

**REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL FORESTRY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 7, 2009 – 3:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Chairman Kenneth A. Fish called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Kenneth A. Fish, Myrna Warrington, Tony Waupochnik, Al Pyatskowit, Walter Cox, Dave Grignon, Jeremy Pyatskowit, and Barbara Caldwell. MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Waukau. Also present: Adrian Miller, Laurie Reiter, Edwin Wilber, Rebecca Alegria, Douglas Cox, Christopher Caldwell and Linda Peters, recorder.

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

3. Approval of Minutes dated October 28, 2008

The Committee would like a status report from Christopher Caldwell on the 3rd party certification information for the next meeting specifying what was said at the MTE Board meeting and if MTE allowed a contractor to pay for our certification in exchange for timber. This will be an agenda item for next month. Mr. Miller will assist with compiling this status report.

Motion made by Jeremy Pyatskowit to approve the minutes dated October 28, 2008. Second was by Walter Cox. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Waukau).

4. Trust Resource's Director's Report – November, 2008 and December, 2008

There were no questions on the monthly reports.

Motion made by Jeremy Pyatskowit to approve the Trust Resource Director's reports for November, 2008 and December, 2008. Second was by Al Pyatskowit. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried; 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Waukau).

5. BIA-MTE-MITW Correspondence Timeline

An MTL motion dated December 4, 2008 stated to send the BIA-MTE-MITW Correspondence Timeline documents related to forests to the Forestry committee and bring back recommendations to the Legislature. The motion did not state what type of report was requested so the committee will review all the documents and will comment at the next meeting.

Kenneth A. Fish informed the committee that some of the Legislative members would like the general council motions included. Dave Grignon has correspondence from 2005 regarding NARA violations that he would like included. Rebecca Alegria requested that a reference should be made that key personnel worked during the holiday during 2005-2006 and also the public outcry of the MTE Forestry practices.

Kenneth A. Fish informed the committee that he would like the committee to review the material for assistance with the development of a proposal to hire someone to write a narrative/summary of these documents.

Laurie Reiter gave a brief history of the implementation of Ordinance #05-22 (Tribal Logging Practices). Mrs. Reiter also informed the committee that she has reviewed the material that was presented to the committee and that the document is the history and anyone can write a narrative, but everyone has a different view/slant on the same material. The material that was presented is unbiased and this is the type of format that should be preserved.

The committee will review the timeline material for next month's meeting. Any comments will need to be sent to Christopher Caldwell to include in the committee packets.

Motion made by Al Pyatskowitz to table this issue. Second was by Walter Cox. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Waukau).

6. MTL motion dated November 15, 2008 re:
Tribal Ordinance 05-22 Tribal Logging Practices Limitations

Christopher Caldwell informed the committee that the prescriptions were taken care of and follow up information was provided in the committee packets.

All future prescription information will be sent to the committee for accountability.

7. Other business:

A response was received on December 16, 2008 from the Forest Manager informing Mr. Caldwell that MTE assures that all prescription qualifiers are met without having a full time forest ecologist on staff. Douglas Cox gave a brief history on the Forest Ecologist position within the MTE structure. Adrian Miller commented that our Tribe has and will always protect the forest and MTE has an etymologist and an ecologist coming to the Reservation on a regular basis. Laurie Reiter informed the committee that MTE created the forest ecologist position, and it was a MTE management decision to pull the position. This item will be discussed by the Board in Executive Session. MTE Chairman Reiter will make sure that the Tribe is notified of their decision.

MTE Chairman Reiter will also address the MTE silviculturist resignation and keep Christopher Caldwell abreast of the situation. MTE Chairman Reiter is aware that this position is vital to the passage of the MTE prescriptions to the BIA.

Barbara Caldwell informed the committee that she will no longer be representing the Community Development Department due to family obligations and the Director will be making a new assignment.

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The Forest Management Plan is being revised to reflect the staffing changes.

8. Adjournment.

Motion made by David Grignon to adjourn the meeting. Second was by Al Pyatskowitz. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Waukau).

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder
Chairman's Office