

Approved Meeting Minutes

Minutes of General Council Meeting – June 1, 2024

Pete Fee spoke and passed the microphone to Lance Foster for the invocation.

Tim Rhodd called the meeting to order at 9:38 am

Quorum was established.

Executive Committee – all present

October 15, 2023, General Council Meeting Minutes

Elyse Towe motions to approve the minutes as read. Courtney Waggoner seconded the motion. This motion carried 42-for, 0-opposed.

June 1, 2024, General Council Meeting Agenda

Dan Lewerenz motions to approve the agenda as presented. Amy Simmonds seconded the motion. This motion carried All-for, 0-opposed.

Tim stated that the standing rules are here for review.

Rebecca Liberty asked how to add two items for 5 minutes per item.

1. Policies for banishment and asking for a committee to look at these.

Elyse Towe motions to add the agenda items. Christy Butrick seconded the motion. This motion carried with only 3-opposed.

1. Announce the formation of the Rez-to-Rez ride memorial starting at the Prairie Band and end at the Iowa Tribe.

Christy Butrick motions to hold under open comments. Dan Lewerenz seconded the motion. This motion carried with only 3-opposed.

Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Financial Reports

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Yahya gave the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska financial report.

Yahya says now that they have finished 2022, they can now start 2023. 2023 should be a little easier after getting through 2022.

Rebecca Liberty said she is glad there is a strong foundation and covid took everything sideways.

Rebecca asked about the general expense breakdown. Asked if under those expenses are lumped into those line items.

Yahya says the \$353,000.00 includes the payroll expense.

Yahya says all of the information can be presented in many different ways. They can provide it in a more comprehensive way.

Rebecca Liberty says it would be good to see pie charts also to help the general council understand.

Alan Kelley said it would be helpful to see what the state gaming fees are.

Yahya says we can reflect that going forward.

Yahya says we did not reiterate the wheel, the foundation was there.

Grey Snow Management Solutions Financial Reports

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Tony introduced the GSMS board members.

Tim wanted to note that this board is doing a great job with separating the business from politics. Grey Snow is the economic development arm of the tribe.

Kathy Gregory gave the GSMS financial report.

Financials were from the inception to 12-31-23.

2024 is the first year all of the businesses have been profitable.

Elyse says she knows new businesses and they do not take 5 years as a startup. So, she wants to know what Kathy thinks a timeline is for a startup. Kathy says a startup business is considered 5 years.

Jamie Keller says that Sovereign Solutions is a company that has not started yet.

Jamie says \$935,000.00 of expenses for a company that has not started yet. That just shy of \$1 million dollars is on goods they are going to purchase.

Tim says that amount is for goods that need purchased.

Peter says there is no cost, all of the help is working for free.

Elyse says she appreciates the clarification and understands that David accepted a low wage, but there are several non-tribal members getting a large wage. She wants to see tribal members in these positions.

David says he is here for the tribe and if it is the color of his skin please come talk to him.

Jamie Keller asked if the reports are shared with the EC gets reports from Grey Snow.

Tim answered yes, the EC gets reports.

Karen says the members can get ahold of any of us GS board members with any questions.

Olivia says she is trying to get BIOS on the website for all boards and committees.

Mary Waite asked if any transfers were made from Grey Snow to the tribe, at what point does the tribe get profit share.

That is on the agenda under New Business.

We will get the board member information on the tribal website.

White Cloud Health Center Financial Report

Missty Slater introduced the members of the health board.

Jake Wisdom presented the White Cloud Health Center financials.

Rebecca asked if the labs were still going to Oklahoma. Tim said they are still going to Oklahoma.

Rebecca mentioned that quest offers low-cost labs if that were something the board would want to look into.

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Casino White Cloud Financial Reports

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Jolene Anderson and James Knight introduced themselves.

Jolene introduced Jamison Scarpelli, and he gave the casinos financials.

Rebecca Liberty motions to have lunch and have unfinished business after lunch. Olivia Brien seconded the motion. This motion carried with none opposed.

Recess @ 12 pm

Reconvene @ 1:07 pm

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Unfinished Business

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Constitution Committee

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Kailey Davis introduced the constitution committee.

Dan Lewerenz went over the prepared slide show.

Russ Brien stated that the vote in October will not be the secretarial election.

Britni Beck asked if we could vote today to move this along.

Jamie Keller wants a little clarification on the tribe governing all land on the reservation. He also mentioned using a reverse osmosis system for the water.

Missty said she made the motion to govern all land within the reservation boundaries.

Rebecca Liberty motion to open comment period for 30 more days for those that missed the comment period. Elyse Towey seconded the motion. This motion carried with none opposed.

Needs Assessment

Tim gave a report on the needs assessment.

Rebecca Liberty says this says that 74% of the people were outside of the service area.

Rebekka Jones asked how many completed the survey. Olivia said eight hundred took the survey and five hundred completed the full survey.

Alan Kelley said the stairs, water and fuse box are not per specs on the HUD housing.

Jack Popejoy asked why housing can't help him repair his home when he does not have insurance.

Rebecca asked to do a separate report on the service area and outside of the service area.

Rebecca Liberty asked if we could get a committee to work on the policies and procedures of banishment.

Tim says Misty will be the lead person on the tribe's side to get these policies and procedures started.

Missty says she would love feedback from others who are impacted and those who have expertise in this particular area.

Olivia motions to have executive committee agendas posted on the members area by Monday end of day and meeting minutes as approved by Thursday after being approved and also resolutions that have been voted upon to be posted online by the day that the agendas are also posted also post the general council meeting minutes once approved along with the general council meeting agenda draft posted 60 days prior to the meeting. Dan Lewerenz seconded the motion. This motion carried with zero opposed.

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New Business

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Tim gave a farm report and explained how the farm has changed since the 1900's.

Tim talked about the bee farm and how it has become profitable in four years.

Ray Archuleta introduced himself and spoke about regenerative agriculture.

Ray says farmers don't need to be forced to farm a certain way they need to be taught.

Ray says 70% of the farmers receive government aid.

Tim introduced the farm team.

Pete Fee says we need to have a celebration of the treaties every year.

Donnell Zerkel asked what percentage we are regenerative.

Tim said 100%.

Donnell asked about the yields since we have been regenerative.

Corn average for 2023 was 112 bushels per acre.

Bean average was forty bushel per acre.

2022 was 150 bushel per acre for corn.

2022 Beans were thirty-five bushel per acre.

Corn for 2021 was 163 bushel per acre.

Beans for 2021 39 bushel per acre.

2021 there were no chemicals used.

Veronica Waggoner asked what percentage of the corn and soybeans were sold as specialty crops.

Tim said if you guys could send these questions prior to the meeting he could have them answers.

Missty said she talked to Kyle and Keith, and they do not have that information available.

James Keller asked what percentage of the honey sold is produced on the reservation.

There are 108 hives on the reservation.

Jimmy says 90% of the honey sold is not from our own bees.

James Keller asked how many years it would take if all farmers changed to regenerative ag for the water quality to be good.

Ray says reducing the fertilizer the farmers use way too much.

Ray says it takes 3 to 5 years to get the system back to equilibrium.

Wes Keller asked how long we can lose money on the farm.

Tim said all of the row crop money is being invested into the other farm entities.

Veronica asked if there are perennials that are pollinators to purchase.

Brandon said he was going to start that next year.

Nuweh

Brad Campbell introduced the board of directors for Nuweh.

Brad says business is being locked in and ready to start.

Questions will be held until after the Grey Snow presentation.

Olivia Brien asked what Nuweh would be putting up for collateral for the loan.

Brad Campbell said that will be decided by the EC.

Community Development Corporation

Jason Pockrus introduced himself.

Jason compiled a list from the needs assessment and other surveys of the needs of community members.

This is a 501 c 3 non-profit organization.

This gives the tribe access to a lot of funding opportunities.

The CDC will have its own board of directors.

Questions will be held until after Grey Snow presentation.

Rebecca Schlichting asked when the grants for start up businesses will be available.

Jason said in about 6 months.

Grey Snow Management Solutions

David says they are here to help with tribe-to-tribe relationships.

Grey Snow switch over all accounting in 2022.

David went over the projections for Grey Snow Management Solutions.

David explained the microgrid project.

They are restructuring Grey Snow Construction.

David says if anyone has any questions, please feel free to email him.

Profit Allocation Plan

Russ went over the outline for the allocation plan.

WCHC their revenue has to be put back into the entity so that will not be part of the plan.

Russ talked about the different buckets for the profit allocation plan.

Russ says if members have ideas we would love to hear them.

Dan Lewerenz asked what this will look like in October, if this will be ready for approval.

Russ says he would like to see this ready for approval in October.

Woshka Committee Blanket Drawing

Rebecca Schlichting introduced herself and the Woshka Committee.

They were going to do the drawing today but will do it online and notify the winner.

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Powwow Committee Report

The powwow committee was introduced and announced the dates for the powwow.

Rebecca said the powwow is always the third weekend in September.

They would like to see more involvement and volunteers.

They were told last year was the best powwow ever.

Tribal members get a vendor discount.

Open Comment

No comments or questions

Adjournment

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Russ Brien motions to adjourn

Brittney Beck seconded the motion.

0-opposed

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm