

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. at the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Council meeting room by Chairman Al Bauman with the following committee members present: Maynard Bedish, Mike Christensen, Robert Christensen, Gene Ciszek, Jack Harrison and Sig Hjemvick. Others addressing the committee during this meeting: Vilas County Board Chairman Stephen Favorite, Sheriff John Niebuhr, Chief Deputy Joe Fath, Tribal Police Assistant Chief Bob Brandenburg, Vilas County Public Health Director Gina Egan, Tribal Juvenile Justice Director John Young and David Alleman.

Open meeting notices and quorum present verified by the Chair.

Approve agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair:

Motion by J. Harrison, 2nd by G. Ciszek to approve the agenda with the order of discussion at the Chair's discretion. All voting aye. Carried.

Approve November 18, 2008 minutes:

Motion by M. Bedish, 2nd by G. Ciszek to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting as presented. All voting aye. Carried.

Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program update:

A written progress report prepared by Juvenile Intake Intensive Supervision Worker Mike Wurl was presented by the Chair to the committee. His report indicated that his work with juveniles and parents was progressing well. The Vilas County Juvenile Intake department is currently understaffed due to the long term illness of an employee. Chairman A. Bauman asked Tribal Juvenile Director John Young if the Tribe could possible help. J. Young replied that he would contact Vilas County to see what could be done.

Law Enforcement update:

a. Meeting update:

Tribal Assistant Police Chief B. Brandenburg reported good cooperation with Vilas County Highway and Sheriff's Department personnel regarding a recent fatal vehicle accident. Setting up necessary detours took some extra time due o the signs having to be brought from out of the area. B. Brandenburg said that appropriate signage would be purchased and stored locally to allow for quicker action in the future. J. Young presented information regarding the Weed & Seed Committee. This Committee has been established to deal with problems in the community. One of their actions has been to apply for grant funds to institute a Parents Who Host – Lose The Most program to help curb underage drinking and drug use. He invited the Committee to attend Weed & Seed meetings. Supervisor Bluthardt is the Vilas County representative to that group. B. Brandenburg stated that communications between the Tribal Police Dept. and the Vilas County Sheriff's Dept. were going well. He further stated he and the Sheriff were to meet later this morning to finalize some current issues regarding the County – Tribal Law Enforcement Grant.

b. Arrest and activity schedule:

J. Fath provided the Committee with a 2008 Crime, Law Incident and Computer Aided Dispatch Statistical Data report. The Chairman asked the Committee to review the report before the next meeting.

c. Jail updates:

M. Christensen spoke about the possibility of the Tribe receiving grant funds to build a jail or holding facility. He felt that those committing non-criminal offenses, such as disorderly conduct, could be better held locally at less cost to the County. B. Brandenburg stated that the Tribal Police were investigating the possibility of upgrading two existing holding cells located at the Tribal Police office. The cells do not meet current standards and are unusable at present. B. Christensen said that current cost estimates indicated that \$200,000.00 would need to be spent to construct two approved holding cells. He felt that this was too high of a cost.

Highway concerns:

a. County highways on Reservation – BIA:

J. Harrison reported that the Highway Dept. was waiting for word from the BIA regarding a funding for line striping and improved signage on county trunk highways located within the Reservation. The Chairman asked M. Christensen if the Tribal Council was going to support this initiative. J. Harrison also stated that the Tribe was given permission by the Highway Committee to post signs dealing with AIS issues along county trunk highways.

Health Department update:

G. Egan handed out copies of the latest Health Dept. brochure. She also invited everyone to attend a Town Hall – Smoke Free Wisconsin meeting to be held at Nicolet College. The current peanut butter salmonella outbreak is being monitored by the department. January is Radon Month, and free detector kits are available from the Public Health Dept. February will be Dental Month. G. Egan explained the Northwoods Dental Project. Area children are benefiting from this program. The department is sponsoring Adoption Training to be held in Eagle River. A Sanitarian will be hired, funded by UW-Oshkosh.

Sharps disposal:

The issue of used syringe and other sharps disposal was discussed. G. Cizek reported that sharps have recently been re-designated as hazardous waste, which should help with procuring grant funds to address this problem. M. Christensen reported that sharps were getting into the lakes located on the Reservation. Disposal of unused prescription drugs was also discussed. M. Christensen believes that a county wide program regarding sharps disposal needs to be instituted along with media coverage to educate the public regarding the necessity to properly dispose of these items.

J. Harrison was excused from the meeting at 9:50 A.M.

Letters and communications:

The Chairman reported about the recent USDA grant received by the Tribe. The funds will be used to upgrade the Reservation wells and water delivery systems.

Set date for next meeting:

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2009 at the Tribal Center.

Future agenda items:

The Chair asked that he be given any new agenda items at least 10 days before the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion by M. Bedish, 2nd by G. Ciszek to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Alleman
Vilas County Clerk