

**Spirit Lake Tribal Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 4, 2024**



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

**Absent:** None

**Location:** Tribal Conference Room

Lonna J. Street, Tribal Chairwoman calls the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**1. Approval of Agenda:**

Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., exits the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve the June 4, 2024, Tribal Council meeting agenda with correction. 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.

**2. Meeting Minutes:**

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motions to approve May 23, 2024, and May 28, 2024, Tribal Council Meeting Minutes with changes. 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.

Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Representative, enters the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

**3. Travel:**

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve the following travel 1.) Marty Alex, Emergency Services Management/Veterans Service Director, travels to OaComa, S.D. on 6/17/24 – 6/21/24 to attend the Regional Tribal Emergency Management Summit 24; 2.) Mary Greene-Trottier, Food Distribution Program Director, travels to Auburn, Washington on 6/22/24 – 6/26/24 to attend the 2024 NADFPIR Site Visit & Board Meeting. 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. Tribal Realty:**

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**a. Land Purchase – Duane & Robin Smith**

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-379** authorizing the Spirit Lake Tribe to purchase 40 acres of pasture land and 80 acres of crop land from Duane and Robin Smith in the amount of \$270,000.00. 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.

**4. Resolution Request:**

**a. Memorandum of Understanding between the Spirit Lake Tribe and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs**

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motions to table until legal is able to review the Memorandum of Understanding. Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

**b. Native American Fish & Wildlife Society (NAFWS) – Spirit Lake Tribe membership**

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-380** authorizing the Spirit Lake Tribe to apply for membership to the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society. 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 & Training Program – Support of New Program Building**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-381** to support the Spirit Lake Employment & Training Program’s budget modification request for a new building to the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs OIS – Division of Workforce Development. 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.

**5. Other:**

**a. Cankdeska Cikana Community College – Scholarship Gold Tournament donation request**

- Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., motions to approve a \$5,000.00 monetary donation to the Cankdeska Cikana Community College Scholarship Gold Tournament.

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Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motions to adjourn at 12:57 p.m., second by Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

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**Charmayne Bohanon  
Secretary Treasurer**



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**Lonna J. Street  
Tribal Chairwoman**

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Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Representative

**Absent:** None

**Location:** Tribal Conference Room

Lonna J. Street, Tribal Chairwoman calls the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

**1. Approval of Agenda:**

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motions to approve the June 6, 2024, Tribal Council meeting agenda. 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.

11:44 a.m. Josh Tweeton, EPA Director enters the meeting.

Josh provides an update on the estimated time frame for Tiwahe Healing Villages.

11:48 a.m. Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., exits the meeting.

11:51 a.m. Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., enters the meeting.

11:55 a.m. Josh Tweeton, EPA Director exits the meeting.

**2. Meeting Minutes:**

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motions to table the June 4, 2024, Tribal Council Meeting Minutes. 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:**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve the following travel request: Lonna J. Street, Tribal Chairwoman, travel to Washington D.C. 07/22/24-07/25/24. 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. Tribal Realty:**

- a. Keith Hanson – one (1) crop lease and one (1) hay lease**

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- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-382** authorizing Keith Hanson crop/hay leases as follows:

LEASE NO.	LESSEE	FEE	PROPOSED
1-00136-24-26 303-T-3024	Keith Hanson  E½ SW¼ & W½ SE¼ of Section 19, T.151N., R.66W., 5 <sup>th</sup> P.M. in Benson County, North Dakota, containing 142 acres for Crop, more or less. This is a 2-year Crop lease.	<b>\$312.40</b>	<b>\$7,810.00</b>
1-00138-24-24 303-263	Keith Hanson  NE¼ SE¼ in Sec. 23, T. 151N., R. 65W, 5 <sup>th</sup> P. M., Benson County, North Dakota containing 39.60 acres of Hay, more or less. This is a 1-year Hay lease.	<b>\$28.50</b>	<b>\$712.80</b>

Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

**b. Terry Smith – two (2) hay land leases and one (1) hay or pastureland leases**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-383** authorizing Terry Smith pasture/hay leases as follows:

LEASE NO.	LESSEE	FEE	PROPOSED
1-00117-24-26 303-1008	Terry Smith  SW¼ SW ¼ of Sec. 1, T., 150N., R. 63W., 5 <sup>th</sup> P.M. in Eddy County, North Dakota; containing 30.90 acres of Hay, more or less, excluding the 1/30 interest in fee status. Lessee is responsible for contacting the fee owners for negotiation of the fee interests indicated. The BIA does not represent the fee interests. A 3-year Hay lease.	<b>\$24.72</b>	<b>\$618.00</b>
1-00118-24-26 303-1008	Terry Smith  W½ NW¼ in Sec. 12, T. 150N., R. 63W., 5 <sup>th</sup> P.M. in Eddy County, North Dakota containing 49.60 acres Hay or Pasture, BUT NOT IN THE SAME YEAR, more or less, excluding the 1/30 interest in fee status. Lessee is responsible for contacting the fee owners for negotiation of the fee interests indicated. The BIA does not represent the fee interest. This is a 3-year Hay or Pasture lease.	<b>\$39.68</b>	<b>\$992.00</b>

LEASE NO.	LESSEE	FEE	PROPOSED
1-00119-24-26 303-1068	Terry Smith	<b>\$45.20</b>	<b>\$1,130.00</b>

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Portion of the N½ NW¼ in Sec. 13, T.151N., R.66W., 5th P.M. in Benson County, North Dakota containing 56.50 acres Pasture, more or less. This is a 3-year Pasture lease.

Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

**c. Ben Grann – two (2) hay land leases**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-384** authorizing Ben Grann hay leases as follows:

LEASE NO.	LESSEE	FEE	PROPOSED
1-00121-24-26 303-302	Ben Grann  Portion of the SW¼ SW ¼ of Section 13, T.152N., R.66W., 5 <sup>th</sup> P.M. in Benson County, North Dakota, containing 34.80 acres for Hay, more or less. This is a 3-year Hay lease.	<b>\$24.48</b>	<b>\$612.00</b>
1-00122-24-29 303-T-17-B	Ben Grann  Portion of the NE¼ SW¼ in Sec. 14, T. 152N., R. 65W, 5th P. M., Benson County, North Dakota containing 37.50 acres of Hay, more or less. This is a 3-year Hay lease.	<b>\$37.50</b>	<b>\$937.50</b>

Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

**4. Resolution Request:**

**a. Warwick School – Water project \$15,000**

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to table this agenda item until it has gone through the procurement department. 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.

12:02 p.m. Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep. exits the meeting.

**b. \$3.1 million allocation to the COVID-19 Home Repair Program**

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-385** authorizing the re-allocation of \$3.1 million of funding from the wind turbine project to the COVID-19 Home Repair 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 Rep.). Motion carried

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**6. Other:**

**a. Paulette & Jerry Lenoir: Tribal members**

The Tribal Council takes record that Paulette Lenoir (Tribal Member) and Jerry Lenoir (non-tribal member) did not attend the scheduled meeting.

**b. ND Indian Affairs Commission – Sponsorship for Government to Government**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve \$5,000.00 for sponsorship to the ND Indian Affairs Commission Government to Government 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.

12:08 p.m. Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep. enters the meeting.

12:09 p.m. Norma Robertson, Human Resource Director enters the meeting.

**c. Executive Session – Human Resources**

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to enter into executive session at 12:12 p.m. 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.

12:36 p.m. Norma Robertson, Human Resource Director exits the meeting.

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motions to exit executive session at 1:00 p.m. 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.

1:00 p.m. Adnan Aldayel & Investment Advisory Analyst enters the meeting.

**7. Procurement:**

**a. Adnan Aldayel – Financial Contract**

The Tribal Council tabled this agenda item until legal reviews and provides input on the financial contract from Adnan Aldayel.

2:00 p.m. Robin Smith, Enrollment director, enters the meeting.

Mrs. Smith explains to Adnan how the minor fund account is setup and the amounts that are placed into the account. All individual amounts are based on the allocation of annual funding and the year the minor is enrolled with the Spirit Lake Tribe.

2:20 p.m., Robin Smith, Enrollment Director, and Adnan Aldayel, financial consultant, exit the meeting.

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- Kooper Longie, Woodlake Rep., motions to adjourn at 2:26 p.m., second by Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

*Charmayne Bohanon*

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Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Representative  
Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Representative  
Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Representative

**Absent:** None

**Location:** Tribal Executive Conference Room

Lonna J. Street, Tribal Chairwoman calls the meeting to order at 10:28 a.m.

**1. Approval of Agenda:**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve the June 11, 2024, Tribal Council meeting agenda with additions. Kooper Longie, Woodlake, District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

**2. Meeting Minutes:**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve June 4, 2024, Tribal Council Meeting Minutes. 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:**

- a. ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motions to approve Donalda Charboneau, Tribal Social Services Director, travel to San Diego, C.A. on 7/16/24 – 7/19/24 to attend the Capacity Building Center for Tribes Summer Gathering. 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.

Representative Longie and Secretary Treasurer Bohanon inform the Tribal Council they are unable to attend the grant writing training in Pierre, S.D., 6/9/24-6/12/24 as requested on April 29, 2024.

**4. Resolution Request:**

**a. Spirit Lake Tribe – Resolution for Office of Trust Funds Management**

- Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-386** authorizing the current Spirit Lake Tribal Council members to fulfill obligations

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and/or business affairs for the Spirit Lake Tribe regarding necessary activities for the Office of Trust Funds Management Interactions. 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 – Primary & Alternate Steering Committee Representatives for the Northern Plains Tribal Solar for All Coalition**

- Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-387** authorizing Kooper Longie, Tribal Council Representative (Primary), and Joshua Tweeton, EPA Director (Alternate), to serve on the Coalition Steering Committee. 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 Tribe Rent-to-Own home development – Fort Totten District approved members**

**1. Destin Ironshield**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-388** authorizing Destin Ironshield to sign a tenant lease agreement with the Spirit Lake Tribe Rent-to-Own home program as selected by Fort Totten Housing District Committee. 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.

**2. Alana Brownshield**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-389** authorizing Alana Brownshield to sign a tenant lease agreement with the Spirit Lake Tribe Rent-to-Own home program as selected by Fort Totten Housing District Committee. 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.

**3. Darris Jackson**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-390** authorizing Darris Jackson to sign a tenant lease agreement with the Spirit Lake Tribe Rent-to-Own home program as selected by Fort Totten Housing District Committee. 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. Jessica McKay**

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- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-391** authorizing Jessica McKay to sign a tenant lease agreement with the Spirit Lake Tribe Rent-to-Own home program as selected by Fort Totten Housing District Committee. 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.

**5. Kayla Robertson**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-392** authorizing Kayla Robertson to sign a tenant lease agreement with the Spirit Lake Tribe Rent-to-Own home program as selected by Fort Totten Housing District Committee. 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.

**6. Marty Alex**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-393** authorizing Marty Alex to sign a tenant lease agreement with the Spirit Lake Tribe Rent-to-Own home program as selected by Fort Totten Housing District Committee. 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.

**7. Theresa Brien**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-394** authorizing Theresa Brien to sign a tenant lease agreement with the Spirit Lake Tribe Rent-to-Own home program as selected by Fort Totten Housing District Committee. 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.

**8. Conrad Cavanaugh**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-395** authorizing Conrad Cavanaugh to sign a tenant lease agreement with the Spirit Lake Tribe Rent-to-Own home program as selected by Fort Totten Housing District Committee. 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 Tribe – Tiwahe Board**

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to approve **Waynita Chaske** as the Crow Hill District Tiwahe Board member. No second. Motion dies.

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**e. Spirit Lake Tribe – Utility Commission Board**

The Tribal Council would like to table the Spirit Lake Tribe Utility Commission Board until they have reviewed the Spirit Lake Tribe Law & Order Code Title 17 Utilities.

**5. Other:**

**a. Native Connections – donation for June 13, 2024 event**

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motions to assist the Native Connections Program with \$500.00 for the community event on June 13, 2024. 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.

Paulette Driver, Tribal Realty Director, enters meeting at 12:15 p.m.,

**b. Tribal Realty:**

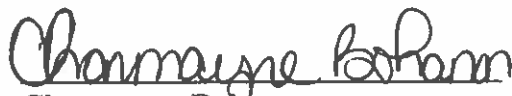
Discussion begins on Duane and Robin Smith’s land sale proposal to the Spirit Lake Tribe; The Tribal Council inquires about the Tribal Realty Department’s office hours.

Paulette Driver, Tribal Realty Director, exits meeting at 12:38 p.m.

**c. Human Resource Department**

The Tribal Council addresses concerns with the personnel selection committee, the wage scale, and the Spirit Lake Tribe Personnel Policy Manuel.

- Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., motions to adjourn at 12:57 p.m., second by ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.



**Charmayne Bohanon  
Secretary Treasurer**





**Lonna J. Street  
Tribal Chairwoman**