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## MINUTES OF THE OST TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 1, 2019

Special Session

Prairie Wind Casino, Hotel and Conference Center

PRESIDENT JULIAN BEAR RUNNER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:46 AM.

OPENING PRAYER: Rick Grey Grass.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT: Chase Iron Eyes.

### ROLL CALL:

Jim Meeks	Valerie Janis
Duane Yellow Hawk	Valentina Merdanian
Garfeild Apple	Ryan Jumping Eagle
Lydia Bear Killer	Beau Little White Man
James Cross	Chancy Wilson
Sonia Little Hawk-Weston	Richard Greenwald
Craig Dillon	Nakina Mills

EXCUSED: Glen Gibbons, Jackie Siers, Vincent Two Lance, Cora White Horse, Philip Good Crow, Randy Lays Bad and Robin Tapio

Quorum established with fourteen (14) Tribal Council Representatives present to conduct business.

### MOTION 19-138:

2/3 MOTION MADE BY JAMES CROSS, SECONDED BY RYAN JUMPING EAGLE TO ADD E&BD TO THE AGENDA.

### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Jim Meeks	-YES	Valerie Janis	-YES
Duane Yellow Hawk	-YES	Valentina Merdanian	-NO
Garfeild Apple	-YES	Ryan Jumping Eagle	-YES
Lydia Bear Killer	-YES	Beau Little White Man	-YES
James Cross	-YES	Chancy Wilson	-YES
Sonia Little Hawk-Weston	-YES	Richard Greenwald	-YES
Craig Dillon	-YES	Nakina Mills	-NO

MOTION CARRIED 12 YES AND 2 NO;

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MOTION 19-139:

2/3 MOTION MADE BY VALENTINA MERDANIAN, SECONDED BY NAKINA MILLS TO ADD A RECOGNITION OF MS. CHIEF EAGLE TO AGENDA FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE AT AIHEC.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Jim Meeks	-YES	Valerie Janis	-YES
Duane Yellow Hawk	-YES	Valentina Merdanian	-YES
Garfeild Apple	-YES	Ryan Jumping Eagle	-YES
Lydia Bear Killer	-YES	Beau Little White Man	-YES
James Cross	-YES	Chancy Wilson	-YES
Sonia Little Hawk-Weston	-YES	Richard Greenwald	-YES
Craig Dillon	-YES	Nakina Mills	-YES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH 14 YES;

MOTION 19-140:

MOTION MADE BY LYDIA BEAR KILLER, SECONDED BY JAMES CROSS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Jim Meeks	-YES	Valerie Janis	-YES
Duane Yellow Hawk	-YES	Valentina Merdanian	-YES
Garfeild Apple	-YES	Ryan Jumping Eagle	-YES
Lydia Bear Killer	-YES	Beau Little White Man	-YES
James Cross	-YES	Chancy Wilson	-YES
Sonia Little Hawk-Weston	-YES	Richard Greenwald	-YES
Craig Dillon	-YES	Nakina Mills	-YES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH 14 YES;

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY PRESENTATION:

Carol Garcia, FEMA Tribal Representative  
Start: 11:36 am End; 12:35 pm

Ms. Garcia provided Council with information on what needed to be documented and provided to FEMA for re-imburement for the Tribe.

MOTION 19-141:

MOTION MADE BY TINA MERDANIAN, SECONDED BY LYDIA BEAR KILLER TO

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FILE A MAJOR DECLARATION TO FEMA DIRECTLY ON BEHALF OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Jim Meeks	-YES	Valerie Janis	-YES
Duane Yellow Hawk	-YES	Valentina Merdanian	-YES
Garfeild Apple	-YES	Ryan Jumping Eagle	-YES
Lydia Bear Killer	-YES	Beau Little White Man	-YES
James Cross	-YES	Chancy Wilson	-YES
Sonia Little Hawk-Weston	-YES	Richard Greenwald	-YES
Craig Dillon	-YES	Nakina Mills	-YES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH 14 YES;

MOTION 19-142:

MOTION MADE BY VALENTINA MERDANIAN, SECONDED BY SONIA LITTLE HAWK-WESTON TO REQUIRE ALL 9 DISTRICT FACILITIES MANAGERS AND DISTRICT CHAIRS TO COMPILE DOCUMENTATION OF COST FOR FEMA, GET TO STEVE, AND FOR THE ATTORNEY'S TO ASSIST WITH THE FILING OF THE MAJOR DECLARATION WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Jim Meeks	-YES	Valerie Janis	-YES
Duane Yellow Hawk	-YES	Valentina Merdanian	-YES
Garfeild Apple	-YES	Ryan Jumping Eagle	-YES
Lydia Bear Killer	-YES	Beau Little White Man	-YES
James Cross	-YES	Chancy Wilson	-YES
Sonia Little Hawk-Weston	-YES	Richard Greenwald	-YES
Craig Dillon	-YES	Nakina Mills	-YES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH 14 YES;

OST EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

Steve Wilson, Director.

Volunteer Service Center and Office of Emergency Management Proposal:  
Lisa Adler, Pine Ridge Long Term Recovery Program.

MOTION 19-143:

MOTION MADE BY SONIA LITTLE HAWK-WESTON, SECONDED BY CRAIG DILLON TO FORWARD THE PROPOSAL FOR THE VOLUNTEER SERVICE

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COMMITTEE.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Jim Meeks	-YES	Valerie Janis	-YES
Duane Yellow Hawk	-YES	Valentina Merdanian	-YES
Garfeild Apple	-YES	Ryan Jumping Eagle	-YES
Lydia Bear Killer	-YES	Beau Little White Man	-YES
James Cross	-YES	Chancy Wilson	-YES
Sonia Little Hawk-Weston	-YES	Richard Greenwald	-NO
Craig Dillon	-YES	Nakina Mills	-YES

MOTION CARRIED WITH 13 YES AND 1 NO;

WATER SHED PROTECTION PROGRAM REPORT:

Trudy Ecoffey, Tribal Liaison.

Ms. Ecoffey provided a report on the services the that Water Shed Protection Program can provide to Tribal members for provide for both public and private landowners.

MOTION 19-144:

MOTION MADE BY VALENTINA MERDANIAN, SECONDED BY NAKINA MILLS TO ASK THE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO DRAFT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE WATER SHED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Jim Meeks	-YES	Valerie Janis	-YES
Duane Yellow Hawk	-YES	Valentina Merdanian	-YES
Garfeild Apple	-YES	Ryan Jumping Eagle	-YES
Lydia Bear Killer	-YES	Beau Little White Man	-YES
James Cross	-YES	Chancy Wilson	-YES
Sonia Little Hawk-Weston	-YES	Richard Greenwald	-YES
Craig Dillon	-YES	Nakina Mills	-YES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH 14 YES;

ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:

Bill Pourier, General Manager for Prairie Winds Casino and Hotel.

RESOLUTION 19-80:

MOTION MADE BY CRAIG DILLON, SECONDED BY GARFIELD APPLE TO

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APPROVE THE "RESOLUTION OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE APPROVING THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE PRAIRIE WIND CASINO TO PURCHASE 16 NEW ARISTOCRAT CLASS III SLOT MACHINES".

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Jim Meeks	-YES	Valerie Janis	-YES
Duane Yellow Hawk	-YES	Valentina Merdanian	-NO
Garfeild Apple	-YES	Ryan Jumping Eagle	-YES
Lydia Bear Killer	-YES	Beau Little White Man	-YES
James Cross	-YES	Chancy Wilson	-YES
Sonia Little Hawk-Weston	-YES	Richard Greenwald	-YES
Craig Dillon	-YES	Nakina Mills	-NO

MOTION CARRIED WITH: 12 YES AND 2 NO;

MOTION 19-145:

MOTION MADE BY VALENTINA MERDANIAN, SECONDED BY NAKINA MILLS TO TABLE THE APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH RANGO CONSTRUCTION UNTIL TRIBAL COUNCIL IS PROVIDED WITH THE BUDGET AND NUMBERS FOR THE 14 MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Jim Meeks	-NO	Valerie Janis	-NO
Duane Yellow Hawk	-NO	Valentina Merdanian	-YES
Garfeild Apple	-NO	Ryan Jumping Eagle	-NO
Lydia Bear Killer	-NO	Beau Little White Man	-NO
James Cross	-YES	Chancy Wilson	-NO
Sonia Little Hawk-Weston	-NO	Richard Greenwald	-NO
Craig Dillon	-NO	Nakina Mills	-YES

MOTION FAILED WITH: 3 YES; 10 NO; AND 1 NOT VOTING;

1:43 PM- COUNCIL-WOMAN MERDANIAN LEFT THE MEETING, THUS QUORUM WAS BROKE.

PRESIDENT BEAR RUNNER CALLED FOR A RECESS.

1:49 PM- COUNCIL-WOMAN MERDANIAN RETURNED TO MEETING; QUORUM MET.

PRESIDENT BEAR RUNNER CALLED MEETING BACK TO ORDER.

MOTION 19-146:

MOTION MADE BY CRAIG DILLON, SECONDED BY VALERIE JANIS TO

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APPROVE THE 14 MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT WITH RANGO (AS SUGGESTED BY THE SHAKOPEE TRIBE) BUT ASK THAT ALL SUB-CONTRACTS BE FROM THE PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION CONTRACTORS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Jim Meeks	-YES	Valerie Janis	-YES
Duane Yellow Hawk	-YES	Valentina Merdanian	-NO
Garfeild Apple	-YES	Ryan Jumping Eagle	-YES
Lydia Bear Killer	-YES	Beau Little White Man	-YES
James Cross	-YES	Chancy Wilson	-YES
Sonia Little Hawk-Weston	-YES	Richard Greenwald	-YES
Craig Dillon	-YES	Nakina Mills	-NO

MOTION CARRIED WITH: 12 YES AND 2 NO;

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS:

JOHN LONG, ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Long provided report on the progress of the Bureau of Indian Affairs during the State of Emergency. Mr. Long let council know that they may send a request to BIA for the additional funding to assist the road maintenance program.

RESOLUTION 19-81:

MOTION MADE BY CHANCY WILSON, SECONDED BY NAKINA MILLS TO WRITE "RESOLUTION OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE REQUESTING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS SEND ANY AND ALL FUNDING TO THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS FOR ROAD REPAIR DUE TO THE AFTER-EFFECTS OF WINTER STORM ULMER AND SUBSEQUENT FLOODING."

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Jim Meeks	-YES	Valerie Janis	-YES
Duane Yellow Hawk	-YES	Valentina Merdanian	-NO
Garfeild Apple	-YES	Ryan Jumping Eagle	-YES
Lydia Bear Killer	-YES	Beau Little White Man	-YES
James Cross	-YES	Chancy Wilson	-YES
Sonia Little Hawk-Weston	-YES	Richard Greenwald	-YES
Craig Dillon	-YES	Nakina Mills	-NO

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MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MOTION MADE BY CRAIG DILLON, SECONDED BY SONIA LITTLE HAWK-  
WESTON TO ADJOURN MEETING.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Jim Meeks	-YES	Valerie Janis	-YES
Duane Yellow Hawk	-YES	Valentina Merdanian	-YES
Garfeild Apple	-YES	Ryan Jumping Eagle	-YES
Lydia Bear Killer	-YES	Beau Little White Man	-YES
James Cross	-YES	Chancy Wilson	-YES
Sonia Little Hawk-Weston	-YES	Richard Greenwald	-YES
Craig Dillon	-YES	Nakina Mills	-YES

MOTION CARRIED WITH: 14 YES;

MEETING ADJOURNED BY PRESIDENT JULIAN BEAR RUNNER AT 2:58PM

CLOSING PRAYER: DUANE YELLOW HAWK


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C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-I-O-N

I, as undersigned Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings are true and correct transactions of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council during a SPECIAL SESSION held on the 1ST day of APRIL, 2019.

  
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 JENNIFER SPOTTED BEAR  
 Secretary  
 Oglala Sioux Tribe

A-T-T-E-S-T:

  
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 JULIAN R. BEAR RUNNER  
 President  
 Oglala Sioux Tribe