

**Spirit Lake Tribal Council
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2023**



Present: Lonna J. Street., Tribal Chairwoman
ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Representative
Charmayne Bohanon, Secretary Treasurer
Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Representative
Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Representative
Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Representative

Absent: None

Location: Tribal Conference Room

Chairwoman Street calls the meeting to order at 2:44 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda:

a. October 10, 2023

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motions to approve October 10, 2023 agenda with two additions. Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

2. Minutes:

a. September 26, 2023 and September 29, 2023 Tribal Council minutes

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve September 26, 2023 Tribal Council minutes and September 29, 2023 Tribal Council minutes with amendment. Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

3. Travel:

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve the following travel request:
1.) Joseph Jetty, WFOS/Director, travel to Cortez, C.O., 10/9/2023 – 10/11/2023 pickup the department's fire engine. Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

4. Resolution Request:

- a. Memorandum of Understanding for Northern Plains Tribal Solar for All Coalition with Mandan Hidatsa Arikara (MHA) Nation**

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- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-001** authorizing the Spirit Lake Tribe to enter a Memorandum of Understanding for Northern Plains Tribal Solar for all coalition with Mandan Hidatsa Arikara (MHA) Nation. ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

b. Great Plains Food Bank – Survey to enhance services in the region

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-002** authorizing the Great Plains Food Bank to conduct a survey to enhance services in the region and all data shall belong with the Spirit Lake Tribe. ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

c. Spirit Lake Housing Corporation – ICDBG ARP grant transfer back to SLT

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to table the Spirit Lake Housing Corporation request to transfer the ICDBG ARP grant back to the Spirit Lake Tribe. Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

d. FY 24 Social Impact Payment

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-003** authorizing the FY 24 Social Impact Payment to all eligible tribal members and it is the desire of the Tribal Council to impose stipulations on the disbursement of the \$300.00 “Social Impact Payment” as follows: 1.) Any individual who has committed a heinous crime shall not be eligible for a social impact payment; 2.) any individuals who owe Federal and/or Tribal restitution and/or tribal loans are subjected to garnishment of \$100.00 to be sent to the proper establishment. The remaining amount of \$200.00 will be disbursed to the individual; and 3.) all children’s social impact payment shall be distributed to their minor’s fund account. Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

e. FY24 KABU budget

The Tribal Council discusses the need for KABU to use the Spirit Lake Tribe’s finance department to manage any awarded EDF monies for the operational use of the entity.

- Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-004** authorizing the FY 24 EDF allocation to KABU in the amount of \$100,000.00 with the requirement of using the Spirit Lake Finance department for oversight of the operational budget. ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

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f. Krystal Caldwell request

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-005** authorizing Krystal Caldwell to conduct an education study with tribal and community members and all data shall remain within the Spirit Lake Tribe. ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

The Tribal Council gives a directive to Secretary Treasurer Bohanon to work with Norma Robertson, Human Resource Director, to adopt a program such as Cankdeska Cikana Community College internal education program for employees who seek assistance with payment for education.

5. Procurement:

a. COVID-19 Home Repair Program – Final invoices for appliances \$17,529.75.

- Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-006** authorizing the COVID-19 Home Repair Program to submit a final payment for appliances to Karl's in the amount of \$17,529.75. ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

b. Tribal Realty Department – Joanne Smith contract extension

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-007** authorizing the Tribal Realty Department to extend Joanne Smith's consultant contract for assistance with Tribal Realty until November 30, 2023. Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., second the motion, three (3) in favor, one (1) opposed (Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Representative), none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

6. Other:

a. Spirit Comes Back Program – donation request

- Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., motions to approve a monetary donation of \$250.00 for the upcoming October 2023 events. ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

b. Senior Services Dementia Project – donation request

- Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., motions to approve the waiver of the ballroom fee, to provide the meal and supply eight (8) Spirit Lake Grocery store gift cards

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for the October 19, 2023 Dementia event. ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

c. Employment & Trainings Sweat ceremony 10/13/12 at 12pm – admin leave.

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve administrative leave for employees who wish to attend the sweat ceremonies provided during Spirit Lake Tribe Native American Week along with sign in sheets for the scheduled events. ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

d. Spirit Lake Health Center – Extend Emergency Generator to Facilities project \$236,500.00.

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to authorize Robert Charboneau Jr. as the designed individual for the extended emergency generator to facilities project for the Spirit Lake Health Center. ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Representative, excuses himself from the Tribal Council meeting at 3:43 p.m.,

e. Spirit Lake Housing Corporation Director

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve Arthur Carmona as the Spirit Lake Housing Corporation Director with a ninety (90) day probationary period to be reviewed by Tribal Council on January 18, 2024. ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., second the motion, three (3) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, one (1) absent (Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Representative). Motion carried.

Elvis Thumb, contractor, enters meeting at 4:05 p.m.,

Discussion begins on Fort Totten District home sites for the homes arriving on October 26, 2023 and Elvis could provide security for these homes until they are occupied.

Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Representative enters meeting at 4:08 p.m.,

Charmayne Bohanon, Secretary Treasurer, exit meeting at 4:27 p.m.,

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motions to authorize Penelope Yankton to record for the Tribal Council meeting. Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

Lonna J. Street, Tribal Chairwoman exits meeting at 4:28 p.m.,

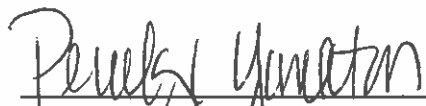
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- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to authorize ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman to conduct the Tribal Council meeting at 4:29 p.m. Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., second the motion, three (3) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, two (2) absent (Lonna J. Street, Tribal Chairwoman and Charmayne Bohanon, Secretary Treasurer). Motion carried.

f. COVID-19 Home Repair Program – Karen Jackson/Julie King request

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-008** authorizes bids to be placed for a wheelchair ramp and lavatory renovations for handicapped accessibility at Karen Jackson’s residence from Pedro Meyers in the amount of \$15,516.17. Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., second the motion, three (3) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, two (2) absent (Lonna J. Street, Tribal Chairwoman and Charmayne Bohanon, Secretary Treasurer). Motion carried.
- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-009a** a wheelchair for handicapped accessibility at Julie King’s residence along with Yankton Construction proposal in the amount of \$4,999.99 as submitted. Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., second the motion, three (3) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, two (2) absent (Lonna J. Street, Tribal Chairwoman and Charmayne Bohanon, Secretary Treasurer). Motion carried.
- Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., motions to adjourn at 4:32 p.m. Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., second the motion, three (3) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, two (2) absent (Lonna J. Street, Tribal Chairwoman and Charmayne Bohanon, Secretary Treasurer). Motion carries.



Penelope Yankton
Recording Secretary





ReNa Lohnes,
Vice-Chairwoman