

MINUTES

Heipa District Regular Meeting
 Sunday February 20, 2022, 11:00am
 Heipa District Center



Regular Meeting

Members present: Alan LaBelle, Angel Wanna, Barbara Heminger, Bertha Greeley, Brenda Bellonger, Buffy Nanaeto, Doug Renville, Elnora Dumarce, Eric Wanna, Gypsy Wanna, Karen White, Kristen Wanna, Leanna Bernard, Marie Renville, Merlin Renville, Michelle Wanna, Milton Renville, Nadine LaBelle, Renae Huntington, Robert LaFromboise, Shannon LaFromboise, Spencer Wanna, Steve Renville, Verlyn Beaudreau, Winfield Rondell. Sign-in sheet attached.

Executives:

Jay Renville	Chairman	X	Buffy Nanaeto	Treasurer	X
Karen White	Vice-Chairwoman	X	Renae Huntington	Secretary	X
Gypsy Wanna	Councilwoman	X			

Boards/Committees:

Mickey Renville	Sargent of Arms	X	Kristen Wanna	Pow Wow, Youth	X
Amos White	Constitution, Pow Wow	E	Leanna Bernard	Election, Youth, SWO Youth	X
Angel Wanna	Election, Youth	X	Marie Renville	Constitution, SWO Elderly, Personnel, TZTS	X
Barb Heminger	Elderly	X	Marsha Renville	Human Services	U
Bob LaFromboise	Constitution, SWO Judicial, SWO REB	X	Nadine LaBelle	Pow Wow, Youth	X
Doug Renville	Elderly	X	Spencer Wanna	Fish & Wildlife, Housing	X
Elly Dumarce	Constitution, Elderly, Pow Wow	X	Steve Renville	SWO Pow Wow	X
Helena LaBatte	Environmental Protection	U	Verlyn Beaudreau	Police Commission	X
Winfield Rondell	Planning, Tax, TERO	X			

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

Chairman Jay Renville called the meeting to order at 11:01am. Prayer by Spencer Wanna.

Chairman Jay Renville's Report

- American Rescue Plan Tribal District COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Program
 - \$1.3 million for each district, cannot do a per cap payment per guidelines, application for plan ideas at District Center
 - Director Matthew Thompson Office of Planning & economic development November 2021 Report lists top 10 projects

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- Essential Worker premium pay/hazard pay
- District Center water heater, furnace, and generator
 - Water heater repair estimate \$2845.80
- Little Steps Daycare
 - Concerns with closures and payroll deductions taken from parents/guardians when daycare was closed
 - Confidentiality, communication, and unprofessionalism issues

Motion 1 by Spencer Wanna, second Alan LaBelle, question Gypsy Wanna, to accept Hamm Plumbing Inc. water heater repair quote for \$2845.80. 15 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 2 by Alan LaBelle, second Winfield Rondell, question Gypsy Wanna, For the Tribal Secretary's Office to do assessments on Little Steps Daycare to include the Director's qualifications, wages, operation and seek funds for increase of pay. 17 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 3 by Winfield Rondell, second Gypsy Wanna, question Milton Renville, for funds to be reimbursed or credit given to families who were paying Little Steps Daycare even though they were closed. And to amend the Little Steps Daycare Policies so the parents and guardians are not charged when the daycare is closed. 15 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Vice-Chair Karen White's Report

- Brought to DCA – TZTS personnel/School Board issue with staff and student

Treasurer Buffy Nanaeto's Report

- Taxes - 2022 W-4 and 1099 forms, webinar for tax updates
- Elderly Board request meeting with Buffy over expenditures and taxes

Motion 4 by Verlyn Beaudreau, second Winfield Rondell, question Spencer Wanna, for Buffy Nanaeto to attend tax webinar and to be reimbursed. 17 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Secretary Renae Huntington's Report

- Minutes, memberships, and recruitment

Motion 5 by Winfield Rondell, second Spencer Wanna, question Verlyn Beaudreau, to approve December 19, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes. 17 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.



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Motion 6 Winfield Rondell, second Verlyn Beaudreau, question Spencer Wanna, to accept two new adult members Ross Elliot Granlund and John L. Granlund II to the Heipa District. 12 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 7 by Winfield Rondell, second Verlyn Beaudreau, question Gypsy Wanna, that the coordinators continue to send out letters with listed requirements to recruit new members to the Heipa District who are not yet enrolled in a district. 15 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 8 by Winfield Rondell, second Spencer Wanna, question Verlyn Beaudreau, to accept youth to adult member Ashton William Burris. 16 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Councilwoman Gypsy Wanna's Report

- Protocol for Federal Bureau of Investigation
- IHS COVID-19 testing concerns and IHS CEO Randy Jordan's Reports
- Update on Opioid Settlement, SWO receiving a portion
- Personnel Issues and update on codes passed
- Judicial Committee changed name
- Update on Jail, still need legal opinion on Robert's County Jail Stays
 - DCA and Council already made motions, Tribal Chairman needs to follow up
- Question for Tribal Council Minutes February 2, 2022, Motion No. 59
 - Where to get funds/application and if this includes backpay

Motion 9 by Winfield Rondell, second Bob LaFromboise, question Doug Renville, to have 1,000 COVID-19 tests distributed to Heipa District when they arrive at the DARE program. 15 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 10 by Winfield Rondell, second Doug Renville, question Mickey Renville, for IHS CEO Randy Jordan to provide Council and the Districts a more detailed monthly report to include wait times, no show rates, appointment schedules, and information on recruitment efforts of Native people. 17 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 11 by Brenda Bellonger, second Winfield Rondell, question Doug Renville, for IHS CEO Randy Jordan to provide a copy of the Joint Commission Report to the Districts and Council by March 2, 2022. 13 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 12 by Brenda Bellonger, second Winfield Rondell, question Elly Dumarce, for Council to never discuss in regular session or executive session personnel issues or concerns with non-contracted employees and tribal employees in accordance with SWO Personnel Policies. 10 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 13 by Brenda Bellonger, second Marie Renville, question Winfield Rondell, for Judicial to return to the old process with a representative from each District and to

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follow the legislative process that was previously in place. 10 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 14 by Verlyn Beaudreau, second Karen White, question Bob LaFromboise, to request Tribal Council hire a special attorney consultant to address past due bills of SWO Tribal Members of Robert's County Jail and Robert's County Public Defender to get the bills written off. 16 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 15 by Verlyn Beaudreau, second Winfield Rondell, question Doug Renville, for Council to Amend Motion 59 from February 2, 2022, to include the District Executives, Officers, and Employees retroactive to March 2020 and to have DCA and the Executives determine the hours of pay. 19 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Board and Committee Reports

- Human Services Board – Marsha Renville not attending meetings
 - Floor nominations
- Tax – Winfield Rondell
 - Fuel Inc. taxes and audit
 - Premium pay financial report
- RPC – Winfield Rondell
 - Saber Ammunition wanted 12-million-dollar tribal loan for business in Missouri. RPC rep did not support.
- Personnel – Marie Renville
 - 9 new hires for different programs
- THPO – Marie Renville
 - Signing ceremony for return of SWO children from the Carlisle Indian Industrial School Cemetery
 - SWO Pow Wow grounds now a historical site
- TZTS – Marie Renville
 - Update on busses, policies, and education code
- Fish and Wildlife – Spencer Wanna
 - Elder concern with receiving buffalo, buffalo processing
- Elderly – Elly Dumarce
 - Updated policies
- Housing – Spencer Wanna
 - Update on rental assistance money received from North Dakota
 - Member concern with housing water heaters

Motion 16 by Winfield Rondell, second Verlyn Beaudreau, question Bob LaFromboise, to vacate the Human Services Board. 15 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.



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Motion 17 by Marie Renville, second Verlyn Beaudreau, question Spencer Wanna, to appoint Winfield Rondell to the Human Services Board. 16 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 18 by Winfield Rondell, second Gypsy Wanna, question Spencer Wanna, to discontinue giving 20%, 50%, and 100% DMC importer/exporter tax to Fuel Inc. in accordance with the SWO Tax Code. 15 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 19 by Winfield Rondell, second Spencer Wanna, question Milton Renville, to perform a forensic audit on Fuel Inc. 17 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 20 by Winfield Rondell, second Doug Renville, question Brenda Bellonger, to request an expenditure report on ARPA funds specifically to include premium pay. 15 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 21 by Winfield Rondell, second Brenda Bellonger, question Doug Renville, to define the criteria for premium pay to receive \$3, \$7, \$10 premium pay. 16 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 22 by Marie Renville, second Winfield Rondell, question Elly Dumarce, for Spencer Wanna to find out about Heipa District buffalo eligibility and processing for district members to receive buffalo. 15 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 23 by Nadine LaBelle, second Angel Wanna, question Brenda Bellonger, to give Spencer Wanna and Karen White \$500 for snow removal and mowing. 16 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 24 by Verlyn Beaudreau, second Doug Renville, question Winfield Rondell, to accept the updated Heipa District Elderly Policies and Procedures. 13 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 25 by Verlyn Beaudreau, second Winfield Rondell, question Doug Renville, to approve all council and executive reports. 14 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 26 by Verlyn Beaudreau, second Winfield Rondell, question by Bob LaFromboise, to accept all Board and Committee reports. 13 for, 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

Motion 27 by Verlyn Beaudreau, second Winfield Rondell, question Bob LaFromboise, to adjourn meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:03pm.