

REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 9:00 AM  
TiWakan Tio Tipi Council Chambers

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

BIG COULEE: A. Lydia Amos  
BUFFALO LAKE: Louis Johnson  
ENEMY SWIM: Dallas Owen (9:28)  
LAKE TRAVERSE: Dionne Crawford  
LONG HOLLOW: Curtis Bissonette  
OLD AGENCY: Brandon Adams

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**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

HEIPAVEBLEN: Brandon Gypsy Wanna (travel)

**TRIBAL EXECUTIVES PRESENT:** Tribal Chairman Delbert Hopkins Jr., Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr. (9:34), and Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Tribal Chairman Delbert Hopkins Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM with two (2) Executives and five (5) Council members from seven (7) Districts answering Roll Call. Opening prayer for the Big Coulee District said by Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson.

**MOTION NO. 76:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by A. Lydia Amos, question by Brandon Adams, to approve the Dakota Western Corporation report, as presented by General Manager Robert Huff.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 76:** 10 For: A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Note:** Enemy Swim Tribal Council Member Dallas Owen now present at meeting.

**MOTION NO. 77:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Dionne Crawford, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve the SWO Fuel Inc. and Agency C-Store report, as presented by General Manager James Bird.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 77:** 10 For: A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Tribal Secretary (1). 3 Opposed: Dallas Owen (3). 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. 78:** made by Dallas Owen, to suspend SWO Fuel Inc. General Manager James Bird with pay, pending Tribal Council review of his contact, to see if he violated any terms of the contract.

**MOTION DIED. Lack of Second.**

**MOTION NO. 79:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Dallas Owen, question by A. Lydia Amos, to authorize payment to Calhoun Communications, Inc., in the amount of \$10,165.83, for repairs to the KXSW Radio transmitter/tower, with ARPA funds as the funding source, as presented by the KXSW Board.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 79:** 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 2 Absent From Vote: Dionne Crawford (2). 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 80:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Curtis Bissonette, question by Edmund Johnson Jr., to authorize the payment to United Cleaning Services, for cleaning services for September 2022, in the amount of \$10,616.66, with the ARPA budget as the funding source, as presented by Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 80:** 14 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); 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. 81:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Curtis Bissonette, question by Brandon Adams, to approve the AIA Document and Change Orders for the I.T. Building/Infrastructure Project, and to authorize payment to Bob Kohl, in the amount of \$5,697.80, with the ARPA budget as the funding source, as presented by Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr.

**WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 81:** 14 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); 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. 82:** made by Dionne Crawford, second by Curtis Bissonette, question by Myrna Thompson, to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue, at 10:27am.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 82: 11 For: A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); 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. 83:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Dallas Owen, question by Brandon Adams, to come out of Executive Session, at 11:07am.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 83: 14 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); 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. 84:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Dionne Crawford, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve Amendment #2 to the Contract with Chief Judge Ruth Hopkins, and to authorize the Tribal Vice-Chairman to execute the Contract, as presented by Tribal Attorney Megan LaFromboise.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 84: 14 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); 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. 85:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Dallas Owen, question by Brandon Adams, to approve the terms of the Tax Agreement with the State of South Dakota, and to authorize the Tribal Chairman to execute the Agreement, as presented by Tribal Attorney Megan LaFromboise.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 85: 14 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); 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.**

**Note:** Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson excused from meeting.

**MOTION NO. 86:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Dionne Crawford, question by Brandon Adams, to approve the waiver of the penalty for Roll the Dice Construction, for construction delays on the new Dakota Connection Casino Administrative Building, in exchange for additional work on the east entrance of the building, as presented by DNGE CEO Kurt Schmidt.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 86: 13 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 87:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Edmund Johnson Jr., question by Louis Johnson, to approve the Dakota Nation Gaming Enterprise (DNGE) Operating Needs budget for FY 2023, as presented by DNGE CFO Weston Quinn.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 87: 13 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 88:** made by Dionne Crawford, second by Dallas Owen, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve the following reports: Dakota Nation Gaming Enterprise, as presented by CEO Kurt Schmidt and Weston Quinn; Dakota Magic Casino, as presented by General Manager Wanda Varns; Dakota Connection Casino, as presented by General Manager Maurice Redday III; and Dakota Sioux Casino, as presented by DNGE CEO Kurt Schmidt.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 88: 13 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 89:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Dionne Crawford, question by Curtis Bissonette, to have the Tribal Vice-Chairman work with Special Attorney/Consultant Steven Gunn to replace Tax Revenue and Lease Income with ARPA funds, for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023, and to have the information ready by October 4, 2022.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 89: 13 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 90:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Brandon Adams, question by Louis Johnson, to have the Tribal Vice-Chairman take a delegation to meet with the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe to plan and develop a collaboration for medical cannabis, and to have an update for Tribal Council by October 26, 2022.

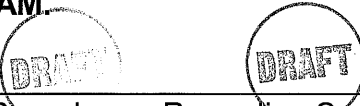
WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 90: 13 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Vice-Chairman (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 91:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Dallas Owen, to adjourn.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 11:30 AM**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Verlyn Beaudreau, Recording Secretary