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Treasurer

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Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

**Prairie Island Tribal Council  
(A Tribal Government)**

**RESOLUTION 23-1-25-9**

**WHEREAS**, the Prairie Island Indian Community (“Community”) in the State of Minnesota (also known as the Prairie Island Mdewakanton Dakota Community) is a federally recognized tribe organized under 25 U.S.C. § 5123, and is governed under the terms of a Constitution and Bylaws adopted by tribal members on May 23, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 20, 1936, as amended (“Constitution and Bylaws”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution and Bylaws provide in Article IV, Section 1 that the Community Council (sometimes referred to as the “Tribal Council”) shall be the governing body for the Community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has the authority under the Constitution and Bylaws to promulgate ordinances, resolutions, and regulations, and consider various legal matters that fall within the authority of a federally recognized Indian tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council is the duly elected body and the only entity authorized to act or speak on behalf of the Community; and

**WHEREAS**, the health, welfare, and safety of the Community and its members is of utmost importance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has the authority under Article V, Section 1(k) of the Constitution to regulate the manner of making nominations for Community officers and of holding community elections; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws, the Tribal Council adopted the Election Ordinance with Resolution 45-83 and repealed, replaced, revised and/or amended the Ordinance with Resolutions 95-8-25-87, 95-10-13-107, 07-4-4-43, and 17-2-8-16; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council wishes to amend the existing Election Ordinance to make substantive changes to increase the usability of the ordinance and of tribal law, and to add Notes of Amendment summarizing the legislative history; and

**WHEREAS**, a committee of Community members prepared and proposed a number of proposed revisions to the Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has reviewed and accepts in substantial form the revisions in the proposed amended Election Ordinance, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, and wishes to distribute the proposed draft to adult Tribal community members for publication, notice, and comment in order to solicit feedback on the process.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, as follows:

1. The Tribal Council hereby accepts and approves in substantial form the proposed amended Election Ordinance, attached as Exhibit A, for publication, notice, and comment to adult Tribal community members; and
2. The Tribal Council directs the Legal and Communications departments to prepare, finalize, and mail the proposed amended Election Ordinance to adult Tribal community members to their last known addresses, with appropriate instructions regarding how to submit comments within 30 days; and
3. The Tribal Council and/or the committee may facilitate an open meeting during or following the comment period; and
4. The committee and Tribal Council will review all comments received during the comment period, determine whether changes should be made, and finalize the Election Ordinance, as appropriate.

**VOTE SUMMARY**

President Johnny Johnson      \_\_\_ for, \_\_\_ against, \_\_\_ abstain, X absent  
Vice President Shelley Buck    X for, \_\_\_ against, \_\_\_ abstain, \_\_\_ absent  
Secretary Valentina Mgeni      X for, \_\_\_ against, \_\_\_ abstain, \_\_\_ absent  
Treasurer Michael Childs Jr.    X for, \_\_\_ against, \_\_\_ abstain, \_\_\_ absent  
Asst. Sec./Treas. Cody Whitebear X for, \_\_\_ against, \_\_\_ abstain, \_\_\_ absent

ABSENT  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Johnny Johnson  
Tribal Council President

Shelley Buck  
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Tribal Council Vice President

Valentina Mgeni  
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