

**Spirit Lake Tribal Council  
Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 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 – via phone

**Absent:** None

**Location:** Tribal Conference Room

Chairwoman Street calls the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

**1. Approval of Agenda:**

**a. October 13, 2023 Tribal Council agenda**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve October 13, 2023, Tribal Council agenda with 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. October 10, 2023 Tribal Council minutes**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve October 10, 2023, Tribal Council minutes with changes. 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.

**3. Travel:**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve Ryan Brown, Grants Developer/EDA Planner, travel to Spokane, Washington, 10/17/23-10/22/23 to attend 2023 American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) national conference. 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.

**4. Resolution Request:**

**a. NARF letter to assist with BIA Law Enforcement**

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- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to authorize Chairwoman Street to sign an engagement letter to NARF to assist with a lawsuit against the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement and Corrections. 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. Spirit Lake Tribe – Banishments**

The Tribal Council discusses banishments against enrolled members who are charged with selling drugs. Tribal Council decides to bring this item up at the General Assembly for input from the tribal members.

**c. Spirit Lake Tribe FDPIR funds acceptance \$673,348.00**

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-009** authorizing the Spirit Lake Food Distribution Program to accept the FY 2023 through FY 2026 United States Department of the Interior Self-Determination Contract for the cooperative agreement between the Spirit Lake Food Distribution Program and the Spirit Lake Fish & Wildlife/Bison Program as submitted. 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.

**5. Procurement:**

**Darwin Brown, Procurement & Contracting Officer, enters meeting at 11:04 a.m.**

**a. Spirit Lake Health Center – Kat & Company**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-010** authorizing the Spirit Lake Health Center to accept the bid from Kat & Company to provide advertisement of the Spirit Lake Health Center in the amount of \$18,517.63. 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.

**b. Spirit Lake Health Center – Datix (USA) Inc.**

- Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-011** authorizing the Spirit Lake Health Center to accept the polycystat subscription annual renewal from Datix (USA) Inc., in the amount of \$5,871.92. Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

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**c. Spirit Lake Health Center – Hologic**

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-012** authorizing the Spirit Lake Health Center to accept the quote from Hologic to provide annual preventative maintenance for the existing mammogram and DEXA machines in the overall amount of \$209,712.00 and shall accept annual payments in the amount of \$52,428.00 for the next four years. 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 – Mumps Audio Fax Inc.**

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-013** authorizing the Spirit Lake Health Center to accept the invoice from Mumps AudioFax, Inc., for the patient appointment reminder system in the amount of \$17,358.00. 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.

**e. Spirit Lake Tiwahe Program – Healing Village Heating Proposals**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-014** authorizing the Spirit Lake Tiwahe Program to accept the estimate from Klemetsrud Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc., to install propane tanks and install garage heaters at the healing village homes in the amount of \$7,100.00. 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.

**f. Spirit Lake EPA – IECIS Group NAAQS emission inventory & GHG emissions inventory**

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-015** authorizing Spirit Lake EPA to accept the proposal from IECIS Group – NAAQS emission Inventory & GHG emissions inventory to gather information, update QAPP, emissions inventory enhancements and provide an EI summary report the in the amount of \$50,000.00. 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.

**g. Spirit Lake EPA – IECIS Group proposal for Bonnie Owlboy \$21,050.00**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-016** authorizing Spirit Lake EPA to accept the proposal for option 1 asbestos abatement/environmental cleanup at the proposed site in the amount of \$21,050.00 as submitted. 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.

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**h. Spirit Lake EPA – IECIS Group proposal for 6 rolling hills homes \$132,090.00**

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-017** authorizing Spirit Lake EPA to accept the proposal for six (6) sites to conduct asbestos abatement/environmental cleanup in the amount of \$132,090.00 as submitted. Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., second the motion, three (3) in favor, none (0) opposed, one (1) abstained (Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Representative), none (0) absent. Motion carried.

**i. COVID-19 Home Repair Program – Pedro Meyers proposal for Lacey McKay’s residence \$13,199.86.**

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motions to deny Lacey McKay’s request to the COVID-19 Home Repair Program due to program closure due to no funds. 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.

**j. Spirit Lake EPA – U.S. Dept. of the Interior Dakota Water Science Center FY 22 joint funding agreement \$51,100.00**

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-018** authorizing Spirit Lake EPA to accept the FY 22 Joint Funding Agreement from the United States Department of the Interior – Dakota Water Science Center to provide water quality sampling for Fiscal Year 2022 beginning April 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$51,100.00. 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.

Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Representative, and Darwin Brown, Procurement & Contracting Officer, exit meeting at 11:35 a.m.,

**6. Other:**

**a. Crow Hill District – Spirit Lake Health Center Board member**

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-019** authorizing Patricia Walking Eagle to replace Renita Shaw as the Crow Hill District Board member for the Spirit Lake Health Center. Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten 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.

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Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Representative, enters meeting at 11:41 a.m.,

**b. Public Relations for the Spirit Lake Tribe**

The Tribal Council discusses the need for a public relations person to get information out to the Tribal Members of all the events, news, etc. that is going on within the Tribe.

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motions to table until a plan for the job description, budget, and all other necessary documentation is provided on this position. Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

**c. Spirit Lake Tribe – Business Board**

The Tribal Council discusses the need for business-educated individuals to help with plans for the Spirit Lake Tribe. Discussion begins with having the youth provide their input as they are more privy to up to date aspects that would be beneficial to business owners.

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to table until a plan is developed, and any necessary documentation is provided on this potential tribal board. 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. Elder member requests**

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motions to authorize the Spirit Lake Tribe maintenance staff: Todd Belgarde, Curtis Black, Gianni Robertson, and Matt Robertson to work with the Spirit Lake Health Center maintenance staff to assist Tribal Elders with weatherizing windows, and water pipes for the winter season. Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

**e. Spirit Lake Tribe – Project Manager Inspector**

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve the highest scoring applicant Glen Poitra for the Spirit Lake Tribe Project Manager Inspector. ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., second the motion, three (3) in favor, one (1) opposed (Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District), none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.
- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to recess at 12:22 p.m. 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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- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to reconvene at 1:09 p.m. 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.

Dixie Omen, CEO Spirit Lake Health Center, enters meeting at 1:09 p.m.,

**f. Elder members request clinic day**

The Tribal Council received a request from the Tribal Elders to have one day out of the month designated for Elders to receive care. Dixie Omen, CEO, will check into this request and coordinate with Vanessa Thomas, Senior Services Program Director, to arrange transportation for this Elders Clinic Day.

**g. Employment & Training Program – Christy Goulet contract**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-020** authorizing the Spirit Lake Employment & Training Program to accept Christy Goulet’s contract to assist with ceremonial services. 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.

Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., exits meeting at 2:00 p.m.,

**h. North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services – Maternal and Child Health Federal Consolidated Programs**

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-021** authorizing the Spirit Lake Health Center to accept the ND Department of Health and Human Services grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to increase mother’s participation in breastfeed. The Grant is valid until September 30, 2024 as submitted. 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.

**i. Spirit Lake Health Center – Sheila Lindgren**

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-022** authorizing the Spirit Lake Health Center to accept Sheila Lindgren’s employment agreement as submitted. 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.

**j. Spirit Lake Health Center – Ashley Pederson**



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- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-023** authorizing the Spirit Lake Health Center to accept Ashley Pederson's employment agreement as submitted. 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.

**k. Spirit Lake Health Center – Carlee Thomson**

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-024** authorizing the Spirit Lake Health Center to accept Carlee Thomson's employment agreement as submitted. 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.

Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., enters meeting at 2:06 p.m.,

**l. Spirit Lake Health Center – I.H.S. Buyback Agreement**

Discussions begin on buyback agreement which supplies I.T., two pharmacists, and one nurse under the federal government. The cost would be \$628,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2024 if the Council approves the agreement.

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to table until readjustments are made to remove the three positions and a new amount is presented. 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.

Andrew Wohler, Pharmacist, enters meeting at 2:24 p.m. Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Representative exits meeting at 2:24 p.m.,

**m. Spirit Lake Health Center – Needle Exchange Program**

Andrew Wohler, Pharmacist, presents to the Tribal Council the benefits of implementing a needle exchange program at the Spirit Lake Health Center which would benefit community and tribal members health and safety.

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motions to support Andrew Wohler to begin the program planning for the needle exchange program. Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., second the motion, three (3) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, one (1) absent (Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Representative). Motion carried.

Andrew Wohler, Pharmacist, will present this program at the November 2023 General Assembly for the tribal members.

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**n. Tate Topa Tribal School Board request to Spirit Lake Tribal Council**

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-025** supporting the Tate Topa Tribal School Board's efforts to keep all Spirit Lake Children safe by abiding by policies and procedures implemented at the Tate Topa Tribal School and the Four Winds Public School. ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., second the motion, three (3) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, one (1) absent (Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Representative). Motion carried.
- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to adjourn at 3:46 p.m. Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., second the motion, three (3) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, one (1) absent (Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Representative). Motion carries.

  
**Charmayne Bohanon**  
**Secretary Treasurer**



  
**Lonna J. Street**  
**Tribal Chairwoman**