SGU Board of Regents

Special Meeting

Tuesday, September 20TH, 2022,

-Minutes-

The Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents met in special session on Tuesday, September 20th, 2022 at the Student Services Building (ED Classroom #2) on the Antelope Lake Campus, Mission, South Dakota.

The purpose of this special meeting is to address the Tribal Land Enterprise lawsuit (TLE).

**ROLL CALL**

The Secretary took the roll with the following members present:

Mike Boltz, Chairman/District 1 Regent, (in person)

Richard Lunderman, District 2 Regent. (in person)

Nick Emery, Staff/Faculty Regent, (in person)

Wilma Robertson, Elder Regent (in person)

Donna Hollow Horn Bear, RST Education Regent, (on-line)

Request to be excused: Keya Pipe Boy, Student Rep.

Others present: Ted Hamilton, Executive Vice President; Phil Baird, VP/Nation Building & Community Development, Shawn Bordeaux, Director/Institute of Tribal Land/Economic Development, Kalion Knox, IT, Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary/Board of Regents. (President Lionel Bordeaux requests to be excused).

**CALL TO ORDER**

The above roll call determined a quorum is present and the meeting called to order by Chairman Boltz at 1:10 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Prayer offered by Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary.

**TRIBAL LAND ENTERPRISE LAWSUIT**

On September 6th, 2022 discussions between representatives/staff from the Tribal Land Enterprise (TLE), Sinte Gleska University Administration and Sinte Gleska University Board of Regents came to a

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conclusion to resolve the issue of the lawsuit with the first step being to rescind the RST Resolutions waiving sovereignty. A motion would be adopted by the SGU Board of Regents that would support TLE’s Board as a joint request to RST Council to rescind RST Resolution No. 2019-133 and RST Resolution No. 2019-165 concerning the lawsuit. A copy of the minutes will be forwarded to the TLE Board to take similar action. This would then be forwarded to the Tribal Council through Scott Herman, Chairman/RST. The outcome would be to have the sovereignty issue resolved and the lawsuit would become moot.

During a previous discussion, Richard Moves Camp and Duane Hollow Horn Bear offered their guidance about relationships amongst relatives, the importance and obligation to protect both the land, and the People. This issue should not focus on money but on the relationship between TLE and SGU.

Discussion followed by the SGU Board with a concern that this lawsuit has been going on far too long.

**MOTION #: 01:09:20:22**

**Nick Emery made the motion that Sinte Gleska University has met with TLE and is in concurrence with the TLE Board that RST Resolution No. 2019-133 and RST Resolution No. 2019-165, must be rescinded concerning the waiving of tribal sovereignty. Sinte Gleska University and TLE have agreed to increase the cooperation into the future through spirituality and education, and are willing to discontinue the lawsuit in order to work together to strengthen the Oyate, all wildlife and the land. Donna Hollow Horn Bear seconded the motion. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, one (1) not voting, motion passed.**

**MOTION #: 02:09:20:22**

**There being no further business, Nick Emery made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Donna Hollow Horn Bear. Vote: four (4) in favor, zero (0) opposed, one (1) not voting, motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:50 P.M.**

**CERTIFICATION**

**We, the undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing meeting minutes of September 20, 2022 were approved at a duly called meeting held on September 23, 2022 by a vote of three (3) in favor, one (1) opposed, one (1) abstaining, motion passed.**

**/s/Mike Boltz, Chairman**

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**ATTEST:**

**/s/Evelyn White Hawk, Secretary**

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**Attachments to the meeting minutes of September 20, 2022:**

**--TLE & SGU Meeting Notes**

**--Proposed motion**

**--RST Resolutions No: 2019-133 & 2019-165**

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