

**Community Development Committee  
Regular Meeting  
November 15, 2002 - 8:30 a.m.  
Tribal Office Boardroom**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call**

Committee Chairman Gene Caldwell called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Committee members present: Dave Corn, Bernie Vigue, Pat Corn, Susan Waukau, Jim Horton and Dave Grignon. Wendell Askenette was absent and Twila Peters was present in his place. Also present for the meeting was, Stephanie Awonohopay, Tom Litzow, Debbie Lyons and Rose Weber, Margaret Teller, Frank Sackatook Jr. and Paula Grignon.

2. **Moment of Silence** - An opening prayer was said by Dave Grignon

3. **Review Minutes Dated October 18, 2002**

**Motion made by Dave Corn to accept the minutes of October 18, 2002. Motion seconded by Bernie Vigue. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

4. **Loan Fund**

The committee wanted Tom Litzow, Loan Fund Director to come to the meeting and talk about his accounts receivable.

Tom informed the committee that all the delinquent \$300-\$400 loans are just sitting there because if they take them to court it costs \$200 to do it. The loan fund tries to get people for example; if a person comes in for a loan and they work at the Casino and get fired or quit from there and move to the College, Tribal Offices, MTE etc., they will have the loan taken out of their checks there.

Tom stated that for the small business loans, they will take them to court. Sometimes at time of loan they put down collateral which Tom doesn't think is such a good idea because right now he has no where to store anything.

Tom stated that one of the big problems is that the delinquent loans do not have any repercussions because it doesn't go on any credit reports and outside funding agencies are unaware of the unpaid loans.

Committee briefly talked about the tribe having a credit union. Tom will look into it and bring the information back to the committee.

**Motion made by Susan Waukau to suspend the agenda and move to number six. Motion seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

5. **Menominee Nation Pow-Wow**

Stephanie Awonohopay was present to talk about the Pow-Wow. Stephanie stated that it costs about \$75,000 to run the Pow-Wow. Stephanie stated that this year the tribe didn't allocate any money towards the Pow-Wow so she wasn't sure what the committee wanted to do. Stephanie informed the committee that the money can be raised if soliciting and fund raising starts now and with the help of all the tribe's major entities like the Clinic, Casino, MISD, MTE and the Tribe chip in the same amount of money.

Stephanie stated that if she was chosen to run to the Pow-Wow she would pick 2 or 3 people to work with her.

**Motion made by Jim Horton to appoint Stephanie Awonohopay as the Pow-Wow Coordinator and come back to the committee with a budget and plan of action on**

**how to continue with the Menominee Nation Pow-Wow. Motion was seconded by Bernie Vigue. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

Jim Horton was excused at 10:00 a.m.

**Motion made by Bernie Vigue to go into executive session. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Bernie Vigue to come out of executive session. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Bernie Vigue to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature, that a contract be made through the Program Attorney's Office stating that the tribe will develop the drive way for Norman Kakwitch through Community Development Department and that any Tribal dollars that are owed by Norman Kakwitch be paid back to the tribe and that the amount not to exceed \$500.00. The reasons for granting the request are because both of the parties involved are disabled, elderly and have health problems. Motion seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Bernie Vigue to go back to agenda number five. Motion seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**6. Dump Issue**

Committee barely discussed the issue but would like to review ordinance 92-11/Solid Waste Disposal at the next meeting.

**7. Tribal Utility/Hook-Up Fees**

Committee briefly discussed the Hook-up Fee issue and agreed that something should be in place.

**Motion made by Dave Corn to develop a sub committee that consists of Dave Corn, Susan Waukau, Jim Horton and Bernie Vigue to review the hook-up fee issue and to bring the recommendations back to the committee for approval. Motion was seconded by Bernie Vigue. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**8. Ordinance 02-09 Seasonal Permits**

The ordinance is for those individuals that set up stands along the wolf to sell food, beer, soda, etc. Last year there was controversy on why the same people get to set up there every year. Last year the Menominee Tribal Legislature changed the ordinance to make them one year leases. Now people are complaining that there will not be very many who can afford to purchase all the equipment and only set up for one year. The grills, coolers, tables, etc. can come up to a lot of money and wouldn't be worth it.

Chairman Caldwell would like to the committee to review the ordinance and come back to the committee with recommendations.

**9. Permit Process Checklist**

**Motion made by Dave Corn to table. Motion was seconded by Bernie Vigue. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

Committee members were unaware that they had received the Permit Process checklist in a previous packet and that's why they tabled the issue.

**Motion made by Bernie Vigue to bring back the Permit Process issue and disregard the previous motion to table. Motion was seconded by Susan Waukau. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

Susan informed the committee that she obtained the checklist from the Oneida Tribal and all the committee members agree that our tribe must adopt their own type of checklist to follow because people need to know things before they purchase homes. Susan stated that she will take the checklist to other departments, make changes and bring it back to the committee for approval.

**10. Business Proposals**

**Motion made by Bernie Vigue to go into executive session. Motion seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Bernie Vigue to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Bernie Vigue to with Community Development Departments recommendations on tobacco proposal pending amendment to Ordinance 79-04/Cigarette Ordinance and will be discussed in executive session at the Legislature Meeting. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-abstentions, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**11. Other Business**

Margaret Teller was present to request that the committee help her out with a situation on her property. Margaret stated that she owned 5 acres of land by South Branch and she gave the tribe 1 acre back to let Paula Grignon and Frank Sackatook Jr., put their trailer on it. Currently they can't find any help paying to get the trailer moved, sewer system dug etc. from Housing and would like the committee to tell them what to do. Margaret stated that right now the trailer is parked next to her house and the electricity is hooked from her house into the trailer.

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the subject and Twila Peters will check with Housing to see what can be done.

Chairman Caldwell stated that the Menominee Tribal Legislature sent an issue to the committee regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between the Utility Department and College of the Menominee Nation.

Dave Corn explained that it's a simple agreement that he has to sign because the College is expanding their sewer lines.

**Motion made by Susan Waukau to approve the MOA between Tribal Utilities and the College of the Menominee Nation. Motion seconded by Bernie Vigue. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**12. Adjournment**

**Motion made by Bernie Vigue to adjourn. Motion seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services