



OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA  
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 14, 2015  
THURSDAY

PRESENT: Vernon Miller, Chairman  
Adriana Saunsoci, Vice-Chair  
Jessica Webster-Valentino, Treasurer  
Jeffrey Miller, Secretary  
Rodney Morris, Member

ABSENT: Clifford Wolfe, Jr., Member (Excused)  
Gwen Porter, Member (Excused)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 9:47 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Five council present with two absent.

FOR THE RECORD: Adriana Saunsoci arrived to meeting at 10:45 a.m. Jessica Webster-Valentino participated in meeting for a short time at 11:17a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

INVOCATION: Clifford Wolfe, Jr.

**MOTION**

Clifford Wolfe, Jr. made a motion to approve agenda dated May 14, 2015.

Gwen provided the second.

FOR: 4      OPPOSED: 0      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 2  
MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION**

Gwen Porter made a motion to approve the minutes dated March 26, 2015.

Rodney Morris provided the second.

FOR: 4      OPPOSED: 0      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 2  
MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION**

Jeffrey Miller made a motion to approve the minutes dated April 7, 2015.

Clifford Wolfe, Jr. provided the second.

FOR: 4      OPPOSED: 0      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 2  
MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION**

Gwen Porter made a motion to approve the minutes dated April 28, 2015.

Rodney Morris provided the second.

FOR: 4      OPPOSED: 0      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 2  
MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION**

Rodney Morris made a motion to approve the minutes dated April 30, 2015.

Jeffrey Miller provided the second.

FOR: 4      OPPOSED: 0      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 2  
MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION**

Jeffrey Miller made a motion to approve the minutes dated May 1, 2015.

Jessica provided the second.

FOR: 4      OPPOSED: 0      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 2  
MOTION CARRIED



**MOTION**

Jeffrey Miller made a motion to approve the minutes dated May 11, 2015.

Gwen Porter provided the second.

FOR: 4      OPPOSED: 0      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 2

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION**

**RESOLUTION 15-122**

**RE: APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE QUORUM REQUIREMENTS IN THE BYLAWS OF THE BLACKBIRD BEND CORPORATION**

Rodney Morris made a motion to approve Resolution 15-122.

Jeffrey Miller provided the second.

FOR: 4      OPPOSED: 0      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 2

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION**

**RESOLUTION 15-124**

**RE: RESOLVING TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS TO GREAT WESTERN BANK FOR WIRE TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

Jeffrey Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 15-124.

Adriana Saunsoci provided the second.

FOR: 6      OPPOSED: 0      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION**

Jeffrey Miller made a motion to approve the Purchase Agreement submitted by Maurice Johnson, Attorney General. Resolution for council approval will be drafted also for council approval.

Rodney Morris provided the second.

FOR: 4      OPPOSED: 0      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 2

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION**

Rodney Morris made a motion to approve the Verizon Wireless bill for April in the amount of \$10,337.66.

Gwen Porter provided the second.

FOR: 4      OPPOSED: 1      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 1

FOR THE RECORD: Adriana Saunsoci wanted to state that she opposed because the Omaha Tribe is in the red.

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION**

Adriana Saunsoci made a motion to approve the program equipment purchase for Wildlife & Parks in the amount of \$8,000.00

Gwen Porter provided the second.

FOR: 5      OPPOSED: 0      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED



**MOTION**

Jessica Webster-Valentino made a motion to approve the drawdown of an additional \$100,000 to pay bills and to make account positive.

Jeffrey Miller provided the second.

FOR: 6      OPPOSED: 0      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION**

Gwen Porter made a motion to table all requests until full council is present.

Adriana Saunsoci provided the second.

FOR: 5      OPPOSED: 0      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

FOR THE RECORD: Gwen tabled her motion, Jessica Webster-Valentino participated in meeting via conference all at 11:17 a.m.

**MOTION**

Gwen Porter made a motion to review only the off reservation graduation requests.

Clifford Wolfe, Jr. provided the second.

FOR THE RECORD: Jeffrey Miller and Rodney Morris opposed.

FOR: 3      OPPOSED: 2      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION**

Jeffrey Miller made a motion to approve the graduation request for Lisa Stabler for \$1,000 for to travel to RIS in Anadarko, OK, with payroll deduction agreement.

Rodney Morris provided the second.

FOR: 5      OPPOSED: 0      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION**

Jeffrey Miller made a motion to approve the graduation request for Tamara White Eyes for \$500 to travel to FIS in Flandreau, SD.

Gwen Porter provided the second.

FOR THE RECORD: Clifford Wolfe, Jr. abstained.

FOR: 4      OPPOSED: 0      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSTAINED: 1      ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION**

Gwen Porter made a motion to approve the additional graduation request for Sandra McCauley and Demetria Miller for hotel costs in Anadarko, OK. In the amount of \$200 each.

Jeffrey Miller provided the second.

FOR: 4      OPPOSED: 0      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 2

MOTION CARRIED



**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

Clifford Wolfe, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 4:21 p.m.

Jeffrey Miller provided the second.

FOR: 4      OPPOSED: 0      NOT VOTING: 1      ABSENT: 2

MOTION CARRIED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey S. Miller".

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Jeffrey S. Miller, Tribal Council Secretary  
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska