

REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 10:00 AM  
TiWakan Tio Tipi Council Chambers

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

BIG COULEE:	A. Lydia Amos
BUFFALO LAKE:	Louis Johnson
ENEMY SWIM:	Dallas Owen
HEIPAVEBLEN:	Brandon Gypsy Wanna (10:09)
LAKE TRAVERSE:	Dionne Crawford
LONG HOLLOW:	Curtis Bissonette
OLD AGENCY:	Brandon Adams



**TRIBAL EXECUTIVES PRESENT:** Tribal Chairman Delbert Hopkins Jr., Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr. (10:20), and Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson (10:04)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Tribal Chairman Delbert Hopkins Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM with one (1) Executive and six (6) Council members from seven (7) Districts answering Roll Call. Opening prayer for the Buffalo Lake District said by Buffalo Lake Tribal Council Member Louis Johnson.

**MOTION NO. 54:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Brandon Adams, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve the Project Agreement and CRRSAA preventative maintenance transportation funding for the gravel project on BIA 11, and to authorize the Tribal Chairman to sign the documents, as presented by DOT Director Cliff Eberhardt.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 54:** 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 55:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Dallas Owen, question by Louis Johnson, to approve the Department of Transportation report, as presented by Director Cliff Eberhardt.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 55:** 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Note:** Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson now present at meeting.

**MOTION NO. 56:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Brandon Adams, question by Dallas Owen, to approve the increase for the SWO TERO Fee for FY 2023, from 3% to 4%, effective October 1, 2022, as recommended by the TERO Commission, and as presented by TERO Director DelRay German.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 56: 13 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 57:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Dallas Owen, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) report, as presented by Director DelRay German.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 57: 13 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Note:** Heipa Tribal Council Member Brandon Gypsy Wanna now present at meeting.

**MOTION NO. 58:** made by Dionne Crawford, second by A. Lydia Amos, question by Louis Johnson, to approve the Consultant Agreement with Heather's Behavioral Support and Services, to provide mental/behavioral health training and coaching, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$27,000.00, with the Head Start budget as the funding source, as presented by Head Start Office Manager Sheri Marks.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 58: 16 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 59:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Curtis Bissonette, question by Dionne Crawford, to approve the Consultant Agreement with Engaged Learning, to provide training, observations, mentoring, coaching and modeling services, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$80,300.00, with the Head Start budget as the funding source, as presented by Head Start Office Manager Sheri Marks.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 59: 16 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 60:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by A. Lydia Amos, question by Myrna Thompson, to approve the Consultant Agreement with Teaching Strategies, to provide parent curriculum, creative curriculum, and online assessment services, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$15,917.00, with the Head Start budget as the funding source, as presented by Head Start Office Manager Sheri Marks.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 60: 16 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 61:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Dionne Crawford, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve the Head Start & Early Head Start Director and Staff reports, as presented by Office Manager Sheri Marks.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 61: 16 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 62:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Dionne Crawford, question by Dallas Owen, to approve the following September 2022 reports for Head Start & Early Head Start: Data; Enrollment and Attendance; Food Reimbursement; Health; and Financial, as presented by Office Manager Sheri Marks.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 62: 16 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Note:** Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr. now present at meeting.

**MOTION NO. 63:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Dionne Crawford, question by Curtis Bissonette, to approve the Education Office and Head Start & Early Head Start reports, as presented by Head Start Office Manager Sheri Marks.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 63: 17 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 64:** made by Dallas Owen, second by A. Lydia Amos, question by Brandon Adams, to approve an Addendum to the Contract with Interim SWO Prosecutor Karen Gangle, to extend the term until February 28, 2023, and to authorize Tribal Chairman Delbert Hopkins Jr. to execute the Addendum, as presented by Tribal Attorney Megan LaFromboise.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 64: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 1 Opposed: Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Abstained. 4 Absent From Vote: Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2). 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 65:** made by Edmund Johnson Jr., second by Dallas Owen, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve the contract with Wanette Lenling to serve as the Tribal Public Defender, and to authorize Tribal Chairman Delbert Hopkins Jr. to execute the contract, as presented by Tribal Attorney Megan LaFromboise.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 65: 13 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 4 Absent From Vote: Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2). 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 66:** made by Myrna Thompson, second by Dallas Owen, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve the Addendum to the Consultant Agreement with Big Coulee Made, to provide training services for the Education Office, to extend the term until October 31, 2022, and to authorize Tribal Chairman Delbert Hopkins Jr. to execute the Addendum, as presented by Tribal Attorney Megan LaFromboise.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 66: 17 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 67:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Brandon Adams, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve the Legal Office report, as presented by Tribal Attorney Megan LaFromboise.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 67: 17 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 68:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by A. Lydia Amos, question by Dallas Owen, in resolution form, to enroll into the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate the four (4) applicants as listed in Exhibit A, as presented by Recording Secretary Verlyn Beaudreau.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 68: 16 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 1 Absent From Vote: Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Resolution No. SWO-22-**

**MOTION NO. 69:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Myrna Thompson, question by Brandon Adams, in resolution form, to enroll into the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate the ten (10) applicants as listed in Exhibit B, as presented by Recording Secretary Verlyn Beaudreau.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 69: 16 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 1 Absent From Vote: Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Resolution No. SWO-22-**

**MOTION NO. 70:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Brandon Adams, question by Dallas Owen, in resolution form, to enroll into the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate the two (2) applicants as listed in Exhibit C, as presented by Recording Secretary Verlyn Beaudreau.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 70: 17 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Resolution No. SWO-22-**

**MOTION NO. 71:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Brandon Adams, question by Edmund Johnson Jr., in resolution form, to relinquish from enrollment with the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate the one (1) applicant as listed in Exhibit D, as presented by Recording Secretary Verlyn Beaudreau.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 71: 17 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Resolution No. SWO-22-**

**MOTION NO. 72:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by A. Lydia Amos, question by Louis Johnson, to approve the Enrollment Office report, as presented by Recording Secretary Verlyn Beaudreau.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 72: 14 For: Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 3 Absent From Vote: Dallas Owen (3). 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 73:** made by Brandon Gypsy Wanna, second by Brandon Adams, question by Dallas Owen, to approve the draft Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of South Dakota Department of Corrections (with added language), for the joint supervision of Native American parolees on Tribal land, and to authorize the Tribal Chairman to execute the Agreement, pending legal review, as presented by SORO/Parole Director Joan White.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 73: 8 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3). 9 Opposed: Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.  
**MOTION DEFEATED.**

**MOTION NO. 74:** made by Dionne Crawford, second by Curtis Bissonette, question by Dallas Owen, to approve the SWO Parole report, as presented by SORO/Parole Director Joan White.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 74: 17 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 75:** made by Dionne Crawford, second by Brandon Adams, question by Myrna Thompson, to start the application process for a Section 17 Corporation for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 75: 8 For: Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); Dionne Crawford (2); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 9 Opposed: Dallas Owen (3); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.  
**MOTION DEFEATED.**

**MOTION NO. 76:** made by Dionne Crawford, second by Curtis Bissonette, question by Brandon Adams, to acknowledge the receipt of the Lake Traverse District Minutes for the meeting held August 26, 2021.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 76: 17 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 77:** made by Myrna Thompson, second by Curtis Bissonette, question by A. Lydia Amos, to authorize Tribal Attorney Megan LaFromboise to represent the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate to submit an offer on behalf of the Tribe to the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and to clarify the issues with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) space cost/lease, and to authorize the Tribal Chairman to execute the lease document.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 77: 17 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Brandon Gypsy Wanna (3); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 78:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Myrna Thompson, to adjourn.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 11:41 AM.**

Respectfully Submitted, Verlyn Beaudreau, Recording Secretary