

**Enforcement & Resource Protection Committee
Regular Meeting
October 23, 2002-3:00 p.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

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

Committee Chairman Gary Besaw called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Those present: Bill Kussel, Gary Schuettpelz, Barbara Nelson, Lynette Miller and Warren Warrington. Committee members absent were Keith Tourtillott (Warren Warrington is present in his place), Leon Fowler and Bryan Lepscier. Valerie Micik was also present for the meeting.

2. **Moment of Silence-A moment of silence was observed.**

3. **Review Minutes Dated September 25, 2002-**

Motion made by Barbara Nelson to approve the minutes dated September 25, 2002 with the specified change in number four. Motion seconded by Gary Schuettpelz. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

4. **Review Department Status Reports-**

Committee reviewed the department status reports that were submitted and Chairman Besaw informed the committee that all the committees are having a little trouble getting some departments to submit their reports. Reminders will be sent out again to all departments.

No action was taken on the reports.

5. **Gaming Commission Oral Report-**

Lynette Miller gave a short report informing the committee about the basics of the operation. Lynette informed everyone that the Gaming Commission was formed in 1993 by Ordinance 93-30 Gaming Code and when the Commission first started there were seven members and now there are five and the Commission members are, Duane Waukau, Laurie Boivin, Pam Alfonso, Dave Waupoose and Randal Chevalier. Lynette went on to how many employees she has and what they are in charge of. Due to budget cuts, Lynette had to recently lay off six employees and many of the employees are doing double duties.

Lynette stated that her main concern is the lack of cooperation between the Gaming Commission and the Menominee County Sheriff's Department. Currently Darrell O'Katchecum is the Investigator for the Gaming Commission and Darrell is also a deputized police officer but does not carry a gun. Lynette explained that whenever an incident occurs with a non-Indian everything gets sent to the Sheriff's Department and she never knows what is happening with it and Darrell can never get a hold of anyone to talk about it. Darrell meets on a monthly basis with the Tribal Police to discuss issues and incidents and Lynette stated that it helps the operation a lot more and would like the Sheriff's Department to cooperate a little.

Motion made by Barbara Nelson to request that the Menominee Tribal Chairman draft a letter to the Menominee County Board Chairman to address the communication problems with the Sheriff's Department, Gaming and Prosecution Procedures. Motion seconded by Gary Schuettpelz. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

6. **Proposed Amendment to Ordinance 85-21-Motor Vehicle Code-**
Bill Kussel informed the committee that he was not ready to discuss the amendments but will be ready for the next meeting. Motion made by Gary Schuettpelz to table the issue until next meeting.

Motion seconded by Barbara Nelson. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

7. **Crime Stoppers-**
Valerie Micik, Community Policing Officer for the Menominee Tribal Police was present to talk about Crime Stoppers.

Chairman Besaw stated the reason it was on the agenda is because not many people know it still exists. Chairman Besaw would like to know if it still exists and if it works. Chairman Besaw also stated that people have called the crime stoppers hotline and nothing was ever done.

Valerie stated that she was put into Crime Stoppers as part of her position which she started nine months ago. Since she has been working with the program, she has received a total of eleven calls. Warren Warrington stated that when Frank Teller was in charge of it, there was on average one call per week to the hotline.

Committee wanted to know if anyone actually gets paid. Valerie stated that the last payment was made at the beginning of this month when a tip came in and the tip led to the arrest of three people on a breaking & entering violation. The person received \$250.00. Chairman Besaw wanted to know how the payment worked because he thought you remained anonymous. Warren Warrington stated that when you call the hotline, you are given a number and told to call back in a couple of weeks to see if their tip led to an arrest. Once the tip leads to an arrest and or conviction, the person goes to the bank, gives the bank the number and the bank will give them an envelope with the money in it.

Warren stated that there are some instances where a tip cannot be checked immediately such as when someone calls in to report drug dealers. Warren stated that the Police can't just go right over to a person's house to bust them. In cases of drug dealers, an investigation may need to be done and is part of a long process.

Valerie has already created a brochure and business card with the information on it. Committee would like her to get them out in the public and to put up more posters to let the community know the program is in existence.

8. **Assignment of November Oral Reports-**
Committee members decided that they would like Licensing & Permits to do next months oral report along with Bill Kussel with the amendments to Ordinance 85-21.

9. **Other Business-**
Committee was informed that their next meeting is scheduled the day before Thanksgiving, which is November 27. Committee members stated that they are either on vacation or cannot attend the meeting. Committee changed the meeting day to November 20, 2002.

10. **Adjournment-**

Motion made by Lynette Miller to adjourn. Motion seconded by Gary Schuettpelz. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services