

**Spirit Lake Tribal Council
Meeting Minutes
October 31, 2023**



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

Absent: None

Location: Chairwoman's Chambers

Chairwoman Street calls the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda:

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motion to approve October 31, 2023, agenda. 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. Approval of Minutes:

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motion to table October 19, 2023, and October 24, 2023 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.

Jason Greene, Greene Edge Landscaping LLC., enters meeting at 11:59 a.m.,

Greene Edge Landscaping LLC – Spirit Lake Tribe proposal

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motion to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-051** authorizing the Spirit Lake Social Services Program, Employment & Training Program, Tribal Court, Planning Department, and Tribal Administration to accept the 2023-2024 snow removal contracts as submitted. 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.

Jason Greene, Greene Edge Landscaping LLC., exits meeting at 12:04 p.m.,

Joanne Smith, Tribal Realty Consultant, enters meeting at 12:10 p.m.,

3. Tribal Realty:

a. Duane Jackson Jr – 2.5 acre 5 year home site lease

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- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motion to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-052** authorizing the Spirit Lake Tribal Realty Program to lease 2.5 acres to Duane Jackson Jr., for a five-year homesite lease as submitted by Paulette Driver, Tribal Realty Director. 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. Alfred Thompson Jr – 2.5 acres 5-year home site lease

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motion to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-053** authorizing the Spirit Lake Tribal Realty Program to lease 2.5 acres to Alfred Thompson Jr., for a five-year homesite lease as submitted by Paulette Driver, Tribal Realty Director. 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. Shane Moxness – 154.0 acres 3-year crop lease

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motion to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-054** authorizing the Spirit Lake Tribal Realty Program to lease 154.0 acres to Shane Moxness, a three-year crop lease as submitted by Paulette Driver, Tribal Realty Director. 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 Housing Corporation – modification 50-year lease

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motion to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-055** authorizing the Spirit Lake Tribal Realty Program to allow the Spirit Lake Housing Corporation a fifty-year modification lease as submitted by Paulette Driver, Tribal Realty Director. 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.

e. Tyson Littleghost land sale

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motion to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-056** authorizing the Spirit Lake Tribal Realty Program to purchase Tyson Littleghost land for a total of \$4,406.14 as submitted by Paulette Driver, Tribal Realty Director. 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.

Joanne Smith, Tribal Realty Consultant, exits meeting at 12:18 p.m.,

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4. Resolution Request:

a. Snow Removal Budget/Fuel

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motion to table until after the Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 9 a.m., takes place with Marty Alex, Emergency Management/Veterans Services Director. 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.

b. Tribal Boards Stipend

- Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., motion to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-057** accepting the proposed budget for all tribal boards to receive \$100.00 for a regular monthly meeting and \$150.00 for a special meeting. Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

c. EDF Payment from SLC&R increase

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motion to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-058** authorizing the increase in the Spirit Lake Tribe's monthly EDF payment from the Spirit Lake Casino & Resort by \$70,199.33 for Fiscal Year 2024. 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.

d. FY 24 Budget amendment

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motion to enter into executive session at 12:40 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.
- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motion to exit executive session at 12:52 p.m. Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.
- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motion to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-059** amending **Resolution No. A05-23-527** to include discretion of Tribal Program monitors for any new awarded funding. Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Representative, exits meeting at 12:58 p.m.,

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e. ND Dept of Behavioral Health for SLT Behavioral Health Clinic \$210,833.00

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motion to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-060** to authorize the Spirit Lake Health Center's grant application submittal to ND Department of Behavioral Health for the Spirit Lake Tribe Behavioral Health Clinic requesting \$210,833.00 as submitted. Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., second the motion, three (3) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, one (1) absent (Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Representative). Motion carried.

Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Representative, enters meeting at 1:01 p.m.,

f. Spirit Lake Tribe – Wage Scale

- Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., motion to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-061** to adopt the Spirit Lake Tribe Wage Scale and Pay Polices as submitted by the Human Resources Director. 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. Procurement:

a. Tribal Administration – Elvis Thumb security proposal

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motion to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-062** authorizing the Spirit Lake Tribal Administration Department to accept Elvis Thumb's security proposal as submitted. Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

b. Employment & Training – Boss Snowplow sole source bid

- ReNa Lohnes, Vice-Chairwoman/Mission District Rep., motion to approve **Resolution No. A05-24-063** authorizing the Spirit Lake Employment & Training Program to accept the sole source bid for a boss snowplow. No second. Motion dies.

6. Other:

a. Tiwahe Director resignation

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motion to accept Carla Carmona, Spirit Lake Tiwahe Program Director's resignation effective on November 10, 2023 and

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authorizing the Program monitor to oversee the Tiwahe Program until a new director is hired. 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. Law & Order Committee – M.Yvonne Longie

Discussion begins on Woodlake District Committee member; Representative Longie will contact his current board member and report back to the Tribal Council.

c. 3RD Party Billing Dept. – move to finance office.

- Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., motion to approve the Spirit Lake Tribe 3rd Party Billing Department to move into the Spirit Lake Tribe's finance office. Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.

d. Thanksgiving Holiday Donation

The Tribal Council authorizes a half a day of administrative leave for November 22, 2023 for employees who donate twelve perishable items to the Community Nourishment program.

e. Christmas Holiday

The Tribal Council authorizes a half a day of administrative leave for December 22, 2023 and administrative leave for December 26, 2023 for employees who donate a gift to the Children in the Spirit Lake Tribal Social Services care.

f. New Years Holiday

The Tribal Council authorizes an administrative day for January 2, 2024 for all tribal employees.

Kevin Dauphinais, Tribal Health Director, enters meeting at 1:40 p.m.,

g. Tribal Health Department – Department direction

The Tribal Health Director seeks input from Tribal Council regarding the Spirit Lake Health Center not giving referrals to tribal programs before sending the enrolled members to receive services from other facilities. Discussion begins on the State not being cooperative with the Tribe and certain programs are not able to bill for services that are

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being provided to the tribal members. The Tribal Health Director shares that he introduced the FMAP lobbyist to the Council to show transparency on projects that he is currently working on.

The Tribal Council supports the Tribal Health Director in his efforts to improve services to the tribal members.

Kevin Dauphinais, Tribal Health Director, exits meeting at 2:11 p.m.,

h. Spirit Lake Casino & Resort – Wastewater Treatment regionalization plan

- Darren Walking Eagle, Crow Hill District Rep., motion to table the wastewater treatment regionalization plan until a meeting with Baker Tilly is conducted to receive further information on the different options for the Spirit Lake Casino & Resort Project. 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.

i. Approval of Tribal Council meeting minutes

- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motion to approve October 19, 2023, and October 24, 2023 Tribal Council meeting minutes. Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carried.
- Kimberly Three Irons, Fort Totten District Rep., motions to adjourn at 2:21 p.m. Kooper Longie, Woodlake District Rep., second the motion, four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstained, none (0) absent. Motion carries.

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**Charmayne Bohanon
Secretary Treasurer**



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**Lonna J. Street
Tribal Chairwoman**