

MINUTES

Heipa District Regular Meeting
Sunday August 21, 2022, 11:00am
Heipa District Center



Regular Meeting

Members present: There were 52 members signed in. See sign in sheet attached.

Chairman Merlin “Jay” Renville called meeting to order at 11:03am.

Prayer by Spencer Wanna.

Chairman Jay Renville’s Report

Discussions:

- Tribe was closed due to COVID, not many meetings held
- ARPA funds
- District cameras installed
- School clothes - Youth Meeting – parents motioned for District to give each child \$400 for school clothes – this could affect District Days. District is still paying on loan from last year’s District Days.

Motion 1 by Dolly MacConnell, second Morning Star Owen, question Shirley MacConnell for youth members to receive \$200 for school clothes, if the executives need to make a loan they are authorized to do so. 35 for, 5 opposed, motion passed.

Vice-Chair Karen White’s Report

Discussion:

- MOU with Robert’s County & jail stays

Secretary Renae Huntington’s Report

Youth to Adult: Sage Dumarce, William Keezer, Hailey Mitchell, Angel Reed, Diego Rodriguez, Aurelia White, Shiane Young

New Adult: Justin Thomas Hanson, Rose Mae Rodlund

Motion 2 by Allen White, second Helena LaBatte, question “Mickey” Renville, to accept July 10, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes and July 17, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes. 10 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 3 by Winfield Rondell, second Allen White, question Tammy, to accept the seven youth to adult members: Sage Dumarce, William Keezer, Hailey Mitchell, Angel Reed, Diego Rodriguez, Aurelia White, Shiane Young. 20 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 4 by Allen White, second Tammy, question Cindy, to accept the two new adult members: Justin Thomas Hanson and Rose Mae Rodlund. 20 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Break 11:56am. Resumed 12:10pm.

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Council Representative Gypsy Wanna's Report

Discussions:

- Tribal Secretary removal hearing
- Little Steps Daycare incident
- Treatment Facility Center
- Youth Wellness Center
- DARE
- Indirect Costs

Motion 5 by Morning Star Owen, Pejihota Yuha Mani Win Lucero, question Helena LaBatte for Tribal entities and Administration to not close due to COVID. 20 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 6 by Rhonda Dumarce, second Angeline Wanna, question Joey Heminger to have an outside entity investigate the operation of the Little Steps Daycare to include investigating the employee's and their backgrounds, for the investigation to be completed within 30 days and the report provided to Council. To suspend with no pay, the workers involved with the incident pending investigation completion. 24 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 7 by Winfield Rondell, second Allen White, question Tammy to keep the original plan for the 24-bed treatment facility. 20 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 8 by Karen White, second Winfield Rondell, question Pejihota Yuha Mani Win Lucero, for Council to not approve the draft MOU with Roberts County until all Districts get a chance to look at it. 23 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 9 by Karen White, Pejihota Yuha Mani Win Lucero, question Bob LaFromboise to add into the MOU that our Tribal Detention Officers be stationed at the Robert's County Jail to tend to our Tribal Inmates. 27 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 10 by Pejihota Yuha Mani Win Lucero, second Marie Renville, question Tammy to appoint Winfield Rondell III as interim Secretary for the Tribe should the current Secretary be removed. 28 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 11 by Bob LaFromboise, second Allen White, question Alan LaBelle to accept all Executive and Council Reports. 28 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Board & Committee Reports

Discussions:

- Second buffalo on waiting list to be processed
- ARPA payments

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TZTS Marie Renville – Student handbook updated

Personnel Marie Renville – new hires and resignations

THPO Marie Renville – human remains found in building at UND

Constitution Marie Renville – members encouraged to review the 35 amendment revisions before August 31.

TAX Winfield Rondell – updated

RPC Winfield Rondell – there is a tribal grant for existing small businesses, state has loan for small businesses

TERO Winfield Rondell – updated

Fish & Wildlife Spencer Wanna – no meeting held

Housing Spencer Wanna – meeting tomorrow

Judicial Bob LaFromboise – Cannabis Regulations

Pow Wow Elly Dumarce – Clarine is not going to be at Pow Wow – need a different Executive to be present, no Pow Wow Princess applicants

Motion 12 by Elly DuMarce, second Alan LaBelle, question Marie Renville that the Heipa District purchase the memorial cake in memory of Heipa District Members who are deceased this past year. 27 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Elderly Elly Dumarce – new elder Lisa Ann LaBelle

Motion 13 by Elly DuMarce, second Marie Renville, question Bob LaFromboise to accept the new elder Lisa Ann LaBelle and to get her \$50.00 check for new elder status. 30 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

EPA Helena LaBatte – update on mismanagement of program and having trouble getting reports, job descriptions

Motion 14 by Helena LaBatte, second Alan LaBelle, question Erin Kiyunkapi to request information of all the projects of OEP including an audit of the funding and employee roster. 22 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 15 by Bob LaFromboise, second Alan LaBelle, question Leanna Bernard to pay Renae Huntington a \$1000 extra stipend for helping with the ARPA applications and payments for two and a half weeks. 28 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion 16 by Alan LaBelle, second Pejihota Yuha Mani Win Lucero, question to pay Angel Wanna her overtime on ARPA payment work. 26 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

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- Motion 17** by Angel Wanna, second Allen White, question Bob LaFromboise, to purchase new riding lawn mower for the District Center to be reimbursed with ARPA funds. 30 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
- Motion 18** by Leanna Bernard, second Marie Renville, question Pejihota Yuha Mani Win Lucero, to pay Vivienne Chasing Hawk \$750.00 for assisting with court for the Special Election. 27 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
- Motion 19** by Elly DuMarce, second Bob LaFromboise, question Winfield Rondell to pay Nadine LaBelle for the two weeks she was gone when she broke her leg on District property. 21 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.
- Motion 20** by Rhonda DuMarce, second Helena LaBatte, question Dolly MacConnell to ask for any last questions before the meeting is adjourned. 9 for, 0 opposed, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn. All in Favor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17pm.

Executives and Board & Committee Members					
Chairman	Jay Renville	X	Amos White	Constitution, Pow Wow	X
Vice-Chair	Karen White	X	Angel Wanna	Election, Youth	X
Treasurer	Clarine Dumarce		Barbara Heminger	Elderly	X
Secretary	Renaë Huntington	X	Bob LaFromboise	Constitution, Judicial, REB	X
Council Representative	Gypsy Wanna	X	Doug Renville	Elderly	X
Sargent of Arms	Mickey Renville	X	Elly Dumarce	Constitution, Elderly, Pow Wow	X
			Helena LaBatte	Environmental Protection	X
			Kristin Wanna	Pow Wow, Youth	X
			Leanna Bernard	Election, Youth	X
			Marie Renville	Constitution, Elderly, Personnel, THPO, TZTS	X
			Nadine LaBelle	Election, Pow Wow, Youth	X
			Spencer Wanna	Election, Fish & Wildlife, Housing	X
			Steve Renville	SWO Pow Wow	
			Verlyn Beaudreau	Police Commission	
			Winfield Rondell III	Human Services, Planning, Tax, TERO	X

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