

**Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. at the Lac du Flambeau Tribe Multi-purpose building by Chairman Al Bauman with the following committee members present: Maynard Bedish, John Brown, Gene Ciszek, Jack Harrison and Sig Hjemvick. Dee Mayo was absent. Others addressing the committee during this meeting: Sheriff's Dept. Capt. John Butler and Lt. Gary Peske, Tribal Attorney Terry Hoyt, Land Records Dept. Barb Gibson and Becky Nordine, and Clerk David Alleman.

Open meeting notices and quorum present verified by the Chair. Note: This meeting was posted to take place in the Tribal Center meeting room. Due to maintenance being performed in that location, the meeting was moved to the Tribal Multi-purpose building. This location change was posted at the door to the Tribal Center.

**Approve Agenda to be Discussed in Any Order by The Chair:**

Motion by J. Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Bedish to approve the agenda with the order of discussion at the Chair's discretion. All voting aye. Carried.

**Approve June 26, 2008 Minutes:**

Motion by M. Bedish, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Harrison to approve the minutes of the June 26, 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. The number of out of home placements has declined from a monthly average of 25 to an average of 11. Because of this decline costs are remaining within the budget.

**Law Enforcement Update:**

Capt. Butler presented a written report from the Vilas County Sheriff's Dept. providing statistical data regarding law enforcement activity on a county wide basis. It was apparent from the data presented that Lac du Flambeau is a high percentage recipient of Sheriff's Dept. services. 34% of all reported law incidents were attributed to Lac du Flambeau. Eagle River was 2<sup>nd</sup> at 14%. T. Hoyt felt that this percentage was largely due to the township's larger geographic size. Lac du Flambeau also has the largest population of any municipality located within the county. He also pointed out that demographically, Lac du Flambeau has a larger population of younger people than is present in the other towns. He stated that persons under 27 historically factor into a higher law incident rate. Capt. Butler stated that as of the time of this report, 341 persons had been arrested in Lac du Flambeau. 218 had been transported by Vilas County, including juvenile placements and mental commitments. S. Hjemvick asked about the time involved in transports. Capt. Butler replied that time would be hard to categorize as the distance varied with the out of county transports. T. Hoyt stated that not all those arrested in and transported from Lac du Flambeau were tribal members. A. Bauman asked who covers this cost of transport. Capt. Butler replied that the county paid the transport cost if the individual was in county custody. S. Hjemvick then asked T. Hoyt if tribal citizens were paying property taxes to the County at the same rate as the majority of county landowners. T. Hoyt replied that

tribal members were taxpayers and paid property taxes. He also commented that the data showed that within Lac du Flambeau, the Tribal Police Dept. handled 78% of reported law incidents, thus showing a need for a local police authority. T. Hoyt then reported that the cost of transporting prisoners sentenced in Tribal Court was being billed back to the Tribe. He stated that almost all of these transports were due to individuals being found in contempt of Tribal Court regarding Child Support non-payment issues. He further stated that it might be better for the Tribe to abolish their Child Support agency and remand these cases to Vilas County Child Support and the Circuit Court, which would cause even greater expense to the County. T. Hoyt then stated that these transport charges had always been billed in the past to the Tribal Police Dept and paid for using Tribal-County Law Enforcement grant proceeds. Lt. Peske reported that when this year's agreement was being negotiated, the Tribal Police Dept. diverted the funds previously earmarked for transport reimbursement to a different use. That decision did not eliminate the Tribe's responsibility to pay for those transports. T. Hoyt felt that the agreement had been approved by both entities. He also wanted to know if other municipalities were being asked to reimburse transport costs. A Bauman pointed out that Vilas County would not be telling the Tribe how to allocate their share of the grant proceeds. Lt. Peske also pointed out that this was the first year that the Tribe was the administrator of this grant. Vilas County always was the administrator in the past. J. Brown said that as a Tribal Council member, he had no previous knowledge regarding how the Tribal Police had budgeted the use of their share of this grant. T. Hoyt felt that the tribe had been blindsided by this reimbursement demand. S. Hjemvick responded with a plea to stop the finger pointing and to work together towards an equitable solution. A. Bauman said that this issue is a prime example of the lack of communication between the two law enforcement agencies. A. Bauman noted that Chief Rising Sun was again absent from this meeting, and that there was again no other representation from the Tribal Police Dept. He further stated that it was difficult to get to the bottom of these issues without the Chief's presence. He then asked J. Brown to check into this issue with the Tribal Council.

**Highway Concerns:**

A. Bauman reported that the projected costs to re-stripe and re-sign County trunk highways H, F and D totaled about \$30,000.00. As these highways traverse Lac du Flambeau, he asked J. Brown for help at the Tribal Council level in getting a BIA grant to help defray these costs.

**Uniform Addressing System:**

The Chair read a letter from the Town of Lac du Flambeau that described an existing agreement between the Township and the Tribe regarding an addressing system. B. Gibson stated that her office was working within the framework of that existing agreement, and that no problems were being encountered. Motion by S. Hjemvick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Harrison to recognize this existing agreement between the Town of Lac du Flambeau and the Tribe as a valid agreement meeting the stipulations as set forth in Chapter 28 of the County code with regards to a County addressing system. All voting aye. Carried.

**Health Department Update:**

Nothing presented. G. Egan was excused due to a previous commitment.

**Letters and Communications:**

Capt. Butler reported a recent example of poor communication between the 2 law enforcement departments, whereby the Tribal Police Dept. had hired 2 deputies, and did not follow the proper procedures with the Sheriff's Dept. in getting these deputies assigned radio numbers. Lt. Peske added that this was a simple procedure, and that numerous calls and e-mails to police Chief Rising Sun regarding this issue have not been unreturned. G. Ciszek stated that Tribal Police participation in these monthly meetings was critical to solving these issues, and that the Chief needed to be in attendance. J. Brown reported that boats were not having a problem passing through the Moss Lake channel, due to the normal water levels encountered this year. He said that a local company would be able to dredge this channel in the future for a cost estimated to be between \$18,000.00 and \$30,000.00. He also stated that the permitting process should begin immediately, and that grant funds may be available.

**Future Agenda Items:**

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

**Set Date for Next Meeting:**

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2008, at 9:00 A.M. at the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Center.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by S. Hjemvick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Ciszek to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Alleman  
Vilas County Clerk