial ice maker, three pressure cookers, gas containers, burners, cutting boards, knives, three stainless steel tables, three coolers and canning jars. It was stated the equipment can be borrowed but a policy needs to be developed for when any equipment is borrowed. The policy needs to include when the equipment is returned they need to be clean, the gas containers filled and assurance the burners are not damaged. Community contact and notice of distribution concerns was discussed. It was mentioned that someone threw fish carcasses in the ditch on Killerwhale and now there is a bear problem.

G.5. Audit Committee- (Newly Appointed Mike D., Carrie D. Joe W.)

Audit RFP

Audit 2022 & Response to Audit Findings

When documents are received the Committee will meet.

G.6 Community Development (Caryl W., Chuck D., Nora D.) No report

G.7. Constitution (Chair Chuck D., Caryl W., Carrie D., Nora D.) No report

G.8. Daanaa Saati (CDC) Board Representative's Report (Nora D. Caryl W., Charlie W.)
(Caryl Williams was appointed to replace Trudi Swink)

Acquire Report on what has been accomplished with the last \$40,000 payment

Address Change to not allow business to be done without the full board approval

Monitor until Cash Call of \$40,000 is made.

T.Swink asked why was she removed. She stated she has served on this board since it's origin three years ago and presently serves as Treasurer and is a bank signer. She asked consideration to continue to serve on this board. It was explained that there are three family members serving on this Board and diversity was the goal. A suggestion offered was to remove the Tribal Administrator and place a Councilmember in this position. This would free up more time for him and allow a Tribal Citizen on the Council the opportunity to serve.

Motion/Second T.Swink and N.DeWitt to keep T.Swink seated on the Daanaa Saati (CDC) Board of Directors for OVS. A thought was brought forward of replacing Charlie White's position with a Councilmember. This will provide representation by a Saxman Tribal Citizen and give Charlie more time.

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and C.Williams to amend the motion and to remove Charlie White as the Board representative and appoint T.Swink so she can retain a seat on this Board. Voice vote taken with one opposed and the quorum is in favor. Motion carried.

Voice vote on the main motion with one opposed and a roll call vote was called for. Roll call was taken as follows: YES VOTE: C.Williams, T.Swink, Chuck Denny and Nora DeWitt: NO VOTE: M.DeWitt; ABSTAINING VOTE: None; Motion passes.

G.9. Economic (Chair Caryl W., Mike D., Nora D., Trudi S.) No report

Address Espresso Machine

Or develop plan to reactivate the Coffee Shop

Monitor and address the 5% of profit stipulation on the Dialysis Program

G.10. Enrollment (Chair Nora D., Caryl W., Chuck D., Carrie D.)

This committee worked on the household count and this is agenda item #H3.

G.11. EPA/IGAP (Chair Nora D., Mike D., Trudi S.) No report

Ensure job is advertised and hiring of Coordinator is done
Follow up with Joe and City of Saxman on vehicle disposition
Monitor expenses and activity

G.12. Finance (Chair Chuck D., Caryl W., Nora D., Trudi S.)

Ensure Signatory changes are made at the bank
These documents are in the Council packet (Exhibit G.12) and reported on under the Finance Report. All that is needed now is the signature cards and once Carrie Denny returns from her vacation this will be completed.

G.13. Food Grant (Chair Nora D., Caryl W., Trudi S.) No report

Obtain & review the financial & narrative report submitted to the granting agency
Review the financial detail print out of expenses on the Food Grant
Ensure grant close out
Ensure the next grant for this project is applied for

G.14. Grants (Chair Nora D., Joe W., Trudi S.) No report

Monitor and ensure ICDBG Grant/Warehouse Facility is applied for
Monitor and ensure the Heat Pump Grant is submitted & followed

G.15. Housing (newly appointed Chair Nora D., Caryl W., Mike D.) No report

G.16. Indian Education Committee (IEA) (Newly Appointed Mike D., Caryl W. and Chuck D.)

C.Williams asked to be excused from this Committee as she doesn't have any children or grandchildren in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School Board (KGBSD). Carrie Denny was appointed to the IEA Committee and M.DeWitt will be the alternate.

G.17. KIC/OVS Advisory Health Board Report – (Nora D., Caryl W., Chuck D.)

N.DeWitt stated this appointment only needs one person on the Advisory Health Board but an alternate is needed. President J.Williams appointed C.Williams as the alternate.

G.18. Land Purchase (Chair Nora D., Mike D., Trudi S.) No report

Follow up and ensure land is purchased on Eagle/Totem Lot (By the Kushnick home)
Letter in packet dated February 8, 2023 (Exhibit G.18) to CCTHITA, Director Desiree Duncan requesting assistance in the purchase of this property.

G.19. Negotiations (Chair Joe W., Mike D., Nora D., Trudi S.) No report

G.20. Policy (Chair Nora D., Chuck D., Mike D., Trudi S. & Caryl W.(requested to be included)
No report

G.21. Roads (Chair Chuck D., Carrie D., Mike D., Nora D.) No report

Ensure OVS receives the Transportation Plan from CCTHITA

Review the TIP to advise where we are at with the plan

Receive Conference information and plan to attend

G.22. TERO (Chair Nora D., Chuck D., Mike D.) No report

Review TERO Ordinance

Ensure letter is sent to SOA DOT on State's project being subject to TERO

G.23. Transboundary (Chair Chuck D., Carrie W., Mike D.) No report

G.24. Wood Mizer (Chair Chuck D., Caryl W., Mike D.)

Ensure Forest Service funds of \$50,000 is received

Ensure Denali Commission funds are received

Ensure ARPA funds are reimbursed as the due to/from entry was made here

Review and ensure close out reports are submitted for these two grants

Need to develop business plan

Plan on lot where the wood mizer will be located

C.Williams asked to be excused from this Committee. She stated she is unfamiliar with what to expect and what all of this involves. President J.Williams stated the intent was to purchase logs and cut them (3X12) which will be used for screens behind the totem poles. T.Swink volunteered to serve on this committee. President Williams stated there are 4 logs that are marked that need to be pulled out and then they have an additional 28 logs. The Forest Service agreed to mark these timbers and OVS has to pay the expense of getting them out of the forest.

H. OLD BUSINESS

H.1. Strategic Plan to include CCTHITA Program Planning

BACKGROUND: Planning is needed to determine what CCTHITA programs OVS wants to implement when the withdrawal occurs.

It was concurred to meet on Thursday August 1st at 5:30 to have a planning session on this. It was noted that Carrie Denny will be back. Chuck Denny mentioned he may have a Cape Fox Board of Director's meeting.

H.2. CCTHITA Withdrawal Documents

BACKGROUND: Review of the documents to submit regarding the withdrawal from CCTHITA.

Council agreed to call a special meeting when Tribal Administrator Charlie White returns back to work.

H.3. Household Count of Tribal Citizens

BACKGROUND: Enrollment Committee will present their report on activities done to accomplish the household count of the Tribal Citizens residing in Saxman. Chuck Denny left the meeting at 9:30 pm and returned at 9:37 pm.,

The Enrollment Committee reviewed the list of household names compiled using the Food Card applications and the list of homes in Saxman (in packet Exhibit H.3.a). This list was sorted by household members of Tribal descent, those that have moved from the Village, those dislocated from the Village, those that are deceased, categorized people on the list that are Non Natives (NN) and homes that are vacant. This list was presented to the Council and they reviewed it, made changes and the list consists of 297 Tribal Citizens.

Motion/Second C.Williams and M.DeWitt to pass Resolution #2024-07-70 (in packet as Exhibit H.3.b) Establishing a household count of 297 Tribal Citizens. All in favor, motion carried. For the record this was a unanimous vote.

H.4. Broadband Meeting with KIC

BACKGROUND: President received an email from KIC President Norman Skan wanting to meet regarding the Broadband issue.

A meeting of the Negotiating Committee will be Friday, July 26th at 4:00 pm. Then a meeting will be scheduled with Ketchikan Indian Community. KIC sent an email to President Williams wanting to meet regarding the Broadband.

H.5. Schoolhouse Rental Agreement

BACKGROUND: An email was to be sent to the City of Saxman Administrator regarding the Schoolhouse Agreement. Status of this is to be reported on. Distributed at the meeting is the Schoolhouse Agreement revised by the City of Saxman (in packet Exhibit H.5) the Schoolhouse Agreement revised by the City of Saxman.

Motion was made to table this to the next meeting which will allow the Council time to review the changes made to the original agreement. Hearing no objection, President Williams tabled this until the next meeting.

H.6. Tablet Microsoft Program Purchase

BACKGROUND: The Tablets purchased for the Council has a one month Microsoft program that was free. The purchase of the Microsoft Program for all Tablets needs to be purchased and this has to be done.

Council Members were asked to bring their tablets in tomorrow, Wednesday July 25th at 2:30 pm and the I.T. Consultants will be here to install Microsoft on each tablet.

H.7. KPU net.net Problem of Name Correction

BACKGROUND: In Council using the KPU net.net emails the name Central Council Tlingit & Haida is viewed as the sender and this needs to be corrected. Status report is needed. This was reported on previous under the Finance Report by Amy DeTienne.

H.8. Far North Strategies Contract Review No report

BACKGROUND: Review of the first Contract and then the revised contract to understand better if there are overlapping duties of this firm and the Tribal Administrator.

H.9. BROADBAND

This was previously discussed under agenda item H.4.

I. NEW BUSINESS

I.1. Schedule Finance Committee Meeting on ARPA Budget Revisions

BACKGROUND: ARPA budget needs to be reviewed and modifications done to estimate the expenses to year end.

This meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 29th 1:30 pm

I.2. Document of Evidence of Tribal Support for CFC grant from USFS/AIANTA Native Act Grant – Email received from Cape Fox Corporation's Grant writer (in packet Exhibit I.2).

BACKGROUND: An email was received from Jamie White, CFC Grant Writer regarding the need for the Tribe to provide support that reflects approval of the project by the Tribal Council. Document in packet further explains this project.

The RFP states the grant must show evidence of tribal support, including a document that reflects approval for the project by tribal council or tribal government (mandatory up to 3 points). The grant awards \$25,000 to \$250,000 and no budget was provided for this requested project.

Motion/Second N.DeWitt and M.DeWitt acknowledges this grant requires a resolution of support from the Tribe or it is ineligible for funding; Being as such if Cape Fox Heritage wants to pursue these funds they can submit this grant under the name of the Organized Village of Saxman. Voice Vote taken with one opposed and the rest in favor, motion carried.

I.3 Resolution on Minutes Process

BACKGROUND: The Council has experienced problems with motions being made but not adequately stated, oral report documentation, need of Committees providing minutes of their meetings and receiving minutes timely. A conflict with Roberts Rules of Order and a directive by President Williams exists. To address this a resolution is presented.

The delinquent minutes were caught up except for six meetings. It was explained the minutes are important because they are the only surviving record of what was said and done at the meeting. Minutes need to be informative and easy to navigate for whatever the reader needs to know when conducting Tribal business and affairs. Some of the meeting motions are vague and just state “so ordered” and oral reports are given but there is no record of what was stated. Consistency of action is not documented and therefore action of the Council is unclear if there is no record of discussions.

Motion/Second C.Williams and M.DeWitt to approve Resolution #2024-07-71 (in packet Exhibit I.3) establishing a process of taking minutes and ensuring they are provided to the Tribal Council in a timely manner. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion/Second C.Williams and M.DeWitt to amend the motion to add a requirement that the minutes have the signature of who submitted the minutes and to have them signed by the President’s or in his absence the Vice President’s. All in favor, motion carried.

Vote called on the main motion. All in favor, motion carried.

I.4. Fire Truck & Building Grant and the Ketchikan Gateway Borough’s (KGB)

Consideration of Raising Fees for Saxman’s Fire Protection

BACKGROUND: OVS has been asked to pursue a grant opportunity to build a new fire hall and purchase a new fire truck. Also in the newspaper they reported KGB is considering raising Saxman’s fire protection rate from \$33,000 to a higher amount.

Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services cost the City of Saxman \$34,000 presently. In the Ketchikan Daily News there was an article that said KGB is looking at raising this rate to \$50,000. At present the agreement with KGB is they will take care of the reservoir, be able utilize Saxman’s water and allow them to park their fire truck in the bay at the Fire Hall. Then it also stated they are looking at another raise that will increase this to \$88,000 which is the current rate other areas are paying. OVS can go after the grant but Saxman should receive a break in the rate or some type of credit for acquiring the funds to build a new fire hall and purchase a new fire truck. It was felt that consideration needs to be given for this assistance. It was mentioned presently there is an agreement with South Tongass Fire Department (STFD) and states we will all work together.

A situation which occurred with the sewer line project and KGB was they were suppose to give Saxman a break but this didn’t happen. The City got a grant for the sewer project and the cost to the City was but through confusion of the City Administrator they gave the Borough the entire three million dollar grant and this wasn’t supposed to happen. At present the City of Saxman

pays the fee but possibly in the future this fee will be passed on to the community. If this should occur it would create a hardship on Saxman residents.

The Council concurred to have President J. Williams speak with Mayor Frank Seludo and the City Administrator regarding this.

I.5. CCTHITA is calling for “All Hands On Deck”

BACKGROUND: Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA) is asking for support and assistance in opposing the movement to try to declare King Salmon as an endangered species.

CCTHITA opposes Wild Fish Conservancy’s Petition to list King Salmon under the Endangered Species Act. Concern was Alaska could be like a Tribe in Washington and not be able to catch their fish for 10 years. A resolution from OVS opposing this movement and each one of us can sign the petition individually.

Motion/Second N. DeWitt and C. Williams to approve and direct a resolution be drafted stating our position of also opposing this movement and using Resolution number 2024-07-72.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

J.1. Proprietary Matter

This was deferred to the next meeting.

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS


L. NEXT MEETING DATES

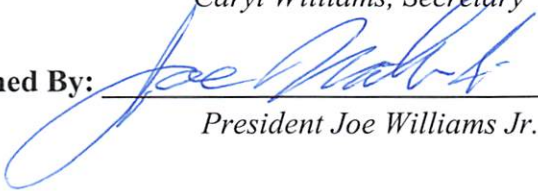
August 5th and 19th will be OVS regular meetings
T. Swink said she will be traveling for medical reasons.

M. COUNCIL/PRESIDENTS COMMENTS None

N. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Chuck Denny and passed by unanimous consent.
The meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Submitted By: 
Caryl Williams, Secretary

Signed By:  Council Date Approved: 08-05-2024
President Joe Williams Jr.