

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 Ciszek, Jack Harrison and Sig Hjemvick. Elmer Rising Sun was absent. Others present or addressing the committee during this meeting: Bob Kovar, Bob Rickard, Bob Brandenburg, Kristen Allen, Emerson Coy, Brian Gauthier, Mike Zimmerman, Frank Tomlanovich, Joe Fath, Kate Gardner, Karen Schmidt, Gina Egan 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 G. Ciszek, 2nd by M. Bedish to approve the agenda with the order of discussion at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

Approve July 21, 2011 meeting minutes:

S. Hjemvick pointed out that the July meeting minutes indicated his presence at the meeting. He was absent and excused. The Clerk will amend the previous meeting minutes. Motion by M. Bedish, 2nd by G. Ciszek to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2011 meeting as amended. All voted aye. Carried.

Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program update:

a. Intake referrals:

B. Rickard handed out a written report and verbally reviewed the contents with the committee. The report indicates that 2011 referrals peaked at 200 year to date through July, compared with 129 over the same period last year. August referrals have declined. Due to the use of electronic monitors, the need for secure detention has dropped. He also reported on a recent meeting held in Lac du Flambeau, focusing on gang activity. The meeting was attended by school officials, law enforcement, juvenile justice officials, the Tribal Council and local community leaders.

M. Zimmerman spoke regarding the keynote speaker at that meeting. He hopes to get that person back to again address the local school and the community. He also stated that funding for juvenile programs is always an issue.

B. Gauthier reported that the Tribe was developing a long term strategic plan to combat gang and illegal drug activities.

E. Chapman stated that the Tribal Council was committed to be involved with all of these anti-gang and anti-drug agencies and groups.

b. Update on vests:

B. Rickard reported that the approved flak vests were fitted and ordered.

Law Enforcement update:

a. Meeting updates:

Nothing presented

b. Arrest and activity schedule:

J. Fath presented the updated Sheriff's Dept. Statistical Report / Law Enforcement Incident Report. He also reported that the 2012 Law Enforcement Grant application was being prepared. Available grant funds continue to be reduced.

c. Drug enforcement:

B. Kovar presented a written report detailing activities by the Lakeland Area Prescription Drug task Force. He stated that the community is responding to this problem. Area health care providers are taking steps to better monitor prescription drug issuance and use. He also reported about a new drug prevention / awareness initiative titled Good Drugs Gone Bad.

Health / Community Health update:

G. Egan reported on the seasonal beginning of flu shot clinics. Public use of the County Public Health Dept. flu shot clinics declined last season, due to the availability of private sector pharmacies offering the same service. She has ordered less flu vaccine for this season. She also reported that her department was providing one individual in the county with direct therapy. 400 wells were inspected during the 2011 well test season.

Animal control issues:

G. Egan reported that 70 cats were removed from a county residence. The Human Officer became ill due to the filth and the ammonia fumes. Protective gear for use during future animal hoarding incidents is being investigated.

J. Fath stated that Sheriff's Dept. deputies were being trained regarding safety issues encountered when investigating animal hoarding incidents.

G. Egan reported on a recent meeting held in Lac du Flambeau focusing on animal shelter issues. She also reported on animal quarantine issues.

Social Services update:

K. Gardner reported that the ADRC application was in the hands of the state. Funds for Family Care continue to be capped. A regional managed care provider is expected to take over long term care services if and when Family Care funds are available. She is working closely with other northern rural counties, for the creation of a consortium to provide Income Maintenance services. She invited the Tribe to take part in the conversation. State funding for Vilas County Social Services programs has been cut by 26%.

K. Allen presented an update of Indian Child Welfare (ICW) statistics. 52 current cases are being overseen by three case managers. 11 cases involve off-reservation children. Her department is working with Vilas County on updating the current 161 agreement.

County Highway D update:

a. Propose joint meeting – Highway and County Tribal Concerns:

A. Bauman would like this joint meeting planned to deal with the ongoing CTH D issue in Lac du Flambeau. This joint meeting will be held coincidental with the September 22nd, 2011 Highway Committee meeting, at the Eagle River Highway Office at 9:00 A.M.

E. Chapman inquired about placing a Tribal representative on the Highway Committee.

County Park plan:

E. Chapman submitted the fact that no County Parks are located in Lac du Flambeau. He would like to see the County collaborate with the Tribe on developing local recreation sites / areas in Lac du Flambeau.

Letters and communications:

E. Coy announced that a dedication ceremony and tour would be held on September 23rd, 2011 to feature recently completed Tribal infrastructure projects. The committee is invited to participate.

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, September 22, 2011 at the Eagle River Highway Office.

Adjournment:

Motion by M. Bedish, 2nd by J. Harrison to adjourn. All voted aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:23 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.