

**Community Development Committee  
Regular Meeting  
September 19, 2003 - 8:30 a.m.  
Tribal Office Conference Room**

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

Committee Chairperson Laurie Boivin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Those present: Wendell Askenette, Susan Waukau, Jim Horton, Pat Corn and Dave Grignon. Dave Corn was absent. Also present for the meeting was Brett Hoffman, Shawn Klemens and Greg Wilber.

2. **Moment of Silence** - Dave Grignon said a prayer.

3. **Review Minutes Dated August 15, 2003-**

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue to approve the minutes dated August 15, 2003.**

**Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent, 1-abstention (Wendell Askenette). Motion carried.**

4. **Discuss/Action Neopit Head Start Building-**

Susan Waukau arrived at 8:35 a.m.

Bernie stated that there is an issue with the building and who is going to take care of maintenance and the cost. Bernie also stated that he doesn't think anyone can occupy the building until the radon levels are acceptable. Committee briefly discussed the issue. No action taken. Bernie will meet with Amy Waukau and Manzie Waupoose and report back to the committee.

5. **Supermarket Equipment Bids-**

Brett Hoffman from Procurement was present and informed the committee that there were some bids turned in and committee members agreed that he should open them now. Brett opened the bids and told the committee members the name of the person and how much their bid was for. Committee could not make a decision on who won the bids because people were bidding on certain items and the committee didn't have time to take care of it.

Bernie stated that he and Jim will work with Brett on the bids and let the committee know what happens at the next meeting.

6. **Land Issues-**

A. **Chevalier Complaint-**

Bernie stated that this issue is about a brother arguing with another brother because his fence is on his property by 3 inches. Kim Komanekin will send the person a letter and inform him that he either has to move the fence or get rid of it.

B. **Sanapaw Complaint-**

The person is complaining about two people who are currently sub-leasing to other people. Jim Horton stated that according to the Menominee Constitution, you cannot sub-lease land.

Committee went into lengthy discussion whether or not it's the same if there is a trailer home on the land and you are technically sub-leasing the trailer.

**Motion made by Wendell Askenette that the land issue be sent to the Program Attorney for opinion and clarification between leasing of land and personal property. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

C. **Van Rite Request-**

Committee stated that this issue falls under the same thing as the Sanapaw complaint and the committee can't act on it until legal has researched the issue.

7. **Pow-Wow Report-**

Stephanie Awonohopay was present and showed the committee a copy of the amount left over. Stephanie stated that Martin's Jewelers didn't send their bill yet. Chairperson Boivin would like Stephanie to come back with a written report on how the Pow-Wow went and give some recommendations on what should happen next year.

8. **C-Store Committee-**

Bernie stated that there is a lot of work to be done with the C-Store to get it up and running and would like the committee to form a Sub-Committee.

Motion made by Bernie Vigue to develop a C-Store Sub-Committee with representatives from Community Development Committee, Finance, Procurement, Community Development Department, Casino and North Woods Nii Jii. Motion was seconded by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

9. **Discuss Rafting (Ordinance 80-13)-**

Greg Wilber was present to discuss with the committee the problem with kayakers going down the Wolf River and how the people running the rafting are short changing the tribe by reusing the bracelets for kayakers.

Committee members found a mistake in the ordinance and need to get it changed before anything action can be taken. Chairperson Boivin stated that there are several issues to deal with and they should be dealt with by next May when the rafting season starts again.

Committee members agreed to have a sub-committee with Susan Waukau, Bernie Vigue and Wendell Askenette.

10. **Merit & COLA Increase-**

Bernie requested that this issue be on the agenda and chose to withdraw it because the issue was passed at the Legislative level last night.

11. **New Cemetery Discussion-**

Bernie stated that there are several issues to deal with for the new cemetery such as, who is in charge of it, who determines who is buried there, and who is going to maintain it?

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the cemetery and Bernie stated that he will keep working on it but would like committee approval on the decisions that he makes.

12. **Auto Center Payables-**

Bernie stated that the Auto Center still has outstanding bills and doesn't know where the money is going to come from to pay for them. Shawn Klemens stated that some of the businesses on the list will not even deal with his department because of the Auto Center bills. No committee action taken.

13. **Other Business-**

Shawn Klemens brought an issue to the committee regarding an elder that needs transportation three days a week for medical treatment. Shawn is currently taking the elder because in the summer the transportation department is slow. Now that summer is over things are picking up and his budget is going down. Shawn stated that he could spare the vehicle to transport the elder but needs someone to pick up the wages for the driver, which is 15 hours per week.

Committee members discussed the issue and wanted to know why the Aging Division was

not picking up the bill for the transports. Shawn stated that Jetta told him she had no money in the budget to cover the expenses.

**Motion made by that based on the Transportations scope of work, the transportation of the elder to medical treatments should fall upon the Aging Division. Motion was seconded by Wendell Askenette. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent, 1-abstention (Bernie Vigue). Motion carried.**

Brett informed the committee that the Legislature offered to sell the Nii-Win house to Mole Lake and since they haven't taken the offer, Brett was wondering if a motion could be made to put the house on the open market.

**Motion made by Jim Horton to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature that the Nii-Win house be put on the open market. Motion was seconded by Wendell Askenette. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

Brett discussed with the committee members the possibility of using the old supermarket building for department storage. Brett stated that currently there are a few departments that rent storage facilities in Shawano. Committee will look into the issue and possibly discuss it further at future meetings.

14. **Adjournment-**

**Motion made by Jim Horton to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Wendell Askenette. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services