

**Community Development Committee  
Regular Meeting  
October 21, 2005 – 8:30 a.m.  
Tribal Office Board Room**

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

Committee Vice-Chairman Bernard Vigue called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Those present: Dave Grignon, Pat Corn, Rick Warrington and Dave Corn. Committee Chairman Ken A. Fish and Jim Horton were absent.

Bernie informed the committee that he spoke to Chairman Fish and decided that the best thing to do would be to recess the meeting until Monday since so many directors have to go to the Casino for Strategic Planning.

**Motion made by Rick Warrington to recess the meeting until 8:30 am Monday October 24, 2005. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**Meeting recessed at 8:38 a.m.**

**Community Development Committee  
Recessed Meeting  
October 24, 2005 – 8:30 a.m.  
Tribal Office Meeting Room B**

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

Bernard Vigue called the meeting back to order at 8:35 a.m. Those present: Rick Warrington, Pat Corn, Dave Grignon and Dave Corn. Jim Horton was absent. Chairman Ken A. Fish was a few minutes late. Also present for the meeting was Annette Warrington and Wilmer Peters Jr.

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

Chairman Fish arrived at 8:38 a.m.

**3. Review Minutes Dated August 26 and September 16, 2005-**

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue to approve the minutes dated August 26, 2005. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Rick Warrington to approve the minutes of September 16, 2005 as submitted. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-abstention (Bernard Vigue), 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**4. Tax Exempt Gas Update-**

Bernie informed the committee that they run into a setback with the software. The software is old and the company will not support it anymore. It will cost an additional \$11,000 to purchase the new software and Bernie stated that the money would come out of the start up money because there was some savings.

Committee went into a lengthy discussion regarding the issue. Chairman Fish would like to see if there is anything in the contract and if the Tribe has any legal recourse against the contractor. Chairman Fish stated that he has seen this same thing happen time and time again where a contractor is awarded the bid and then all of a sudden there is something else that costs thousands of dollars and the Tribe just goes ahead and pays for it.

Bernie stated that the contractor could put the old system in but what's the tribe going to do when and if the system goes down and the company won't fix it? Bernie stated that the gas could be up and running in a week if the old system is installed. If we wait for the new system it will take another 4 weeks.

Bernie informed the committee that right now Transportation is using the gas pumps with a department card. The new software would be for tribal member's cards.

Committee members discussed the issue and thinks all tribal departments should be required to use the new gas pumps. Annette Warrington informed the committee that the reason the Menominee Tribal Police and Conservation get gas at the Hill Stop is because they are allowed to use their GSA Credit Cards. Bernie will look into what needs to be done to use those cards at the new station.

**Motion made by Dave Corn to recommend that the Menominee Tribal Legislature require ALL Tribal Vehicles to use the new gas station. 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.**

**5. Discuss/Action on Available Office/Building Space-**

Chairman Fish wanted to know who takes care of building space and other committee members stated that Maintenance does. Chairman Fish stated that Language & Culture needs space. Annette Warrington informed the committee that according to the FY 2006 Budget Ordinance, Language & Culture must move to a tribally owned facility and it was already decided that Rose Wayka from Language & Culture would move into the office currently occupied by Brett Hoffman from Procurement.

No action was taken.

**6. Discuss/Action on Vierbicher Report/C-Store-**

Wilmer Peters Jr. was present and was previously asked to go over the Vierbicher Report to see what he thinks.

Wilmer informed the committee that he feels the report is way off. There is no way the Tribe will make any money if they open another supermarket. Everyone complained that the last supermarket went under because of location. Wilmer feels that isn't entirely true and that the main reason it went under is lack of community support. Community members would rather drive to Shawano to get their groceries because they are cheaper.

Wilmer stated that the concept either needs to go out to entrepreneurs or the tribe will have to look at it as a service and not a money making business.

Committee members would like to know if any of the major grocery store chains would like to come here and open a sub-division of their store. Wilmer will find out for the committee.

No action was taken.

7. **Discuss/Action on Economic & Business Committee-Charters-**  
Committee discussed the issue and everyone is in favor of establishing an Economic & Business Committee to discuss and go over business proposals. Wilmer stated that when he was on the Legislature, there was an Economic Development Committee that consisted of 4 Legislators.

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue to recommend that the Menominee Tribal Legislature establish an Economic & Business Committee and that the Legislature appoint the committee members. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue to table agenda items 8, 9 and 10. Motion was seconded by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

11. **Adjournment-**

**Motion made by Dave Grignon to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services