

REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, December 6, 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 (10:54)
LAKE TRAVERSE:	Dionne Crawford
LONG HOLLOW:	Curtis Bissonette
OLD AGENCY:	Brandon Adams

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

HEIPA/VEBLEN: Brandon Gypsy Wanna (unexcused)

**TRIBAL EXECUTIVES PRESENT:** Tribal Chairman Delbert Hopkins Jr., Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr. (11:34), and Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson (9:14)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Tribal Chairman Delbert Hopkins Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:11 AM with one (1) Executive and five (5) Council members from seven (7) Districts answering Roll Call. Opening prayer for the Heipa District said by Big Coulee Tribal Council Member A. Lydia Amos.

**MOTION NO. 1:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Louis Johnson, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 2:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by A. Lydia Amos, question by Myrna Thompson, to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, November 2, 2022.

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 3:** made by Dionne Crawford, second by Brandon Adams, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve the Special Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 3: 10 For: Brandon Adams (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 4:** made by Brandon Adams, second by Curtis Bissonette, question by Louis Johnson, to approve the Special Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 4: 10 For: Brandon Adams (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 5:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Louis Johnson, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 5: 10 For: Brandon Adams (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 6:** made by Dionne Crawford, second by A. Lydia Amos, question by Louis Johnson, in resolution form, to appoint incoming Tribal Chairman J. Garret Renville and incoming Tribal Secretary Curtis Bissonette to the United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) Board and the United Tribes Gaming Association (UTGA) Board, as the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate delegates/representatives.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 6: 10 For: Brandon Adams (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Louis Johnson (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. 7:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Brandon Adams, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve the Executive Committee Minutes for the meetings held November 4, 14, 15, 17, and 22, 2022.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 7: 10 For: Brandon Adams (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 8:** made by Dionne Crawford, second by A. Lydia Amos, question by Brandon Adams, to approve the Tribal Chairman report, as presented by Tribal Chairman Delbert Hopkins Jr.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 8: 10 For: Brandon Adams (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 9:** made by Dionne Crawford, second by A. Lydia Amos, question by Brandon Adams, to approve the Tribal Secretary report, as presented by Tribal Secretary Myrna Thompson.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 9: 10 For: Brandon Adams (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Dionne Crawford (2); Curtis Bissonette (2); Louis Johnson (1); Tribal Secretary (1). 0 Opposed. 0 Abstained. 0 Absent From Vote. 1 Not Voting: Tribal Chairman.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION NO. 10:** made by Brandon Adams, second by Dionne Crawford, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve \$150,000.00 for the Old Agency District Economic Development Plan, to purchase the former Shopko building, with the Section 7 budget as the funding source, as recommended by the Reservation Planning Committee.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 10: 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.**

**MOTION NO. 11:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Dionne Crawford, question by Brandon Adams, to approve the Head Start & Early Head Start Monitoring Report, as presented by Education Director Dr. Sherry Johnson.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 11: 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.**

**MOTION NO. 12:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Myrna Thompson, question by Brandon Adams, to approve the Sisseton-Wahpeton Head Start & Early Head Start Sleep Safe Policy, as presented by Education Director Dr. Sherry Johnson.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 12: 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.**

**MOTION NO. 13:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Dionne Crawford, question by Louis Johnson, to approve the following Head Start & Early Head Start reports for November 2022; Director & Staff Report, Data Report, Enrollment & Attendance Reports, CACFP Food Report, Health/Nutrition Report, and Budget/Expense Report, as presented by Education Director Dr. Sherry Johnson.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 13: 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.**

**MOTION NO. 14:** made by Curtis Bissonette, second by Dionne Crawford, question by Myrna Thompson, to approve the Head Start & Early Head Start report, as presented by Education Director Dr. Sherry Johnson.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 14: 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:** Long Hollow Tribal Council Member Curtis Bissonette excused from meeting to attend a funeral.

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

**MOTION NO. 15:** made by Dionne Crawford, second by Dallas Owen, to approve the Tribal Historic Preservation Office and Archives report, as presented by THPO Director Dianne Desrosiers and Archivist Tamara St. John.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 15: 11 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 16:** made by Louis Johnson, second by Dionne Crawford, question by A. Lydia Amos, to authorize the Youth Department to purchase a playground park for the Buffalo Lake District, from My Turn Play-Systems, in the amount of 166,315.00, with the Youth budget as the funding source, as presented by Office Manager Jaime Lee.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 16: 9 For: Brandon Adams (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 17:** made by Dionne Crawford, second by Brandon Adams, question by Louis Johnson, to authorize the Youth Department to purchase a collapsible freestanding volleyball net, from All Native Solutions, in the amount of \$10,528.69, with the Youth budget as the funding source, as presented by Office Manager Jaime Lee.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 17: 9 For: Brandon Adams (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 18:** made by Brandon Adams, second by A. Lydia Amos, question by Louis Johnson to approve the Youth Department report, as presented by Office Manager Jaime Lee.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 18: 9 For: Brandon Adams (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 19:** made by Edmund Johnson Jr., second by Dionne Crawford, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve the Finance General Fund FY 2023 budget increase, in the amount of \$72,962.00, as presented by Budget Supervisor Lexie Fancher-Lincoln.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 19: 9 For: Brandon Adams (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 20:** made by Edmund Johnson Jr., second by Dionne Crawford, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve the I.T. General Fund FY 2023 budget increase, in the amount of \$20,000.00, as presented by Budget Supervisor Lexie Fancher-Lincoln.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 20: 9 For: Brandon Adams (2); A. Lydia Amos (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 21:** made by Edmund Johnson Jr., second by Brandon Adams, question by Louis Johnson, to approve the Youth Lodge Grant FY 2023, in the amount of \$987,020.00, as presented by Budget Supervisor Lexie Fancher-Lincoln.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 21: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 22:** made by Edmund Johnson Jr., second by Brandon Adams, question by Dionne Crawford, to approve the grant match for the Youth Lodge project, in the amount of \$329,007.00, for FY 2023, with Gaming revenue as the funding source, as presented by Budget Supervisor Lexie Fancher- Lincoln.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 22: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 23:** made by Dionne Crawford, second by Myrna Thompson, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve the CHE GPTLHB Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Initiative budget, in the amount of \$10,000.00, as presented by Budget Supervisor Lexie Fancher-Lincoln.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 23: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 24:** made by Dionne Crawford, second by A. Lydia Amos, question by Brandon Adams, to authorize the SWO Admin Building Café to submit a Customer Credit Application Form to purchase food and supplies from Cash-Wa Distributing, and to authorize the Tribal Chairman and Tribal Vice-Chairman to sign the application, as presented by Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 24: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 25:** made by Dallas Owe, second by A. Lydia Amos, question by Brandon Adams, to approve the Tribal Vice-Chairman report, as presented by Tribal Vice-Chairman Edmund Johnson Jr.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 25: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 26:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Brandon Adams, question by Myrna Thompson, to authorize Emergency Management to purchase four (4) enclosed trailers, from Oyate Products LLC., in the amount of \$67,500.00, with the Health Resources & Services Administration grant as the funding source, as presented by Tribal Chairman Delbert Hopkins Jr.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 26: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 27:** made by Louis Johnson, second by Dallas Owen, question by Edmund Johnson Jr., to acknowledge the receipt of the Buffalo Lake District Minutes for the meeting held November 15, 2022.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 27: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 28:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Edmund Johnson Jr., question by Louis Johnson, to acknowledge the receipt of the Heipa District Minutes for the meeting held November 20, 2022.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 28: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 29:** made by Brandon Adams, second by Dallas Owen, question by A. Lydia Amos, to acknowledge the receipt of the Old Agency District Minutes for the meeting held November 30, 2022.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 29: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 30:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Brandon Adams, question by A. Lydia Amos, to acknowledge the receipt of the Long Hollow District Minutes for the meeting held November 20, 2022.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 30: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 31:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Brandon Adams, question by Louis Johnson, to acknowledge the receipt of the Enemy Swim District Minutes for the meeting held December 3, 2022.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 31: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 32:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Dionne Crawford, question by Brandon Adams, to go into Executive Session, at 2:42 pm.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 32: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 33:** made by Brandon Adams, second by Dallas Owen, question by Edmund Johnson Jr., to come out of Executive Session, at 3:18 pm.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 33: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 34:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Dionne Crawford, question by Myrna Thompson, to reaffirm the Executive Committee pursue the establishment of a Civil Rights Office for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 34: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 35:** made by Edmund Johnson Jr., second by Dallas Owen, question by A. Lydia Amos, to approve the District Chairman's Association (DCA) report, as presented by DCA Members; Kenneth Johnson, Jay Renville, Jesse Larsen, Janell Cook, Karen White, Chanda Joseph, and Billy Canku.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 35: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 36:** made by Edmund Johnson Jr., second by Dionne Crawford, to approve payment to Juliana Williams, for one-hundred (100) Elderly Christmas Gift Baskets for the Winter General Council Meetings, in the amount of \$7,500.00, with the Executive Committee budget as the funding source.

WEIGHTED VOTE ON MOTION NO. 36: 12 For: Dallas Owen (3); Brandon Adams (2); Dionne Crawford (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. 37:** made by Dallas Owen, second by Edmund Johnson Jr., to adjourn.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 3:23 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted, \_\_\_\_\_  
Lindsey Abraham, Recording Secretary Asst.

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