

# Natural Resources Pillar

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## Workgroup Meeting Notes May 25, 2023

The workgroup began by reviewing the meeting notes from May 11, 2023 and May 18, 2023 for clarification. The current issue that was brought up for the dumping of waste for campers is a problem, and trailers being parked on tribal properties. The workgroup made recommendation to send this to Administration as there is a holding tank at the Pow-wow grounds, but it would need additional valves and water hoses to be usable. There may be dollars from Indian Health Services (IHS).

Goal 1: Objective 1 - has been completed

Goal 1: Objective 4 – no concerns, never formalized, set aside

Goal 1: Objective 5 – no specific plan for Forestry

The workgroup suggested to wait until MTE is at the table to address the Forest Management section of the Natural Resource section of the MITW Strategic Plan.

Goal 5: Increase Environmental Education for the Menominee Community; Objectives 1-3 should go over to the Education Workgroup.

Also, Natural Resource Workgroup indicated the following Goals and Objectives should be addressed by the Menominee Tribal Legislative leaders:

- Forest Management – GOAL 6: Amendment of the Menominee Constitution
  - Objective 1: Gap Analysis of forest operations
  - Objective 2: Define stumpage and identify payment options
    - Value of tree as it stands; they pay loggers the cost to take it out of the woods; there has been no change to this formula; non-payment
- Land Use - GOAL 7: Objective 3: Implement Building Codes – Community Development never met with workgroup; recommend this to go over to the Economic Workgroup. Bayland Builders used their standard building codes to develop Standing Pines; issue should be discussed with Administration
- Land Use – GOAL 7: Objective 4: Revision of Land Use Plan (Commercial Development)
  - Constitution, Article 12, Ordinance 83-5 from 1983 would need to be revisited to make a revision to the Land Use Plan – this would need support from the MTL in a constitutional change; should be an effort by workgroup and MTL
- Land Use – GOAL 8: Objective 1: Address Sustained Yield Lands
  - Work with BIA for an annual allowable cut at an allowable annual cost (stumpage)
- Land Use – GOAL 8: Objective 2: Improve/develop a procedure for the removal and addition of sustained yield lands
  - This should be a part of the Land Use Plan – there has been no movement
  - Compartment 223 – Forestry Zoned Land; tribal lands not managed – not in sustained yield; should be an effort by workgroup and MTL
  - Sister property north; trust land – sustained yield?
- Land Use – GOAL 8: Objective 3: Educate the community and tribal leaders on sustained yield
  - Would be eliminated without Goal 8: Objective 1. MTL has taken land out of sustained yield; there has been no true education on this subject as sustained yield has not been defined

Land Use – GOAL 9: Maintain and Improve Infrastructure; Objective 1 thru 4– Recommend going over to the Economic Workgroup

- Suggestion to create a Sanitation District around Legend Lake – GAP Analysis – Shawano Lake Sanitary District generating revenue; be long term but could be successful – pump station
- Objective 3: Doesn't need to stay, doesn't belong under the Natural Resource section
- Objective 4: Roads workgroup addresses issues of road maintenance; the Tribe, County and MTE meets monthly

Land Use GOAL 10: Increase Housing Opportunities - Objective 1-4; recommend to be addressed by the Social Workgroup

- Housing may have done some of this work; explore this with Housing Department. Talk to Administration on getting other staff involved.

Land Use GOAL 11: Expand and Enhance Resource Protection/Use; Objective 1 thru Objective 4 recommended to go over to Social Workgroup

- Land Use Plan develop a tourism feasibility study; it should be under the Natural Resource Section – green tourism – RV Park
- Objective 5 - Workgroup will need to review for corrections

Land Use GOAL 12: Take out as it is identified elsewhere

Water Use GOAL 13: Natural waters, maintain water quality – this has now become a part of the Environmental Services Department functions; no longer a goal & objective.

Water Use GOAL 14: This has become an Environmental Services Department work plan; no longer a goal and objective.

Water Use Goal 15: Objective 1 – Identify and evaluate impeded free-flowing waters; **this objective will be moved to Goal 13 and listed as Objective 4.**

Water Use – GOAL 16: has been completed

Water Use – GOAL 17: Objective 2; Develop a plan to control/remove invasive species is ongoing

Water Use – GOAL 18: has been completed

Fish and Wildlife – GOAL 19: Maintain and Enhance Diversity of Native Species for Cultural Well-Being. Ongoing Environmental Services Department specific work plans; this is ongoing, being done now continually, keep this in, it may need to be reworded. Follow up with Historic Preservation on Objectives 1 & 2.

Goals 20, 21 and 22 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

A concern was brought up at the workgroup regarding people using tribal lots without a tribal lease; seeing it more and more by Moshawquit Lake along with garbage dumping.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2023 located at Community Development Conference Room.

## Workgroup Meeting Notes May 18, 2023

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The workgroup began by reviewing notes from 5/11/2023 and agreed there were no changes to be made. We then began to review the goals and objectives from the Natural Resource Forest Management section:

Goal 1: Objective 1 – has been completed

Goal 1: Objective 4 – no concerns...never formalized, set aside

Goal 1: Objective 5 – no specific lobbying plan for Forestry

Workgroup suggested to wait until MTE is at the table to address the **Forest Management** section of the Natural Resource section of - MITW Strategic Plan.

### Goal 7: Objective 3 – Implement Building Codes

- **NOTE:** Community Development never met with workgroup; recommend **Economic Workgroup** work on this as Bayland Buildings used their standard building codes to develop Standing Pines; there were no building codes to follow, as we have none. This issue should be discussed with Administration.

### Goal 7: Objective 4 – Revision of Land Use Plan

- **NOTE:** Needs to be done without being identified as the Land Use Plan; previous note from 5/11/2023 indicated commercial development should be on the top of our list. It is difficult for Tribal members to start businesses. **Group needs to work on this.**

### Goal 8: Objective 1: Address Sustained Yield Lands

- **NOTE:** Work with BIA for an annual allowable cut at an allowable annual cost

### Goal 8: Objective 2: Improve/develop a procedure for the removal and addition of Sustained Yield lands

- **NOTE:** There has been no movement; **continue as it is?**

**Goal 8: Objective 3:** Would be eliminated without Goal 8: Objective 1; MTL has taken land out of sustained yield; there has been no true education on this subject as sustained yield has not been defined

**Goal 9: Maintain & Improve Infrastructure; Objective 1-4 should move over to the Economic Workgroup. Objective 3: Doesn't need to stay, doesn't belong under Natural Resources section. Objective 4: Roads Workgroup addresses issues of road maintenance.**

**Goal 10: Objectives 1-3; should go over Social Workgroup**

**Goal 11: Workgroup will need to review for correction; send to Social Workgroup**

Goal 12: Take out; as it is identified elsewhere

Goal 13: Natural waters; maintain water quality. This has now become a part of the Environmental Services Department functions. No longer a goal & objective.

Goal 14: Listed in Environmental Services Department work plan; no longer a goal & objective.

Goal 15: **Objective 1 will be moved to Goal 13 and listed as Objective 4;** take out Objective 2 as this has been completed and will be taken out.

Goal 16: Completed

Goal 17: Objective 2: Ongoing

Goal 18: Completed

Goal 19: Ongoing Environmental Services Department specific work plans; Historic Preservation follow up for Objectives 1 & 2. This is ongoing, being done now continually, keep this in, it may need to be re-worded.

The workgroup will continue with the last few goals at the next meeting to go over to see if they have been completed, ongoing or not started. We will revisit the goals and objectives that are remaining.

Next meeting located at Community Development Conference Room, Thursday, May 23, 2023 at 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. There is no Skype or Zoom meeting invitations as we will be doing an exercise to create the new goals & objectives. Thank you!

## Workgroup Meeting Notes May 11, 2023

The workgroup reviewed the previous notes from May 4, 2023; no changes were made. The workgroup continued on to review the 2007 Goals & Objectives that had #1's assigned, meaning they didn't get completed and are being revisited. Notes identified the following:

A Current Issue was Brought Up:

- Campers trailer dumping along the roadway; empty sanitation along the roadway this is a big issue and with the season starting soon, it will continue to be a big problem.
- Put it up by the pow wow grounds; dump station, from camps – problem, years ago, dig a hole and go to the bathroom; buying or renting sanitation toilets is now going to be an issue with the costs going higher, people aren't going to want to pay to have them.
- One department, Schoenke's or Brady's toilet outlets; jacking prices up with concern that people are doing the same by digging a hole and putting in the ground.
- What can we do about that...homeless people, deal with year-round, we will have people complaining and doing this around the lakes.
- Tribal members won't be able to afford the toilets and will be violating again
- This will become an objective – there is a camping ordinance – this is one of the issues that will be CAMPING CODE will be a goal.
- Asking about Port-a-Potties; 3 or 4 giving out to price – community development could assist in this area as well.
- 3 or 4 campers are residents camping rather than building a home; where is that waste going; dumping is an issue – also by tribal police with the drug issue with people who may be homeless.

- Who is living on the property – lease states it must be the owner of the lease.
- More than one camper on a lot; a number of issues – it is a land use issue.
- Strengthen the plan and a regulatory issue; we don't have a law that we can site them with.
- If it is mobile and wheels, lessor and property was given to me – so Tribal Police okayed it and then the question is; now where is your waste going? Nothing to go to the bathroom, residential lot, or parcel within reservation – the one occupying should be on the lease.
- Residential lot, they can't camp on a residential lot, and it is in the code.
- Sanitation department – no digging outhouses
- HOW WELL ARE OUR ORDINANCES/CODES DOING?
- CH 495 – sewage disposal, can't give a citation and/or evict or condemn the property CH 138 – can't evict.
- Get legal involvement – individual being in the home on residential leases; good idea to invite to the workgroup goal to assist in fixing this issue.
- Pow-Wow grounds – community development utilities that we could do, but it needs something for people to manage it; people would use it. Essentially every campground has them; the disposal tanks need to be pumped. Camping seasons leave it open...it needs to become the norm and not the exception. Maybe do a short-term plan to address the current issue and gain a plan to build another through grant funding.
- Construction – several thousand to have this completed.
- No enforcement: how when there is no law to support it.
- Prosecution – not paying the fines.

GOAL 5: Objective 3: Communication Plan – Devan to develop a plan to inform the community on the pow wow grounds dumping station and speak with Community Development.

GOAL 6: Objective 1: GAP Analysis of Forest operations – should be done MTL Retreat – constitutional issues – send to the task force; better ask legal.

Objective 2: Define stumpage – take it to the MTL Retreat; still an objective.

Goal 7 Objective 4: Commercial development; land use plan...WRDC, CASINO, and MTE – should be on the top of our list – difficult for Tribal members to start businesses. The ticket is to get answers on paper and steer us in the right direction – treat it like we do this; this group needs to work on this.

The Tribe doesn't get involved – WRDC, no permit because you can't do this as a descendant – lose out.

Recommend the change or amendment of the Constitution, Article 12, Ordinance 83-5 from 1983. This would need to be revisited to make a revision to the Land Use Plan – take this to MTL as well.

Communication Plan – so much data to put out to the community, may not be a good thing.

Goal 8: Objective 2: Sustained yield – communication plan/department helps us with this MTL retreat.

Goal 9: Objective 1: Sanitation District around Legend Lake – GAP Analysis – Shawano Lake Sanitary District generating revenue; be long term but could be successful – pump station.

Goal 10: Perform GAP Analysis – Housing may have done some of this work; explore this with Housing Dept. Talk to the Administration about getting the involvement of other staff – same handoff to housing.

Goal 11: Expand & Enhance Resource Protection/Use; Perform- GAP Analysis – land use plan Develop a tourism feasibility study; it should be under the natural resources section – green tourism – RV park.

Wildlife & Conservation Goals will be added back in as the document provided for the 2007 Strategic Planning under Natural Resources was unintentionally left out of the printout. This will be available in the attachments to the invitation for the meetings.

The workgroup meeting ended at 3 p.m. Next meeting, Thursday, May 18, 2023 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Community Development Conference Room.

## Workgroup Meeting Notes May 4, 2023

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Workgroup reviewed the SWOT Analysis created by 2023 Director's Retreat and previous SWOT created with original MITW Strategic Plan:

STRENGTHS – Keep previous and 2023 SWOT recommendations.

- There are 240 cultural resource archeological sites – this can also be looked at as a weakness due to the buffers.

WEAKNESSES

- Tribal funds vs. BIA.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Work group agreed to keep the future opportunities the same.

THREATS

- Environmental impacts
- Fee issues – such as Family Center fitness center – we don't charge the membership.
- Legal representation – freshwater rights.

The workgroup did not have an opportunity to discuss the Passions & Priorities.

Next meeting, Thursday, May 11, 2023 from 1-3 p.m. at the Forestry Center.