

Call to order:

This meeting of the County-Tribal Concerns Committee was called to order at 9:00A.M. in the Peter Christensen Health Care Center meeting room by Chairman Al Bauman, with the following committee members present: Maynard Bedish, Eric Chapman, Sr., Gene Cizek, and Sig Hjemvick., Jack Harrison was excused and Elmer Rising Sun was absent. Others present or addressing the committee during this meeting: Bob Kovar, Bob Rickard, Teagan Ratliff, Bob Brandenburg, Karen Schmidt, Bob Smith, Emerson Coy and David Alleman. Open meeting notices and quorum present were verified by the Chair.

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

Motion by M. Bedish, 2nd by G. Cizek to approve the agenda with the order of discussion at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

Approve April 28, 2011 meeting minutes:

Motion by S. Hjemvick, 2nd by M. Bedish to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2011 meeting as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program update:

B. Rickard introduced summer intern Teagan Ratliff. He then presented a written report detailing current Juvenile Intake efforts and case load numbers. S. Hjemvick thanked him for the statistics, describing the report as very informative. Gang and drug activity in Lac du Flambeau is on the rise. The current number of 2011 juvenile referrals has almost doubled compared to the same period in 2010. A. Bauman expressed concern over that information and stated that all agencies needed to work cooperatively to solve this problem. B. Rickard explained that his office was working with local law enforcement and neighborhood watch programs to help curb this activity. He also reported that 6 to 8 juveniles were involved in the Restorative Justice program. He also presented a copy of a press release detailing Juvenile Intake activities.

Law Enforcement update:

a. Meeting updates:

Nothing presented

b. Arrest and activity schedule:

The May 2011 Sheriff's Dept. Statistical Report / Law Enforcement Incident Report was handed out and reviewed by the committee. A. Bauman remarked about the steep rise in law incidents occurring in Lac du Flambeau

c. Drug enforcement:

B. Brandenburg reported that Tribal Police Dept. has stepped up enforcement efforts to curb underage drinking and drug use incidents. He is meeting with neighborhood watch groups to help coordinate that effort. He reported that underage drinking was on the increase. He also reported on a recent arrest that netted a large amount of illegal drugs. He stated that this was one of the largest drug busts in Vilas County history. He also stated that parental involvement was crucial in keeping youth out of trouble. Statistics indicate that busy kids are much less prone to become involved in illegal activities. A. Bauman asked about community service opportunities. B. Brandenburg replied that those

opportunities have declined over the years. A. Bauman asked that the Tribal Council be informed of that fact. B. Kovar also reported that the Americorp Program would be assigning two staff members to work with youth in Lac du Flambeau in 2012. He also reported that five local health agencies were cooperating to develop a prescription drug registry, designed to help prevent “doctor shopping” for the purposes of obtaining additional prescription drugs for personal use or for illegal sale to others. He also reported that heroin use was increasing, partly due to the increased crackdown on illegal prescription drug use. B. Kovar also reported that the area Coalitions continued to meet and to develop strategies to combat underage drinking. B. Brandenburg also stated that his department and the Vilas County Sheriff’s Dept. continued to work together on local law enforcement issues.

Health / community health update:

Nothing presented.

County Highway D – downtown Lac du Flambeau:

A. Bauman reported that he sent a letter to the Vilas County Highway Safety Committee in regards to the parking issues encountered on CTH D in the downtown area of Lac du Flambeau. That committee was asked to review and offer their guidance regarding that situation. E. Coy said that a number of remedies were being explored. E. Chapman would like to see Tribal representation on the Highway Safety Committee. The clerk was instructed by the Chair to forward that request to the Chair of that committee, along with E. Chapman’s contact information.

Tribal Compact funds:

E. Chapman reported that 25 million in gaming funds paid to the State by the Tribes was being used to fund 4 or 5 programs benefiting those Tribes and the surrounding municipalities. Funding is expected to be cut by 10% in the 2012 State budget although one program will be allocated an increase. 246 million is collected from Tribal casinos by the State.

Animal control issues:

B. Smith reported that the privately operated Vilas County Animal Shelter continued to periodically turn away animals brought to that facility, due to overcrowding. He reported that animals picked up in Lac du Flambeau were being transported to a shelter in Michigan. A. Bauman reported that talks between the County and the shelter operators were scheduled to resume.

Tribal voting issues:

E. Chapman reported that the Tribal Council was going to appoint two alternate members to the County/Tribal Concerns Committee, in an effort to increase Tribal participation on the committee. A. Bauman welcomed that action, but reminded him that Tribal voting membership on the committee would remain limited to any two of four members present.

Letters and communications:

A. Bauman presented a letter from the Vilas County Forestry Dept. regarding the construction of a power line by the American Transmission Company. This power line will effect areas of Lac du Flambeau.

Future agenda items:

The Chair asked that he be given any new agenda items at least 10 days before the next meeting. E. Chapman requested a copy of the County Forestry Parks & Recreation Plan. The Clerk was instructed to ask that department to email a copy to E. Chapman.

Set date for next meeting:

The next committee meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M., Thursday, June 23, 2011 at the Peter Christensen Health Care Center.

Adjournment:

Motion by G. Ciszek, 2nd by M. Bedish to adjourn. All voted aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 A.M

Respectfully Submitted,
David R. Alleman
Vilas County Clerk

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.