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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 26, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by Treasurer Charles Denny at 6:20 pm in the Saxman Tribal Office.

B. PRAYER

Opening prayer was given by Secretary Nora DeWitt.

C. ROLL CALL:

CODE: Ex=Excused; UE=Unexcused; P=Present; Z=Zoom

President Joe Williams Jr.	Ex	Secretary Nora DeWitt	P
Vice President Caryl Williams (resigned)		Treasurer Charles (Chuck Denny)	P
Councilmember Amos Gray	P	Councilmember Mike DeWitt	@6:41
Councilmember Trudi Swink	P	Youth Advisor Kayla Williams	Ex
Elder Advisor Dena Makai	Ex		

Council was advised that the elder and youth advisors were not contacted and are excused.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tribal Administrator Amy DeTiennne and Mayor Frank Seludo.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

E. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

The following items were added:

- I.1. Resignation of Councilmember, then move the other items listed under “I” up one number.
- I.2 Election 2025 – Reconsider and add the recent vacated Council seat in the 2025 election notice and candidacy declaration form.
- Add Wood Mizer Committee meeting under item J. Council Committee Reports.

Motion/Second A.Gray and T.Swink to accept the agenda as changed. All in favor, motion carried.

F.1. February 03, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second to approve the minutes of 2/3/25. All in favor, motion carried.

G. STAFF REPORTS

G.1. CCTHITA Social Workers Report – Jackie Johnson

Motion/Second N.DeWitt and A.Gray to accept the Social Worker’s report. All in favor, motion carried.

G.2. Maintenance Report – Rick Makua

Motion/Second T.Swink and A.Gray to accept the Maintenance report. Questioned asked if the dump truck was ready for spring clean up and it is not ready. N.DeWitt explained when the Schoolhouse Rental Agreement was approved it was decided when repairs were needed on the Schoolhouse Building (now rented by OVS as their Tribal Office) OVS would seek an Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement (MOU or MOA) to obtain a credit to rent as the building is not owned by OVS but is a rental. It was reported that repairs were done to the Schoolhouse as well as the Fire Hall and the question was

asked if a MOU or MOA was done. The answer was no and the question was asked why this was not followed. It was further asked if there would be a credit to OVS rent and how this oversight is going to be addressed. It was explained both the President and Tribal Administrator was in Juneau for a Tlingit and Haida Regional Housing (THRHA) regional meeting and were contacted by staff that the roof had a leak and they were afraid the roof would cave in. Mayor Seludo explained that he asked Rick Makua to repair the Fire Hall roof because his workers were not readily available. He stated he stressed OVS office was priority and if Rick could help. Mayor Seludo stated he will be serving as the City Administrator starting Monday and will work together with OVS on a MOU. Questioned called on the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion/Second T.Swink and N.DeWitt to have OVS Tribal Administrator Amy DeTienne work with the City on a MOU addressing how the two entities would work together on OVS buildings and projects. All in favor, motion carried. It was explained this would address how both the City and OVS employees would work together on various repairs, projects, and future situations.

G.3. Consultant's Report – William Ware

Consultant William Ware submitted a written report (Exhibit G.3)

Motion/Second A.Gray and N.DeWitt to accept W.Ware's consultant report. It was asked where we are at with W.Ware's contract and the various projects and tasks he was requested to do. Since his contract is over June 1st it was thought OVS needed to evaluate and see if the Tribal Administrator still needs help. Tribal Administrator A.DeTienne discussed some future projects, workload, and agreed this would be a good time to look at this. Question on the motion called and vote taken with all being in favor, motion carried.

G.4. Tribal Administrator's Report – Amy DeTienne

Tribal Administrator submitted a written report (Exhibit G.4). She reported attending a walk through on the Salvation Army Church. The question was asked if the land was included in the sale of the building. The value of the building was questioned if it did not include the land and this needed to be followed up on. It was thought the price desired was \$365,000. Other items discussed was the 2023 audit, need for ARPA 2024 close out, and financial reports on OVS funds (the last one received other than ARPA was provided in July 2024). Amy reported the grant reports are due and her plan to work on these. Amy reported she has hired a bookkeeper, and this person will start May 1st. Motion/Second A.Gray and N.DeWitt to accept the Tribal Administrator's Report. All in favor, motion carried.

G.5. President's Report – Joe Williams Jr. Deferred to the next meeting.

H. OLD BUSINESS

H.1. Youth and Elder Advisory Positions

BACKGROUND: Appointment of the two advisory positions.

This was done at the last meeting.

H.2. Broadband Negotiation

BACKGROUND: A letter was sent to Ketchikan Indian Community (KIC) and as of 2/3/25 there has been no response.

There has still been no response.

H.3 Corpuz Land Purchase (adjacent to Kushnick Property)

BACKGROUND: Waiting on approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Left on the agenda until the property sale and cleanup is completed.

There has been no activity.

H.4. Withdrawal from CCTHITA

BACKGROUND: At the last meeting the report was at status quo and an update is requested if there is activity.

Tribal Administrator reported she has requested copies of withdrawal documents from other Tribes to make comparisons. The Council asked to be provided with this information when it is received.

H.5. Resolution ARPA Budget Modification 2024 - Not done

BACKGROUND: This is currently being worked on and is deferred to a Finance Committee meeting once completed and then will be presented to the Council for approval. The Continuing Budget Resolution authorizes spending until February 10th, and then to March 31st. If the 2025 budget is not ready the Continuing Resolution will need to be extended.

H.6 Website/Network Project

BACKGROUND: An update is requested.

Tribal Administrator Amy DeTienne reported the website has continued to grow and now a logo and pictures are needed.

H.7 Strategic Planning Retreat – Juneau, AK.

This trip was completed. Amy included notes (Exhibit H.7).

H.8. Election Ordinance Revised - This was done at the last meeting.

I. NEW BUSINESS

I.1. Council Member's Resignation (Exhibit I.1)

Motion/Second A.Gray and M.DeWitt to accept Caryl Williams' resignation. The Council expressed their sadness and gratitude for her hard work with various projects and tasks she has done. All in favor, motion carried.

Council asked to send her something in gratitude for what she has done for OVS. Clarification was asked on whether to pay Caryl her March stipend.

Motion/Second M.DeWitt and A.Gray to send a thank you to Caryl Williams for her hard work and to include a special gift (limit of \$400) recognizing her service and to pay her the March stipend. Roll call vote taken as follows: YES VOTE: T.Swink, A.Gray, M.DeWitt and N.DeWitt. Motion passes. The Tribal Administrator was directed to do a phone poll vote before purchasing the gift.

I.2. Election 2025

Motion/Second N.DeWitt and A.Gray to reconsider the election notice and place the vacated seat of Caryl Williams for the remainder of her term (one year) on the election notice and redo the declaration of candidacy form. All in favor, motion carried.

I.3. Budget Ordinance and Management System & Standards Ordinance

BACKGROUND: The budget ordinance is presently being worked on and when completed will be presented for approval. Council concurred to defer as this is still being worked on by the Policy Committee.

I.4. Extend the Continuing Budget Resolution

Motion/Second A.Gray and M.DeWitt to extend the Continuing Resolution to April 30th. All in favor, motion carried.

J. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS Council Committee Listing included.

BACKGROUND: The Council Committee list is presented for the Council to reference.

J.1 February 6, 2025 Policy Committee Workshop/Annual Budget Policy

This was in the previous Council packet.

J.2. February 13, 2025 Policy Committee Workshop/Financial Policy

This was in the previous Council packet.

J.3. OVS/KIC Health Board Report

This report was given at the last Council meeting and since then the Health Board has been suspended by the KIC Tribal Council.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION None

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

M. NEXT MEETING DATES

Wood Mizer Committee will meet on April 8th at 5:00 pm.

Next OVS Council meeting will be April 7th at 6:00 pm.

N. COUNCIL/PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

Tribal Administrator Amy DeTienne stated she included in the packet a spreadsheet on the costs of the Strategic Planning workshop in Juneau. She asked for a meeting to plan the agenda for the next meeting. She expressed her appreciation for the support she is receiving.

Councilmember Trudy Swink thanked Amy for all the work she put into the Strategic Planning meeting and felt it was the best one she has attended and was the most informative. She recommended in the future the Council goes back to Juneau for their Strategic Planning meeting as it was good to meet with the various agencies that provide OVS with programs and services.

O. ADJOURNMENT

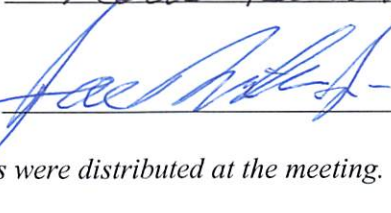
Motion/Second M.DeWitt and A.Gray to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Nora DeWitt:



Signed by President Joe Williams Jr.:



Date: 4/7/25

There were no packets so all handouts were distributed at the meeting.