

**ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF SAXMAN  
REGULAR MEETING - MAY 22, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Williams Jr. at 6:03 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, Secretary Carrie (Wallace) Denny, Treasurer Trudi Swink, Councilmember Nora DeWitt, Richard Shields Sr. and Crista Thomas (on zoom and hung up at 7:50 pm).

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tribal Administrator Charlie White, Tribal Administrative Assistant Valena Johnson.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

**CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA**

Council accepted the agenda as a guide and made the following addition and adjustments:

#12 Broadband is Old Business

#4, #5 and #10 to be discussed in Executive Session

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** None

**STAFF REPORTS** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1 RESOLUTION CERTIFYING 2023 ELECTION RESULTS** (in packets)

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Richard Shields Sr. to certify the 2023 election per Resolution #2023.05.262 declaring the following results: President for one year term of office Joe William; Three Councilmembers for a term of two years Nora DeWitt, Carrie Denny and Crista Thomas. All in favor, motion carried.

**2 OFFICERS SWORN IN**

Oath of office was given to Joe Williams Jr., Carrie Denny, Nora DeWitt and Crista Thomas. Congratulations were offered.

**3 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Nora DeWitt nominated Chuck Denny for Vice President and a unanimously ballot was cast.

Carrie Denny nominated Trudi Swink for Treasurer. Chuck Denny nominated Nora DeWitt for Treasurer. Ballot vote taken and Trudi Swink was elected.

Crista Thomas nominated Carrie Denny for the office of Secretary and a unanimous ballot was cast.

#### **4 FAR NORTH STRATEGIES CONTRACT PAYMENTS**

Motion /Second Chuck Denny and Nora DeWitt to approve one year of payments from the LATCF grant. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **5 FAR NORTH STRATEGIES LLC MONTHLY REPORT**

#### **6 FOOD ASSISTANCE EXTENSION**

Motion/Second Trudi Swink and Carrie Denny to have June food assistance with the ARPA budget of 75K with administrative fee for the City of Saxman and the award be \$750. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: YES VOTE: Carrie (Wallace) Denny, Trudi Swink, Richard Shields Sr. and Crista Thomas; NO VOTE: Nora DeWitt and Chuck Denny; ABSTAINING VOTE: None; Motion passes.

#### **7 FOOD ASSISTANCE – ADD 3 BEARS**

Motion/Second Trudi Swink and Chuck Denny to limit the food cards to Three Bears Grocery Store only. ROLL CALL VOTE CALLED: YES VOTE: Chuck Denny, Carrie (Wallace) Denny, Trudi Swink, Richard Shields Sr. and Crista Thomas; NO VOTE: Nora DeWitt; ABSTAINING VOTE: None; Motion passes.

#### **8 FOOD ASSISTANCE ARPA BUDGET**

Motion/Second Trudi Swink and Carrie Denny to have June food assistance with the ARPA budget of 75K with administrative fee for the City of Saxman and the award be \$750. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: YES VOTE: Carrie (Wallace) Denny, Trudi Swink, Richard Shields Sr. and Crista Thomas; NO VOTE: Chuck Denny and Nora DeWitt; ABSTAINING VOTE: None; Motion passes.

#### **9 2023 TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE**

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Chuck Denny to send full Council to the Tribal Self Governance Conference. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: YES VOTE: Chuck Denny, Carrie (Wallace) Denny, Trudi Swink, Nora DeWitt, Richard Shields Sr. and Crista Thomas; NO VOTE: None; ABSTAINING VOTE: None; Motion passes.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **10 CDC – CASH CALL REQUEST**

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Richard Shields Sr. to request minutes of CDC meetings. All in favor, motion carried. A meeting of CDC is to be requested by OVS CDC representative.

### **BROADBAND PROJECT**

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Carrie Denny to have Nora DeWitt and Tribal Administrator Charlie White work together to research broadband and then work with consultants to get things moving along All in favor, motion carried.

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Chuck Denny to have the Tribal Administrator Charlie White draft a letter to KIC Tribal Council requesting a meeting with OVS Executive Council. All in favor, motion carried. Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June will be requested.

### **11 TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR'S EVALUATION**

Nora DeWitt, Chuck Denny and President Joe Williams are appointed to take care of the evaluation for the Tribal Administrator.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Joe Williams recessed the meeting at 6:54 pm and called the meeting back to order at 9:09 pm.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **12 RECONNECTING TO THE LAND WORKSHOP IN METLAKATLA ON SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2023. APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>.**

Council was asked who would like to attend this workshop. None of the Councilmembers were available.

### **NEXT MEETING DATES**

June 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

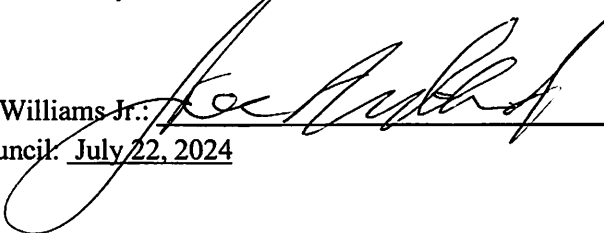
**COUNCIL/PRESIDENTS COMMENTS** None recorded

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Nora DeWitt to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by Nora DeWitt: 

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

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