



MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community/Government Center
Tribal Council Chambers – 483 Great Neck Rd S – Mashpee, MA 02649
Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – 5:30p.m. -8:00p.m.
via ZOOM
Minutes
(Approved 4/6/2022)

Call to Order

Chairman Brian Weeden called to order the Emergency Tribal Council Meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 5:35p.m. via zoom

MWTC Regular session began at 5:35p.m.

MWTC Regular session recessed at 6:10p.m.

MWIT, Inc. session began at 6:10p.m.

MWIT, Inc. session adjourned at 7:06p.m.

MWTC Regular session reconvened at 7:07p.m.

Entered into executive session at 7:34p.m.

Exited executive session at 8:18p.m.

MWTC Regular session adjourned at 8:21p.m.

Members in attendance

Chairman Brian Weeden, Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Secretary Cassie Jackson, Treasurer Marie Stone, Councilwoman Edwina Johnson-Graham(5:49p.m.), Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr., Councilman David Weeden, Councilman Aaron Tobey, Jr., Councilwoman Yvonne Avant.

Quorum (11)

Guests: Attorney Rebekah Salguero

Opening Prayer

Karen Siegel

Commencement

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council regular meeting scheduled meeting on March 2, 2022 at 5:35p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilman Weeden and Treasurer Stone.

Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilwoman Gonsalves 2nd by Councilman Andrews to accept and approved the agenda of March 2, 2022.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present

All those not present: Councilman Weeden and Treasurer Stone

Motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2022

Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the meeting minutes of January 26, 2022 with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present

All those not present: Councilman Weeden and Treasurer Stone.

Motion passed.

Public Comment

Crystal Tobey, Pamela Windsor, Talia Landry, Michelle Mendes

Appointment/ Resignations

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept the resignation of Crystal Tobey from the Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Votes/Ratifications

Motion made by Councilman Andrews 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to ratify consensus vote circulated on 2/22/2022 to approve final arrangement financial assistance for Tribal Member F-001-54 up to \$4,000.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Vice Chairman 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to ratify consensus vote circulated on 2/23/2022 to approve final arrangement financial assistance for Tribal Member T-001-68 up to \$4,000.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed

Operations Update

Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to schedule an in person Tribal Council Operations Day meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022 @ 8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m. at the Mashpee Wampanoag Community and Government Center.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: David Weeden.

Motion passed.

Hoophole Rd Update

Discussed.

Recess MWTC Meeting

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to recess the regular meeting at 6:10p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilman Weeden.

Motion passed.

Convene MWITC, Inc. Meeting

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to convene the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Tribal Council, Inc. meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 6:10p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilman Weeden.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Secretary Jackson for the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Tribal Council, Inc., Board of Directors to approve the formation of special purpose subsidiaries for the purpose of 8A contracting.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone

All those opposed: Councilwoman Gonsalves.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Secretary Jackson to appoint David Greendeer to be named as the authorized representative with all associated authorities necessary to pursue all 8A initiatives, reporting to the board of directors of the special purpose 8A subsidiaries.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone

All those opposed: Councilwoman Gonsalves.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Secretary Jackson to provide a budget to establishing the business in the form of grant from ARPA funds for economic development in the amount of \$200,000.00.

All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone

All those abstained: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Councilman Andrews

All those opposed: Councilwoman Gonsalves.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Councilman Andrews to adjourn the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Tribal Council, Inc. meeting at 7:06p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Secretary Jackson to reconvene the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular meeting at 7:07p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS CONT.

Finance Update

Discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Waiver Request

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to approve a temporary 90 Day waiver of conflict of interest for Councilwoman Avant to assist the ICWA department

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Treasurer Stone

All those recused: Councilwoman Avant

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to approve a temporary waiver of conflict of interest for Councilman Tiexeira to assist with the Taunton Construction site cleanup.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to approve a temporary 90 Day waiver of conflict of interest for Councilwoman Avant to assist the ICWA department

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilwoman Avant, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Treasurer Stone

All those recused: Councilman Tiexeira

Motion passed.

J&J Settlement Participation

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to authorize legal to pursue participation in the Tribal Settlement with Johnson & Johnson for Opioid Litigation.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Bldg. Official Appointments

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to approve the extension of appointment of Kurt Stenberg as the Interim Building Official to oversee construction of the Tribal Housing Construction Project.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Treasurer Stone to approve the appointment of Ernie Virgilio as the Interim Building Official to oversee the construction of the Child Care Facility Construction Project.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Land Protection Resolution

Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve 2022-RES-008 Resolution declaring Tribal Stewardship and Protection of Reservation Lands.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

NDA Updates

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to table the NDA Update for edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Strategic Planning Dates

Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2nd by Councilman Andrews to schedule Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council regular meeting for strategic planning at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Government Center Friday, April 8, 2022 and Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Treasurer Stone.

All those opposed: Secretary Jackson

Motion passed.

Meeting Extension

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to extend the meeting to 8:30p.m.

All those in favor:

Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant,

All those opposed: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Treasurer Stone.

Motion passed.

Executive

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Secretary Jackson to enter into executive session at 7:34p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Exited executive session at 8:18p.m.

Litigations Update-Dentons

Motion made by Treasurer Stone 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the submittal of the Tribes petition in the matter of Littlefield's vs. DOI in district Court

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Legal Update-Jackson/Lewis

Motion mad by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Treasurer Stone to authorize the law firm of Jackson Lewis to voluntarily transmit files to the US Attorney's office on behalf of the Tribe without any waiver whatsoever of the Tribe's sovereign immunity or the Tribe's attorney-client privilege.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Land Offer-VC

Discussed

Financial Advisor-Legal

Discussed

Announcement

MWTGA Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday 3/3/22 from 3:30p.m.-5:00p.m.

Meeting with MWTC / MWTGA / GENTING

Sunday 3/6/2022 from 11:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Cassie D. Jackson

MWTC Secretary