

**Government Affairs Committee  
September 15, 2004 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Tribal Office Conference Room A**

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

Committee Chairman Michael Chapman called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Those present: Gary Besaw (late), Lisa Waukau, Kathy Kaquatosh and Ben Kaquatosh. Jeremy Weso and Bob Lansing were absent. Also present for the meeting was, Anne Prunty, Adam Jensen, Ben Butler and Trilby Beauprey-McIntosh.

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

3. **Review Minutes Dated August 10, 2004-**

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to approve the minutes of August 10, 2004. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

Chairman Michael Chapman reviewed the minutes from the Special Joint Meeting of Health & Family Committee and Governmental Affairs. Since there wasn't a quorum of Governmental Affairs Committee members, Chairman Chapman felt that a motion was in order now that there is a quorum to concur with the recommendations to the Health Plan.

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to concur with the actions of the Health & Family Committee and motions from September 13, 2004. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 2-for, 1-opposed (Lisa Waukau), 3-absent. Motion carried.**

Gary Besaw arrived at 3:30 p.m.

4. **Virchow & Krause Company Presentation-**

Anne Prunty, Adam Jensen and Ben Butler were all present from Virchow Krause Company to talk about their Insurance and Employee Benefits Consulting Services. Ben informed the committee that the company has extensive experience in dealing with tribes and they have a few tribes as clients right now, therefore they have knowledge in working with Contract Health Services and Indian Health Service. Ben from Virchow Krause stated that the company would work with the tribe in evaluating all available alternatives to manage the rising cost of health insurance and manage health insurance programs to address the needs of tribal members, non-tribal member employees and elders.

If allowed to work with the tribe they will begin by gathering all relevant documents and performing a comprehensive review of the current employee benefit program. They will then formulate benefit plan objectives and alternatives. They will work with pharmacies to get the tribe the best deals on prescriptions that cannot be filled that the Clinic. Virchow & Krause has saved clients thousands of dollars on health care in the past and believes they can save this tribe money too.

Dan Maine stated that the tribe's current Consultant is Willis and right now the tribe is paying them between \$65,000 and \$70,000 per year based on fees and commission. Virchow Krause estimates the annual cost of the services will be \$66,000, including travel and administrative expenses. A letter of agreement will be executed which details the scope of services. Services which fall outside those specified will be subject to discussion and negotiation upon joint acceptance.

Committee members thanked the members of Virchow Krause for their presentation and after they left the committee discussed the issue and made the following recommendation;

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature that the Tribe change from Willis to Virchow Krause for Insurance and Employee Benefits Consulting Services. Motion was seconded by Lisa Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

5. **Complaint Procedure-**  
**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to table. Motion was seconded by Lisa Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**
6. **Discuss Campaign Finance Disclosure Ordinance-**  
**Motion made by Lisa Waukau to table. Motion was seconded by Gary Besaw. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**
7. **Ordinance 82-10-**  
**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to table. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**
8. **Review Rules of the Legislature-**  
**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to table. Motion was seconded by Lisa Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**
9. **Other Business-**  
Chairperson Chapman stated that the committee also has to deal with the flag usage issue. Committee members stated that Jeremy Weso is supposed to be working on the flag usage issue along with a section of the Rules of the Legislature but hasn't had time to work on them because of budgets. As soon as the budget is approved he will work on the issues.

Committee set the next meeting regular meeting for October 6, 2004 at 3:00 pm.

10. **Adjournment-**  
**Motion made by Lisa Waukau to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services