

Heipa District Regular Meeting Minutes Sunday June 13, 2021

Chairman Jay Renville called meeting to order at 11:13am. Prayer by Spencer Wanna.

Members present: Spencer Wanna, Brenda Bellonger, ?, Edith MacConnell, Shirley MacConnell, Bertha Greeley, Megan LaFromboise, Sleepy LaFromboise, Elonna LaFromboise, Michelle Wanna, ?. Sign-in sheet attached.

Executives:

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

Boards and Committees:

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| Alan LaBelle | Fish & Wildlife | U | Kristen Wanna | Youth | X |
| Allen White | Constitution, Pow-Wow | X | Leanna Bernard | Election, Youth, SWO Youth | X |
| Angel Wanna | Election, Youth | X | Marie Renville | Constitution, Elderly, Personnel, TZTS | X |
| Barbara Heminger | Elderly | X | Marsha Renville | Human Service | X |
| Bob LaFromboise | Constitution, Election, Judicial | X | Morning Star Owen | Pow-Wow | X |
| Doug Renville | Elderly | X | Nadine LaBelle | Pow-Wow, Youth District Coordinator | X |
| Ellie 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 | E | | | |

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

Agenda:

- Chairman’s Report
- Assistant District Coordinator Floor Election
- Vice-Chair’s Report
- Treasurer’s Report
- Council Woman’s Report
- Tax Office issues
- Secretary’s Report
- Board and Committee Reports

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Discussions:

- Chairman's Report – DCA Updates
 - Sota issues with Chuck Floro charging tribal programs for ads
 - **Motion 1** by Karen White to have the Vice-Chair's office check into the issues with the Sota charging tribal programs and for the Sota to turn in reports. 2nd by Allen Amos White. Questioned by Morning Star Owen.
 - **16 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
 - Proposal for ARP funds
 - **Motion 2** by Allen White for each district to get \$150,000 a year for the next seven years from the ARP American Rescue Plan funds. 2nd by Shirley MacConnell. Questioned by Barbara Heminger.
 - **16 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
 - Assistant District Coordinator – Floor elections, Nominees: Angel Wanna.
 - **Motion 3** by Allen White to cease nominations. 2nd by Shirley MacConnell. Questioned by Morning Star Owen.
 - **All in favor, Motion Passed.**
 - **Motion 4** by Allen White to hire Angel Wanna as Assistant District Coordinator. 2nd by Morning Star Owen. Questioned by Verlyn Beaudreau.
 - **14 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
 - FEMA reimbursement – suggestions
- Vice-Chair's Report
 - DNGE new jobs providing training and education
 - **Motion 5** by Karen White for DNGE to hire tribal members for corporate positions in accordance with the Career Path Training Program. 2nd by Verlyn Beaudreau. Questioned by Allen White.
 - **14 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
 - DNGE management, employees, turnover rates, pay
 - **Motion 6** by Marsha Wanna to raise the minimum starting wage for Tribal Members at all DNGE Casino properties to \$15/hour. 2nd by Morning Star Owen. Questioned by Doug Renville.
 - **16 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
 - **Motion 7** by Marsha Wanna that Corporate, Managers, and Employees all get the same dollar amount for the quarterly bonuses. 2nd by Barbara Heminger. Questioned by Shirley MacConnell.
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- **Motion 8** by Marsha Wanna to reaffirm that the DNGE Casinos immediately begin the Career Path Training program for all Managers and Supervisors held by non-tribal members. 2nd by Doug Renville. Questioned by Michelle Wanna.
- **18 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
- **Motion 9** by Morning Star Owen to rescind Curtis Bissonnette’s mission about the DNGE wage compendium and for the District Chairman to present this motion to the DCA. 2nd by Karen White. Questioned by Allen White.
- **18 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
- **Motion 10** by Michelle Wanna that if Casino employees are capped on pay then Tribal employees should also be capped. 2nd by Karen White. Questioned by Allen White.
- **19 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
- Home improvement funds
 - **Motion 11** by Allen White to open a separate home improvement Dacotah bank account for accountability of funds to be followed by district guidelines from previous motion. 2nd by Verlyn Beaudreau. Questioned by Bob LaFromboise.
 - **17 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
- Treasurer’s Report
 - Email, IT info
 - **Motion 12** by Allen White to hire Orvella Bird for IT and communications work and for payment to come out of the Building Maintenance Fund after invoice has been turned into the Executives and reviewed for an agreeable payment. 2nd by Karen White. Questioned by Dolly.
 - **18 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
 - Elderly reimbursed for \$10,000
 - Youth Money – waiting for districts confirming enrollments
 - Activated Pow Wow account - reimbursed \$3000 for last year
 - Building keys – in process of changing locks, will provide Sargent of Arms a key
- Youth Committee
 - Youth reimbursement money
 - **Motion 13** by Angel Wanna to have the Youth Board decide what to do with reimbursed youth money – last year’s and this year’s youth money. 2nd by Dolly. Questioned by Marie Renville.
 - **16 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**

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- Pow Wow Committee
 - Arena needs work, passed motion from August 18, 2019 for District to allocate \$5000.00 each year to the District Pow Wow.
 - **Motion 14** by Ellie Dumarce for the District to deposit \$5,000 in the Pow Wow Account. 2nd by Verlyn Beaudreau. Questioned by Allen White.
 - **13 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
 - **Motion 15** by Ellie Dumarce to extend the Pow Wow committee and maintenance work towards the Pow Wow arena for four weeks and for maintenance pay to come out of the Maintenance Account. 2nd by Shirly MacConnell. Questioned by Dolly.
 - **17 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**

Break at 12:55pm. Meeting called back to order 1:10pm.

- Council Woman's Report
 - Reservation Election Board Member – need to advertise and elect new member
 - RPC meeting minutes present
 - Brenda Presented Tax office issues – Dakota Crossing, online sales, Tax agreement had 5-year plan, ends this year
 - **Motion 16** by Verlyn Beaudreau to propose a 90-day extension of the current tax agreement in order to resolve issues. 2nd by Bob LaFromboise. Questioned by Allen White.
 - **16 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
 - **Motion 17** by Brenda Bellonger that SWO Fuel, INC. start submitting the tribal sales tax to the Tax Office for the May 2021 taxes before June 18, and submit a written arrangement to the Tax Office showing a payment plan for the unpaid tribal back sales taxes before June 25. Failure to pay the May 2021 taxes or submit the written arrangement will result in a business license cancellation notice and process as of July 1, 2021. 2nd by Gypsy Wanna. Questioned by Allen White.
 - **15 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
 - Dakota Western, Fuel, Inc. Businesses do not have current budgets.
 - **Motion 18** by Marsha Renville that Dakota Western and Fuel, Inc. submit a budget for their businesses. 2nd by Bob LaFromboise. Questioned by Allen White.
 - **17 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
 - **Motion 19** by Marsha Renville that all for profit non-gaming entities do not provide donations or sponsorships of any type. 2nd by Brenda Bellonger. Questioned by Allen White.
 - **15 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**

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- **Motion 20** by Gypsy Wanna that Tribal Council no longer authorize any waivers tax revenue to tribe for non-gaming for profit businesses. 2nd by Bob LaFromboise. Questioned by Allen White.
- **17 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
- **Motion 21** by Marie Renville for SWO Fuel, Inc. and Dakota Western need to have an audit going back three years. 2nd by Allen White. Questioned by Bob LaFromboise.
- **15 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
- Seyman's Land for Sale – motion made and passed at council to buy the land – no appraisal done.
 - **Motion 22** by Marsha Renville to pay Tribal Member Dawn Ryan the same amount per acre that they paid Seyman's in regards to Council Meeting minutes dated June 2, 2021 Motions 29 and 30. Dollar amount for Seyman's was \$8,918 per acre. Dollar amount for Dawn Ryan was \$2,024.00 per acre. 2nd by Doug Renville. Questioned by Michelle Wanna.
 - **16 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
- Secretary's Report
 - Minutes
 - **Motion 23** by Allen White to accept the Heipa Regular Meeting Minutes May 16, 2021 and the Executive Meeting Minutes May 30, 2021. 2nd by Morning Star Owen. Questioned by Michelle Wanna.
 - **14 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
 - New adult members and youth to adult
 - **Motion 24** by Verlyn Beaudreau to accept the new adult members Cheryl Rose Tracey Stepka and Stephen K. Adams. 2nd by Allen White. Questioned by Karen White.
 - **8 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
 - **Motion 25** by Allen White to accept the two Youth to Adult members Elliott James Barse and Mason John Kohl Jr. 2nd by Verlyn Beaudreau. Questioned by Michelle Wanna.
 - **All in Favor, Motion Passed.**

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- District Vehicles
 - 2002 White Chevy Truck
 - **Motion 26** by Allen White to bid out the District truck and plow as is to District Members only. Bids are due July 16, 2021 and will be opened at the next Regular District Meeting. 2nd by Verlyn Beaudreau. Questioned by Mickey Renville.
 - **14 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
 - Jeep
 - **Motion 27** by Dolly to place the current District Jeep out to bid as is to District Members only. Bids are due July 16, 2021 and will be opened at the next Regular District Meeting. 2nd by Morning Star Owen. Questioned by Shirley MacConnell.
 - **13 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
- Council Meeting June 1, 2021 Motion 18 COLA
 - “Motion 18:
 - **Motion 28** by Angel Wanna to rescind Council Motion 18 Dated June 1, 2021 because Casino workers do not receive this. 2nd by Michelle Wanna. Questioned by Allen White.
 - **13 for, 1 opposed, Motion Passed**
- Human Services Board Marsha Renville Report
 - Waiting for current version of policies and procedures
- THPO Marie Renville Report
 - Update on members, archeological surveys, Carlisle Repatriation, Enemy Swim RV pad, TZ Site Sundance
- Elderly Committee Ellie DuMarce Report
 - All Board Member Attendance
 - Elderly Card Survey
 - **Motion 29** by Shirley MacConnell to honor question #2 on the survey for elders to choose which elderly card they receive, Walmart or Dakota Crossings. 2nd by Allen White. Questioned by Karen White.
 - **15 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
 - TEAB Meeting
 - **Motion 30** by Ellie DuMarce that Marie Renville is to attend the TEAB Meeting tentative Set with SWO Executives for Thursday June 17, 2021 in the morning. 2nd by Verlyn Beaudreau. Questioned by Shirley MacConnell.
 - **14 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**

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- Constitution Committee Ellie Dumarce Report
 - 10 proposed amendments reviewed with Megan LaFromboise
 - **Motion 31** by Karen White to turn the district proposed amendments over to the District Election Board. 2nd by Bob LaFromboise. Questioned by Verlyn Beaudreau.
 - **15 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
- Megan LaFromboise proposed contract for working with Constitution and Election Committee
 - Provided a draft agreement
 - **Motion 32** by Allen White to pay Megan LaFromboise \$400.00 for two meetings totaling \$800.00 at this point. 2nd by Verlyn Beaudreau. Questioned by Allen White.
 - **13 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
- SWO Elderly Bob LaFromboise Report
 - Talked about completing the Elderly budget and meeting with Council and the Executives
 - **Motion 33** by Marsha Renville to accept all Board and Committee Reports. 2nd by Marie Renville. Questioned by Verlyn Beaudreau.
 - **All in favor, Motion Passed.**
- SWO Seasonal Employees
 - **Motion 34** by Verlyn Beaudreau to amend the SWO Personnel Policies that seasonal employees must be SWO Tribal Members and if there are none available, positions need to be advertised. 2nd by Gypsy Wanna. Questioned by Marsha Renville.
 - **All for, 0 opposed.**
- Planning
 - **Motion 35** by Gypsy Wanna that the planning department does not have authorization to RFP their own accounting firm. 2nd by Marie Renville. Questioned by Dolly.
 - **14 for, 0 opposed, Motion Passed.**
- Meeting adjourned at 3:12pm.
 - **Motion 36** by Verlyn Beaudreau to adjourn meeting. 2nd by Shirley MacConnell. Questioned by Morning Star Owen.
 - **All in favor, Motion Passed.**