

**SPECIAL MEETING
TRIBAL FORESTRY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 24, 2009 @ 3:00 P.M.
FORESTRY CENTER**

1. Chairman Randal Chevalier called the meeting to order at 3:11 P.M. Roll Call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Randal Chevalier, Anthony Waupochick Sr., Al Pyatskowit, Walter Cox, Jeremy Pyatskowit. MEMBERS ABSENT: Myrna Warrington (excused), Rick Warrington (excused), David Grignon (excused), and Susan Waukau (excused). ALSO PRESENT: Christopher Caldwell, Michael Dockry, and Rochelle Tourtillott (recorder).

2. Moment of Silence.

A moment of silence was observed.

3. Current Status on the Forest Management Plan: Discussion and Recommendations.

Chris Caldwell informed the committee of the current status of the FMP, and recommended the next steps of action. He also introduced Mike Dockry who has had experience with reviewing similar management plans, conducting public listening sessions, and obtaining 3rd party technical review.

The committee was informed on how the chapters have been updated on the website, and since there has been employee turnovers in the past year that the chapters have now been reassigned. The technical group is trying to meet every two weeks with the next meeting set for September 3, 2009. The group has September 11, 2009 for the deadline for draft chapters.

Chairman Chevalier agrees that having a 3rd party facilitator for the public comment sessions would be good, because they would be unbiased. However, the downside is the person wouldn't know the land and the culture, etc. He asked how we would justify bringing someone in to lead these sessions.

Mike Dockry brings up the fact that there are native people out there who work on these types of activities, and that they can work with the community. It could be up to the committee to choose who they would want to help facilitate the public comment sessions.

Chairman Chevalier asked what the cost would be to have the review done along with helping with the listening sessions. Mike Dockry thinks the cost would be low considering the scope of work, but could not give an exact number.

Comment from Adrian Miller: Is the FMP in suit with the Constitution and that both bodies (MTL & MTE) should be brought up to date. He reserved comment until MTE was able to review the document.

Chairman Chevalier agrees that everyone should have a hand in it, because this has been an ongoing effort. Discussion on how to get the communities together to discuss the FMP: email, meetings, questionnaires. It was decided that meetings would be held in Keshena, Neopit and South Branch.

There was discussion on the involvement of the BIA, and that MTE and MTL should discuss the on-site protocol and BIA Forester. Al Pyatskowit worries about the time constraint due to both bodies reviewing the FMP since MTE has not been up to date in awhile.

Chris Caldwell re-emphasized the collaborative nature of the workgroup and that MTE is considered an important and vital partner in the development of this plan. He said that the MTE staff has been active participants in all of the FMP meetings, and that the MTE Forest Inventory person keeps the master document. He discussed the fact that the collaborative efforts at the technical level also need to flow through the political level for this process to work. The last FMP was submitted by MTE

directly to the Secretary of Interior, which is not the way the Trust and Management Agreement is set up.

Motion was made by Walter Cox to recommend to the Legislature that MTL and MTE meet to discuss trust responsibility of the BIA to the Menominee in regards to the forest and its management and to discuss a review approval protocol for the revised Forest Management Plan and any future revisions. Second was made by Anthony Waupochick Sr. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, and 4-absent (M. Warrington, R. Warrington, Grignon, and Waukau).

4. Develop a Timeline for Completion of the Forest Management Plan (in advance of 2010 deadline)

The committee discussed a general timeline for the FMP revision, listening sessions, 3rd party technical review, but this can be further developed by the workgroup at its next meeting and reported on at the next committee meeting. The dates are as follows:

- September 11, 2009- Technical group finish draft chapters
- October-December 2009 – obtain 3rd party technical review
- January-April 2010- Public comment period
- June-July 2010 – MTE review
- August 2010 – MTL review
- October 2010-Final Approved to Secretary of Interior
- December 2010 – Final Approved

The committee stated that the timeline could change if needed.

5. Set Future Planning/Public Meetings.

Chris Caldwell will give an update on the FMP to the committee at next months meeting, and include Menominee Nation News in the next upcoming FMP meeting to keep the public informed.

6. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Al Pyatskowitz to adjourn. Second was by Anthony Waupochick Sr. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, and 4-absent (M. Warrington, R. Warrington, Grignon, and Waukau).

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by;

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