

# MINUTES

**Heipa District Regular Meeting**  
**Sunday October 17, 2021, 11:00am**  
**Heipa District Center**



## Executives:

Jay Renville	Chairman	X	Gypsy Wanna	Council Woman	E
Karen White	Vice-Chair	X	Renae Huntington	Secretary	X
Buffy Nanaeto	Treasurer	X	Milton Mickey Renville	Sargent of Arms	X

## Boards and Committees:

Alan LaBelle	Fish & Wildlife, TERO	X	Kristen Wanna	Youth	X
Allen White	Constitution, Pow-Wow	X	Leanna Bernard	Election, Youth, SWO Youth	X
Angel Wanna	Election, Youth, Assistant	X	Marie Renville	Constitution, Elderly, Personnel, TZTS	X
Barbara Heminger	Elderly	X	Marsha Renville	Human Service	X
Bob LaFromboise	Constitution, Election, Judicial, Reservation	X	Nadine LaBelle	Pow-Wow, Youth District Coordinator	X
Doug Renville	Elderly	X	Spencer Wanna	Housing	X
Elly Dumarce	Constitution, Elderly, Pow-Wow	X	Steve Renville	SWO Pow-Wow	E
Helena LaBatte	Environmental Protection	U	Verlyn Beaudreau	Police Commission	X
JR Rondell	Planning, Tax	X			

*X=present, E=excused absence, U=unexcused absence*

## Members present:

See sign-in sheet.

Chairman Jay Renville called meeting to order at 11:05am. Prayer by Spencer Wanna.

## Discussions:

- Chairman Jay Renville's Report:
  - Deactivate District Pow Wow Committee, update on Pow Wow & board report
    - **Motion 1** by Scott LaCroix to deactivate the Pow Wow Committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> Marie Renville, Question Tammy. 13 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
  - TERO and Fish & Wildlife Floor Elections
  - TERO nominations: JR Rondell, Richard Tallbear. Marie Renville ceased nominations.
  - JR Rondell: 13 for. Richard Tallbear: 4 for.
    - **Motion 2** by Alan LaBelle to accept JR Rondell to the TERO position. 2<sup>nd</sup> Marie Renville, Question Elly Dumarce. 8 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
  - Fish & Wildlife nominations: Scot LaCroix, Spencer Wanna, Allen White. Bob ceased nominations, 2<sup>nd</sup> JR Rondell.

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- Scott LaCroix: 7 for. Spencer Wanna: 11 for. Allen White: 3 for.
  - **Motion 3** by JR Rondell to accept Spencer Wanna for the Fish & Wildlife Board position. 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan LaBelle, Question Morning Star Owen. 15 for, 1 opposed. Motion Passed.
- Vice-Chair Karen White's Report:
  - Upcoming Election for Tribal Vice-Chair
    - **Motion 4** by Marie Renville to activate the District Election Board. 2<sup>nd</sup> Allen White, Question JR Rondell. 15 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
  - DCA Updates -Incoming funds for next three years
    - **Motion 5** by Jr Rondell to prorate district economic development money. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tammy, Question Doug Renville. 18 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
  - District Days; Want to be held before Thanksgiving, floor vote suggestion for November 9 (12), 18 (3), or 23 (3).
    - **Motion 6** by JR Rondell for \$200 to be given to Heipa District from DNGE for District Days. 2<sup>nd</sup> Spencer Wanna, Question Elly Dumarce. 24 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
    - **Motion 7** by Verlyn Beaudreau to have executives check for available dates at the Casino for the Heipa District Days. 2<sup>nd</sup> Marie Renville, Question Barbara Heminger. 12 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
  - DNGE, Corporate bussing employees from Fargo
    - **Motion 8** by Tammy to activate the DNGE employee shuttle and to accept the bid for the Pony Express Shuttle. 2<sup>nd</sup> JR Rondel, Question Morning Star Owen. 15 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
    - **Motion 9** by Karen White to offer the same opportunities to our Tribal Members for day labor. 2<sup>nd</sup> Shirley MacConnell, Question Morning Star Owen. 19 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
  - Upcoming election – Heipa Rep Bob LaFromboise is not on updated REB list
    - **Motion 10** by Karen White that our Heipa District REB Bob LaFromboise be on the reservation election board for the upcoming Tribal Vice-Chair Election per Tribal Council Motion. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr Rondell, Question Tammy. 18 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
- Richard Tallbear Binding Letter of Intent
  - 50/50 partnership with Heipa District for marijuana growth and dispensary
    - **Motion 11** by Scott LaCroix for Heipa Executives to meet with Legal with letter of intent from Richard Tallbear concerning Heipa District dispensary/marijuana growth proposal. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob LaFromboise, Question Marsha LaCroix. 18 for, 1 opposed. Motion Passed.
- Old District Center Bids
  - Two bids received. Richard Tallbear: \$2500.00 & Shannon Sleepy-Eye LaFromboise: \$55.00.
    - **Motion 12** by Alan LaBelle to accept Richard Tallbear's bid of \$2500.00 for the old Heipa District Center. 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott LaCroix, Question Verlyn Beaudreau. 20 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

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- IHS Concerns
  - Providers, possible reduced hours, losing IHS, talk of having Tribal Chairman bypassing Aberdeen and visiting DC to discuss issues
- Tribal Chief Judge – DCA motion
  - **Motion 13** by Marie Renville to not support Ruth Hopkins as Tribal Chief Judge because she has not passed the BAR and for a conflict of interest with her relationship with the Tribal Chairman. 2<sup>nd</sup> JR Rondell, Question Elly Dumarce. 18 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
- Break 12:39pm; Resumed 12:49pm
- Jail Updates
  - Tribal Members billed for old jail stays, ask for Legal opinion on how far back people can be billed
    - **Motion 14** by Karen White to have Tribal Detention Officers assigned to Roberts County Detention Center to watch over tribal members to make sure needs are met. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob LaFromboise, Question JR Rondell. 23 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
    - **Motion 15** by JR Rondell that Tribal Chairman follow through with Tribal Council Motions and to carry them out. 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen White, Question Allen White. 20 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
- Treasurer Buffy Nanaeto's Report
  - Discrepancy for Pow Wow account and Youth accounts- bank pulled from wrong account, loan paid off in November, District security cameras and lighting, FEMA Reimbursement
    - **Motion 16** by Allen White to pay Jeff Wanna 8375 for the Security Cameras and Lighting to be taken from the maintenance account and to be reimbursed from the CARES act money. 2<sup>nd</sup> JR Rondell, Question Tammy. 14 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
    - **Motion 17** by JR Rondell to have Jim Pearson from FEMA to work with Heipa District to be reimbursed for loan taken out for gaming funds in December of 2020. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tammy, Question Mickey Renville. 16 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
- Secretary Renae Huntington's Report
  - Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting 09122021, Executive Meeting 09302021
    - **Motion 18** by JR Rondell to approve the Heipa District September 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and September 30, 2021 Executive Meeting Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan LaBelle, Question Morning Star Owen. 15 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
  - New Adult Members: Theresa Mae Halvorson-Lee, Michael James Marlowe
    - Note: Brenda Joyce Ellingsworth – Blood Quantum 1/8 – does not meet Heipa District Requirements
    - **Motion 19** by JR Rondell to accept the two new adult members, Theresa Mae Halvorson-Lee and Michael James Marlowe, to the Heipa District. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob LaFromboise, Question Morning Star Owen. 14 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
  - Youth to Adult Members: Marissa Ortiz and Guadalupe Antonio Fuentes.

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- **Motion 20** by Morning Star Owen to accept the two youth to adult members Marissa Ortiz and Guadalupe Antonio Fuentes to the Heipa adult roster. 2<sup>nd</sup> Verlyn Beaudreau, Question Allen White. 16 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
- Relinquishing Members: Robert LaCroix, Harold D. Hill Jr.
  - **Motion 21** by Morning Star Owen to relinquish adult members, Robert LaCroix and Harold D. Hill Jr., from the Heipa District. 2<sup>nd</sup> Allen White, Question Tammy. 16 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
- Other
  - Tribal Members NOT enrolled in a district – should be sending applications to recruit
    - ~~Motion 22~~ by JR Rondell to send letters and recruit members. Motion rescinded.
  - School Clothes for new youth enrolled in Heipa; haven't received school clothes money from relinquished district
    - **Motion 22** by JR Rondell that Heipa district help Youth in transition if the Tribe does not help with school clothes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Allen White, Question Morning Star Owen. 15 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
    - **Motion 23** by Verlyn Beaudreau to accept all Executive Reports. 2<sup>nd</sup> JR Rondell, Question Allen White. 14 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
  - ARP Funds
    - **Motion 24** by Bob LaFromboise for all Tribal Members to receive \$2000.00 from the ARP Funds. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tammy, Question JR Rondell. 18 for, 0 opposed. **Motion Passed.**
  - Pow Wow Grounds – comments from dancers about thistle, other weeds and grass area of arena, Doug Renville mentioned weed spray to kill weeds
    - **Motion 25** by Tammy for Doug Renville to work and take care of the Pow Wow grounds and will be paid \$300 out of the building maintenance account. Doug will provide pricing of equipment. 2<sup>nd</sup> JR Rondell, Question Verlyn Beaudreau. 14 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
  - Allen White request for assistance for home improvement emergency loan; working on home improvement application
- Board and Committee Reports
  - Elderly Elly Dumarce- Elderly will meet with Secretary Renae Huntington for advertisements; Elderly Christmas Buche Gift Cards and Candy Bags handed out December 11.
- Personnel and TZTS Reports – Marie Renville
  - Updated on meetings
  - TZTS closed; Kitchen staff quarantined; Questions about Van accident in Sioux Falls, no update brought up
- Human Services Report – Marsha Renville
  - Suggestion for IHS advocate to not be a government employee
  - Scandia House Closed – was used for housing one family member for people in ICU
- MOU

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- **Motion 26** by Karen White to authorize the districts to receive a copy of the MOU between Robert's County and the Tribe on Detention Services. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tammy, Question by Charlene. 15 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.
- **Adjournment**
  - Meeting adjourned at 1:52pm.
  - **Motion 27** by Alan LaBelle to adjourn meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> Allen White, Question JR Rondell. All in Favor. Motion Passed.