

**Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. at the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Council meeting room by Chairman Al Bauman, with the following committee members present: Maynard Bedish, Gene Cizek and Sig Hjemvick. Jack Harrison was excused. Others addressing the committee during this meeting: Vilas County Juvenile Intake Intensive Supervision Worker Mike Wurl; Vilas County Public Health Director Gina Egan; Tribal Health Department Director Julie Balocca; LDF Town Board Supervisor Mike Christensen; Vilas County Sheriff's Dept. Chief Deputy Joe Fath; Tribal Housing Manager Charles Carufel; Tribal Council member Elmer Rising Sun; Lakeland Times reporter Eric Johnson and Vilas County Clerk David Alleman.

Open meeting notices and quorum present were verified by the Chair.

**Approve agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair:**

Motion by M. Bedish, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Cizek to approve the agenda with the order of discussion at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

**Approve February 25, 2010 minutes:**

Motion by M. Bedish, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Hjemvick to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2010 meeting as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

**Law Enforcement update:**

**a. Meeting updates:**

Nothing presented.

**b. Arrest and activity schedule:**

J. Fath presented a written arrest and activity report. He was pleased to report that criminal activity had declined county wide compared to the previous year. He commended local law enforcement agencies for what he termed as "excellent police work". The Chair then inquired regarding pending legislation that would allow Tribal police forces to request mutual aid from surrounding municipal departments. Currently, Tribes must have existing mutual aid agreements in place with cooperating police forces before mutual aid requests can be made. J. Fath stated that legislation that would allow Tribal law enforcement agencies to invoke mutual aid was progressing. The Chair praised the Sheriff's Dept. for the thoroughness of the written reports.

**c. Drug enforcement:**

J. Fath reported on the recent approval by the County Board to create a law enforcement position to specifically target prescription drug abuse. This position is grant funded. Legislation is also pending on the State level involving the creation of a statewide prescription drug database designed to help identify prescription drug abusers who "doctor shop" as a means to procure drugs for personal use or for sale. The Chair reported that construction of the new Tribal Police Dept. building would soon begin.

**Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program update:**

M. Wurl presented a written activity report detailing his Juvenile Intensive Supervision activities.

**a. Citizen request:**

Tribal Housing Manager C. Carufel inquired as to the possibility of obtaining jail inmates or juveniles for community service work. S. Hjemvick replied that the Circuit Court would need to be communicated with regarding jail inmates. C. Carufel then asked M. Wurl if juvenile offenders could be used in community service, specifically to help clean up vacant Tribal Housing program dwellings. M. Wurl replied that this would be possible during the summer school recess, but that with a case load of 30 juveniles, the Juvenile Intake Dept. would be hard pressed to provide any supervision at the work sites. The Chair asked that both entities cooperate on this issue, with the blessings of the committee.

**Health Department update:**

J. Balocca reported that 3 student nurse-practitioners were working in the Tribal Health Center over spring break. Their presence is part of an immersion program designed to acquaint them with the challenges of rural health care and different cultures. She also reported that Vilas and Price Counties would be taking part in clinical training, in conjunction with Tribal Health. The training is being held as part of the Emergency Preparedness grant. G. Egan reported that a new computer reporting system was allowing for better communicable disease reporting. Vilas County Public Health is also working on implementing an Environmental Health program. She also reported that there were three candidates for the county Humane Officer position. J. Balocca reported that a state grant totaling \$3,600 was received by Tribal Health. The funds will be used to purchase infant and child car seats. She hopes to be able to use a portion of the grant to help fund the Humane Officer position. G. Egan reported that a new database had been created, designed to improve health issue reporting from area summer camps. G. Cizek asked about the success of the prescription drug collection program. G. Egan replied that 32 pounds of pharmaceuticals had been collected to date.

**Vilas County Prevention Coalition update:**

G. Egan reported that the coalition continued to meet.

**Set date for next meeting:**

The next committee meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M., Thursday, April 22, 2010 at the Tribal Center.

**Communication project update:**

G. Cizek reported that the completion date for the new LDF communication tower had been moved ahead to sometime in May. The delay was attributed to issues regarding the availability of the shelter building.

**County D request:**

A. Bauman reported that the Tribal Council was requesting permission to install sidewalks, curb and gutter along a portion of CTH D. M. Christensen inquired regarding the possibility of obtaining state and county approval for a 4-way stop at the intersection of Hwy 47 and CTH D, located in the downtown area adjacent to the Tribal offices and the casino. He feels that traffic volumes indicate that a 4-way stop may be needed. The Chair will refer both issues to the Highway Committee.

**Letters and communications:**

The Chair reported that the Director of the Vilas County Social Services Dept. was retiring in April. The County is seeking a qualified individual to fill that position. The Chair also asked if the Tribal Council was prepared to appoint two members to the Tribal Concerns Committee. E. Rising Sun responded that the Council continued to deliberate over those appointments.

**Future agenda items:**

The Chair asked that he be given any new agenda items at least 10 days before the next meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by G. Ciszek, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Bedish to adjourn. All voted aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 A.M

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Alleman  
Vilas County Clerk