

Call to order:

This meeting of the County-Tribal Concerns Committee was called to order at 9:00 A.M. in the Peter Christianson Health Center meeting room by Chairman Al Bauman, with the following committee members present: Maynard Bedish, Mary Kim Black, Dennis Nielsen and Elmer Rising Sun. Sig Hjermvick was excused. Others addressing the committee during this meeting: Chris Mayer, Joe Fath, Mark Collins, Eric Swanson, Kristen Allen, Bob Brandenburg, Jason Hilger, Darwin Lohse, Bill Maki, Dede Hall, Jim Sommerfeldt, Bob Kovar, Brian Jopek 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 D. Nielsen, 2nd by M. Bedish to approve the agenda, with the order of discussion at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

Approve October 24, 2013 meeting minutes:

D. Nielsen pointed out an error in the October 24th minutes. The minutes stated that the Lac du Flambeau ATV trail would be located on County lands and right of ways. The minutes should read that the ATV trail will not be located on County lands and right of ways. The Clerk will amend those minutes as directed. **Motion by D. Nielsen , 2nd by M. Black to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2013 meeting as amended. All voted aye. Carried.**

Law enforcement update:

B. Brandenburg reported that his department continues to be understaffed and is in the process of hiring police officers. Mandatory background checks and certifications add delay to the hiring process. J. Fath reported that both departments continue to work very closely together.

a. Arrest and activity schedule:

J. Fath presented a Crime Clock data report for the month of January.

b. Drug enforcement:

B. Brandenburg reported that drug interdiction efforts remained a priority for his department. B. Kovar presented and discussed efforts being taken to combat prescription drug use. Area leaders are asked to step up efforts to encourage drug companies and medical providers to reduce the availability of narcotic pain medicines.

c. Jail update:

Nothing presented.

Juvenile Intensive Program update:

E. Swanson reported close coordination with the Tribal Juvenile Justice system. He reported that a firm is considering the building of a juvenile detention center in Lac du Flambeau. He stated that the focus of both juvenile intake offices is on alternatives to incarceration. Intensive Supervision caseload totals seven juveniles. That number is expected to increase. A recently formed prevention coalition will focus on mental health issues concerning juveniles and adults. A. Bauman reported that the County Board authorized the District Attorney's office to create an additional secretary position. The

Tribe will help fund this position. He stated that this position will further assist the DA with all types of law enforcement issues, including juvenile justice cases.

Update – ATV’s in Lac du Flambeau area:

D. Lohse reported that the Town of Lac du Flambeau adopted an ordinance allowing for ATV use on town roads. The Tribe previously adopted a similar ordinance. Both entities will now conduct a series of stakeholder meetings to reconcile any differences in the two ordinances. He then presented various ATV use and enforcement stipulations contained in both ordinances. The Lac du Flambeau ATV trail may be operational by July 1, 2014. The trail will utilize private land and Town and Tribal lands and right of ways. No Vilas County land or right of way is involved. J. Sommerfeldt presented a letter from Kay Hoff in opposition to this trail and verbalized his concerns. D. Hall also presented a letter of opposition to the ATV trail and expounded on her concerns. C. Mayer called for a point of order, stating that this ATV trail did not involve County lands and that the issue was not within the jurisdiction of County government. A. Bauman agreed with C. Mayer, stating that the committee simply wanted an update on the Town/Tribal ATV route.

Finance Manager – Jason Hilger:

Vilas County Finance & Budget Committee Chair C. Mayer introduced Finance Manager J. Hilger. C. Mayer would like to further cooperation between the County Finance Department and the Tribal Finance Department, adding that both entities need to work together to search out revenue opportunities. The departments also need to collaborate on providing local services as efficiently as possible. J. Hilger reported on ongoing cost sharing initiatives between Vilas County and the Tribe. He is more than willing to work to coordinate financial issues between the two entities.

Committee make-up update:

A. Bauman reported that the County Tribal Concerns Committee will remain a stand-alone committee. Vilas County representation was reduced from five to three; additional memberships were created for other local and Tribal agency representatives.

Social Services update:

K. Allen reported that Indian Child Welfare (ICW) continued to work closely with Vilas County Social Services. Amidst increasing caseloads, her department continues to struggle with a lack of local foster homes. 28 tribal children are currently placed in various foster care facilities. ICW is working to improve their services by upgrading their “best practices” in their operations manual.

Health/Community Health update:

A. Bauman reported that flu vaccines remained available,

Future agenda items:

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

Letters and communications:

Nothing presented

Set date for next meeting:

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. Thursday, March 27, 2014.

Adjournment:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:28 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.