



POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

"The Pokagons Tell it"

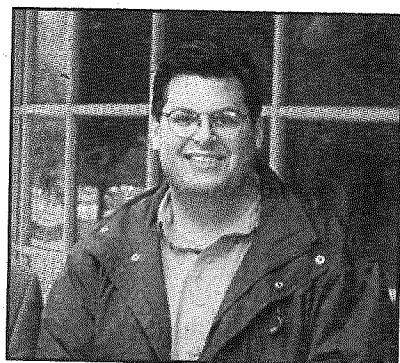
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Hello everyone,

Many wonderful things have been happening to our tribe in the last few months. This is a historic time for the Pokagon Band. It is my honor to be able to share our accomplishments with you, and I hope all of you share my pride in what has been accomplished in a short amount of time.



Gaming site

We have submitted our application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to take our gaming parcel in New Buffalo into trust. Included with the application was the local agreement signed by the city and township of New Buffalo. This document expressing their support for our gaming project will do much to expedite our application. Resolutions to support our efforts have also been passed by Chikaming Township, Three Oaks Township, and the villages of Three Oaks, Grand Beach, and Michiana.

We have finished the 30-day comment period, which allows citizens and tribal members to write to the BIA regarding the casino. I also traveled to Minnesota during June to meet with the BIA regarding our application. The following are the next steps in our application process:

- The BIA will form its recommendation and share it in letters to state and local officials. The public is entitled to request a copy of the letter and may appeal the BIA's recommendation, or ask the BIA to reconsider.
- Once any appeals are decided, a title search will be completed on the property included in the application.
- A legal notice will be published in the newspaper, and anyone has 30 days to appeal the recommendation.
- The BIA sends the recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior, who makes the final decision.

Barring appeals or complications, we hope to have the land in trust by the end of the year, and the casino open by fall 2001. When we have approval on our application, we will better be able to give you dates on events such as construction, hiring, and the grand opening.

Gaming compact

I'm sure many of you know that our gaming compact was one of four compacts ruled invalid by Ingham County Circuit Judge Peter Houk. Judge Houk ruled that the Michigan Legislature cannot approve the compacts through resolution; it must be done by legislation. Legislation would need a majority of the members serving in the Legislature (56 of all 110 votes). A resolution only needs a majority of the members present at the time of the vote.

The compacts were deemed approved Feb. 2, 1999, and published in the Federal Register on Feb. 18, 1999. The BIA is still processing our application, and the state is still accepting money from other casinos that

also had their compact ruled invalid. These are sure signs that the state and federal governments do consider our compact valid. The lawsuit is, however, in appeal, and is expected to head to the state Supreme Court.

Gaming contracts

Our gaming contract with Lakes Gaming, Inc. has been sent to the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) and is waiting for review. It will be evaluated simultaneously with our application to take the gaming parcel into trust.

Reservation sites

We are continuing to secure the three reservation sites promised to us in Memorandum of Understanding signed last January. The agreement allows us to take up to 4,700 acres of land into trust in our traditional homelands. Roughly 700 acres have already been sited in New Buffalo for our casino operation. The remaining 4,000 acres will be used for tribal housing, offices, recreational facilities, and preservation land for the benefit of our future generations.

We have secured options on reservation sites in Hartford and Dowagiac, Mich., and are currently identifying possible sites near Indiana's St. Joseph River Valley. It is important that we keep the specific sites quiet during the process as not to drive up land prices. We will let the tribe know the exact locations as soon as we are able.

We are in the planning stages of many other projects. Staff and tribal members are working on ways to better unify the tribe, as well as supply much-needed resources. With the membership spread among Michigan, Indiana and throughout the country, it is important that we take extra steps to make sure that all of our members are receiving what they need.

I want to thank everyone for all of their hard work. The Tribal Council spends many nights each week making wise decisions on what is in the best interest of our tribe. The Elder's Council performs their governmental duties and provides me with much-needed advice. The committees are vital in providing the planning and details for many of our projects. Your hard work does not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

It is also important that we remember our ancestors, who paved the way for the wonderful things happening to us. Without their hard work and dedication, we would not be here today.

I cannot express what an honor it is for me to serve the tribe during this exciting time. Please feel free to call me at the tribal offices at (616) 782-6323 or at home at (616) 621-3846 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

John Miller
Tribal Chairman

Dotawatomi Indians

Application terms

With all the new experiences happening to the tribe, it sometimes can be tough to keep ahead on the new terminology. Here are a couple phrases that you might have heard being used.

What does "fee-to-trust" mean?

The fee-to-trust process is our application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to designate certain land as reservation land. This is also called putting land into trust. What actually happens is the federal government takes the land off the role books, so it no longer has taxes paid on it. Instead, it is reservation land owned by the band.

Some people do get angry over land that is no longer having taxes paid on it, however the local governments are not losing money on the deal. Our gaming compact with the state ensures that a percentage of slot machine revenue be given to the state and local governments. The state

receives 8 percent, and the local governments share 2 percent. Our Local Agreement also provided money for the reservation lands in Hartford and Dowagiac, Mich., and near Indiana's St. Joseph River Valley that will be taken into trust.

What is the difference between the BIA and the Department of the Interior?

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is a division of the Department of the Interior. The Department of the Interior handles all matters regarding Native American land and all American-owned property, such as national parks. The BIA is responsible for handling Native American concerns and issues.

In the case of our application to put land into trust, the BIA will make a recommendation to the Department of Interior, and the Department of Interior will make the final decision.

Strategic Planning Committee

A Strategic Planning Committee has been formed to help the Tribal Council and staff target and effectively respond to the needs of the members. You will recall the committee conducted a survey back in summer 1999 in order to get a better understanding of tribal needs. Since then, the committee has been working on several projects:

Internet connection As the tribe grows larger and people move away from the service area, we need to look at ways to keep the tribe connected. With the tribe spreading throughout Michigan, Indiana, and across the country, the committee has been looking at ways to connect the tribe electronically. They are currently looking at ways to make sure every tribal member has a computer and an Internet connection. This will allow tribal members to have access to a Pokagon website to get current information. It will also allow members to keep contact via e-mail, though they may be hundreds of miles apart.

Dowagiac offices Possible office locations are currently being looked at to consolidate all seven of the Dowagiac offices into one site. Once this happens, tribal members will be able to visit all the tribal departments in just one trip. This is one way we are hoping to better serve our tribal members' needs.

Health insurance The committee is looking at ways to provide tribal staff members with health insurance cards to make their trips to the doctor more efficient. They are also looking at ways to provide health insurance to any tribal members who don't have access to insurance.

Watch for updates on the Strategic Planning Committee and their projects in upcoming issues of Pokégnek Yajdanawa.

Service Area

Efforts are underway to help the tribe better serve tribal members out of the 10-county service area. Much of the funding that the tribe receives is service-area based. This means that the tribal members that live outside of the service area are not eligible for such programs.

The legislation that was originally drafted to define our service area was mainly set up for tribes who were land-based. Since the Pokagon band has never owned reservation land, many of our members are outside of the 10-county service area. Thus they are not eligible for some of the programs that use service area-based funding and have rules that restrict provision of services to those members living in the service area.

It is important to tribal leaders to correct this. Options are being explored. The tribe is considering asking for a legislative change.

As of January 1, 2000, there are 1494 tribal members living in Indiana and Michigan. Only 902 of those live in the service area.

The 10-county service area includes the counties of Allegan, Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren in Michigan. Service counties in Indiana include Elkhart, Kosciusko, Laporte, Marshall, Starke, and St. Joseph.

Pokagon Population

As of January 1999, there was a total of 2,505 members. There were 1,494 living in Michigan and Indiana. The following charts are the populations in Michigan and Indiana counties. Counties in the 10-county service area are bolded.

Michigan counties	Number of members
Allegan	82
Barry	6
Berrien	363
Branch	7
Calhoun	9
Cass	262
Eaton	6
Hillsdale	0
Ionia	5
Kalamazoo	113
Kent	117
Montcalm	3
Muskegon	30
Newago	5
Ottawa	29
Van Buren	267
Total Michigan members	1304
Total Michigan members living in service area	974
Indiana counties	Number of members
Elkhart	29
Kosciusko	3
Laporte	0
Marshall	16
Starke	0
St. Joseph	142
Total Indiana members	190
Total Indiana members living in service area	190

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH FLOYD GALLEGOS
MAY 4, 2000

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, John Warren, Marie Manley, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Tom Morris, Henry White, Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marj Reno and Faye Wesaw.

Absent: Jefferson Ballew III (unexcused).

Also in Attendance: Floyd Gallegos, Marlene Lawrence and Stephen Blann

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 10, 2000

Meeting Called to Order: 7:10p.m. by Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary

Invocation Given by: Jefferson Ballew III, Member at Large

Roll Call: Marie Manley, Jefferson Ballew, III, Tom Morris, Henry White, Alice Overly, Marj Reno, Faye Wesaw, Tom Wesaw, Jr. (arrived at 7:40p.m. wrong location), John Warren (arrived at 8:25p.m. due to Bead Class).

Absent: John Miller (family commitment), and Ernie Daisy (work commitment).

Also in Attendance: Board of Commissioners - Corey Price, Maxine Margiotta, Marge Moody, Mary Jo Morris and Marchell Wesaw, Assistant Tribal Attorney.

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

RESOLUTION #1 made by Marj Reno and 2nd by Alice Overly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the proposal of the Board of Commissioners allowing compensation to Mary Jo Morris, Corey Price, Maxine Margiotta, John Morseau and Marge Moody for services rendered as a housing commissioner at a rate of \$60.00 per meeting as allowed by the Housing Ordinance, retroactive to March 1, 2000. Wages to be paid from Housing Department Funds.

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom W.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Marie M.	Abstain	Tom M.	Abstain	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Abstain	Henry W.	Abstain	Faye W.	Absent
John M.	Absent	Ernie D.	Absent		

ALL IN FAVOR: 4, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 3, ABSTAIN: 4. CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Morris and 2nd by Marj Reno with voice approval at 9:00p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 13, 2000**

Meeting Called to Order at: 10:07a.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: Gerald Wesaw, Elder

Roll Call: John Miller, Marie Manley, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Tom Morris, Henry White, Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marj Reno and Faye Wesaw.

Absent: John Warren (cultural commitment) and Jefferson Ballew III (unexcused),

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

Tom Wesaw submitted the following resolution to amend the Treasurer duties under the By-Laws.

RESOLUTION #1 made by Tom Wesaw, Jr. and 2nd by Faye Wesaw.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Treasurer shall have access to all Tribal finances, monitor all Tribal financial transactions. This includes payroll and all payables.

FURTHERMORE: The Finance staff will assist the Treasurer in any way when asked without interference from the Tribal Council or Directors. The Treasurer will report any findings to the Tribal Council.

Jefferson B.	Absent	Tom W.	Y
Alice O.	Y	Marie M.	Y
Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Absent	Henry W.	Y
Faye W.	Y	John M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y		

**ALL IN FAVOR: 9, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 2,
ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #2 made by Tom Wesaw, Jr. and 2nd by Alice Overly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Treasurer's request to have legal staff change the language in the By-Laws for the Treasurer. The new language should change the duties of the Treasurer to match the language or improve the language of the resolution just passed.

Jefferson B.	Absent	Tom W.	Y
Alice O.	Y	Marie M.	Y

Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Absent	Henry W.	Y
Faye W.	Y	John M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y		

**ALL IN FAVOR: 9, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 2,
ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #3 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Alice Overly

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the recommended date change to the Election Policy provided by "Election Committee".

Jefferson B.	Absent	Tom W.	Y
Alice O.	Y	Marie M.	Y
Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Absent	Henry W.	Y
Faye W.	Y	John M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y		

**ALL IN FAVOR: 9, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 2,
ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #4 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Marj Reno

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the applications for enrollment of the people as presented this day 05/13/00.

Atwood, Joshua T.
Fox, William I.
Guerrero, Erik M.
Murray, Alexandra A.
Murray, Victoria G.
Owen, Justin R.
Rose, Andrea
VanderWal, Amber D.
VanderWal, Brooke M.
VanderWal, Nicole M.
VanderWal, Whitney S.
Webber, George B. II
Wesaw, Thomas N. III

Jefferson B.	Absent	Tom W.	Y
Alice O.	Y	Marie M.	Y
Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Absent	Henry W.	Y
Faye W.	Y	John M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y		

**ALL IN FAVOR: 9, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 2,
ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #5 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Ernie Daisy

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council

cil accepts travel plans for Kenneth L. Antisdell, Human Resources Coordinator to Personnel Seminar training in Albuquerque, New Mexico for June 12-14. Costs to include air fare, lodging, per diem and seminar fee. Estimated total \$1400.00. Report to be submitted upon return.

Jefferson B.	Absent	Tom W.	Y
Alice O.	N	Marie M.	N
Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	N
John W.	Absent	Henry W.	Y
Faye W.	N	John M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 5, OPPOSED: 4, ABSENT: 2, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #6 made by Ernie Daisy and 2nd by Henry White
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council proposes to pay \$3,000.00 for M.A.S.T. membership dues.

Jefferson B.	Absent	Tom W.	Y
Alice O.	Y	Marie M.	Y
Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Absent	Henry W.	Y
Faye W.	Y	John M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 9, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 2, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #7 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Ernie Daisy
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council is in full support of the Childhood Blood-Lead Screening, one year grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency submitted by the Health Services Department. This grant will allow us to screen the lead levels in the blood of Native American children.

Jefferson B.	Absent	Tom W.	Y
Alice O.	Y	Marie M.	Y
Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Absent	Henry W.	Y
Faye W.	Y	John M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 9, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 2, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #8 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Ernie Daisy
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the travel plans for Stephanie Ballew, Behavioral Health Coordinator,

Raphael Szykowski, MSW, and Jeffrey Riley, Admin. Assistant from the Behavioral Health program to attend the MIS & Evaluation Training to be held in Sault Ste. Marie from May 17-20. All expenses (lodging, per diem and mileage) for this training will be picked up/reimbursed by the Helping Hands Grant.

Jefferson B.	Absent	Tom W.	N
Alice O.	N	Marie M.	N
Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	N
John W.	Absent	Henry W.	Y
Faye W.	N	John M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 4, OPPOSED: 5, ABSENT: 2, ABSTAIN: 0. FAILED.

Motion to adjourn was made by Marj Reno and 2nd by Alice Overly with voice approval at 2:00p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH KAIGN SMITH/ROB GIPS
ENTERPRISE/CHARTER & BY-LAWS
MAY 15, 2000**

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:13p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation given by: John Miller
Roll Call: John Miller, John Warren, Marie Manley, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Tom Morris, Rae Daugherty, Faye Wesaw, Alice Overly (conferenced in at 7:45p.m.) and Marj Reno (arrived at 7:58p.m.).
Absent: Jefferson Ballew III (unexcused) and Ernie Daisy (unexcused).

Also in Attendance: Marchell Wesaw- Asst. Tribal Attorney, Rob Gips - Tribal Attorney and Kaign Smith - Tribal Attorney.

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

RESOLUTION #1 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Marj Reno
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council authorizes Lakes Gaming to send out architect Request for Proposals in the form attached hereto with such changes as the Tribal Attorney recommends.

Jefferson B.	Absent	Tom W.	Y
Alice O.	Y	Marie M.	Y
Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Y	Rae D.	Y
Faye W.	Y	John M.	Y
Ernie D.	Absent		

ALL IN FAVOR: 9, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT; 2, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rae Daugherty and 2nd by John Warren with voice approval at 11:50p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 15, 2000**

Meeting Called to Order at: 11:50p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Roll Call: Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Warren, John Miller and Marie Manley.

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

Issue at Hand: MIS Training per Christine Daugherty. This training was brought forth on May 13th, Tribal Council Meeting and failed. It was brought back today due to if training is not attended we would be out of compliance with the Helping Hands grant.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Wesaw, Jr. and 2nd by John Warren with voice approval at 11:55p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
CLOSED SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL L
WITH SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR
CHRISTINE MAYNARD
MAY 16, 2000**

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:02p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Warren

Roll Call: John Miller, John Warren, Marie Manley, Tom Morris, Henry White, Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly (conferenced in), Marj Reno and Faye Wesaw.

Absent: Tom Wesaw, Jr. (medical reasons) and Jefferson Ballew III (ill).

Also in Attendance: Christine Maynard - Social Services Director and Marchell Wesaw- Assistant Tribal Attorney.

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Warren and 2nd by Marie Manley with voice approval at 7:33p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
CLOSED SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH ENROLLMENT STAFF AND COMMITTEE
MAY 17, 2000**

Meeting called to Order at: 7:07p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, Marie Manley, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Jefferson Ballew III, Tom Morris, Henry White, Marj Reno and Faye Wesaw.

Absent: John Warren (bead class), Ernie Daisy (unexcused) and Alice Overly (jury duty).

Also in Attendance: Enrollment Committee - MichaelAnn Gartner, Audrey Huston and Margaret Rapp, Enrollment Staff - Loraine Gideon and Judy Augusta, and Asst. Tribal Attorney- Marchell Wesaw.

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Marj Reno and 2nd by Henry White with voice approval at 8:32p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH MANAGEMENT TEAM
MAY 17, 2000**

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:35p.m. by Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary

Invocation: Given at an earlier session.

Roll Call: John Miller, Marie Manley, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Jefferson Ballew III, Tom Morris, Henry White, Marj Reno, Faye Wesaw and Alice Overly (conferenced in at 9:10p.m. due to serving jury duty).

Absent: John Miller (family situation), John Warren (bead class) and Ernie Daisy (unexcused).

Also in Attendance: Management Team - Christine Daugherty and Judy Augusta.

Minutes taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Tom Wesaw, Jr. and 2nd by Marj Reno with voice approval at 9:22p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
FEG ADVISORS, NATIVESUN & VISIONS
MAY 24, 2000**

Meeting Called to Order: 7:07p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Council

Invocation: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, John Warren, Marie Manley, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Jefferson Ballew III, Tom Morris, Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marj Reno, Faye Wesaw and Henry White (arrived at 7:12p.m.).

Also in Attendance: Interim Executive Director - Floyd Gallegos.

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

At this time John Miller turned the meeting over to Tom Morris, Member at Large who called the meeting.

RESOLUTION #1 made by Tom Wesaw, Jr. and 2nd by John Warren.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council

requests that Nativesun & Associates be retained to do an executive search for the Band for the following open Tribal positions:

Executive Director
Finance Director
Education Director
Community Development Director

FURTHERMORE: That April 18, 2000 proposal submitted by Nativesun & Associates be reviewed and amended as necessary by legal council with direction from Tribal Council Chairman, John Miller, Human Resources Coordinator and Tribal Council.

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom W.	Y
Alice O.	Y	Marie M.	Y
Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Y	Henry W.	Y
Faye W.	Y	John M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 11, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 0, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #2 made by Tom Morris and 2nd by Henry White

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council requests retaining FEG Advisors to work on Phase II of their recommendations with Tribal Council and staff.

FURTHERMORE: That the May 24, 2000 proposal submitted by Floyd Gallegos be reviewed and amended as necessary by legal council with direction from Tribal Council Chairman, John Miller.

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom W.	N
Alice O.	N	Marie M.	N
Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Y	Henry W.	Y
Faye W.	N	John M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 7, OPPOSED: 4, ABSENT: 0, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #3 made by Tom Morris and 2nd by Henry White

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council requests retaining Angela Bryant and Tom Griggs of Visions to do additional leadership training and facilitating for the Council.

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom W.	N
Alice O.	Y	Marie M.	Y

Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Y	Henry W.	Y
Faye W.	Y	John M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 10, OPPOSED: 1, ABSENT: 0, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn was made by Henry White and 2nd by Alice Overly with voice approval at 10:08p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 25, 2000**

Meeting Called to Order: 7:10p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, John Warren, Marie Manley, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Jefferson Ballew III, Tom Morris, Henry White, Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marj Reno and Faye Wesaw.

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

RESOLUTION #1 made by Marie Manley and Ernie Daisy

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council supports the funding of the Summer Youth Employment Program for eight (8) Pokagon youth for eight (8) weeks at \$6.50/hour for 24 hours a week. The funding will come from BIA 638 monies. The cost for employment for eight (8) youth will be approximately \$9,984.00.

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom W.	Y
Alice O.	Y	Marie M.	Y
Tom M.	Abstain	Marj R.	Abstain
John W.	Y	Henry W.	Y
Faye W.	Y	John M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 9, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 0, ABSTAIN: 2. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #2 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Henry White.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves training/travel plans for Rebecca Price, RNC, Community Health Nurse and the incoming Registered Health Information Technician to attend the RPMS training to be held

June 20-23, 2000 at the Holiday Inn Express in Pellston, Michigan. This training is designed for CHR Supervisors, Immunization Coordinators, Women's Health Coordinators, and PCC Data Entry Coordinators. Costs include per diem, lodging and the use of a GSA vehicle totaling approximately \$750.00 to be paid for out of I.H.S. funds. Report to be submitted upon return.

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom W.	Y
Alice O.	Y	Marie M.	Y
Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Y	Henry W.	Y
Faye W.	Y	John M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 11, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 0, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #3 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Marj Reno

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves training/travel plans for John Anderson, Contract Health Services Coordinator to attend the 2000 I.H.S. Information Technology & Program Support Conference June 5-9, 2000. Conference to be held at the Crowne Plaza Pyramid Hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This year's theme reflects the future of technology in healthcare. Improving business processes and program support through strategic partnerships and information technology. Costs include lodging, per diem and airfare totaling approximately \$750.00, to be paid out of I.H.S. funds. Report to be submitted upon return.

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom W.	Y
Alice O.	Y	Marie M.	Y
Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Y	Henry W.	Y
Faye W.	Y	John M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 11, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 0, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #4 made by John Warren and 2nd by Alice Overly

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves travel costs for Walter Cooper, Citizen Band Elder, for Language instruction at Youth Camp 2000 at the cost no more the \$242.00 round trip.

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom W.	Y
Alice O.	Y	Marie M.	Y

Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Abstain	Henry W.	Y
Faye W.	Y	John M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y		



ALL IN FAVOR: 10, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 0, ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Warren and 2nd by Henry White with voice approval at 7:58p.m.

STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

SAPC MEETING MINUTES

05/31/00

Judy Winchester called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at Elders Hall. Jo Ellen Leith gave the invocation. In attendance were Co-chairpersons Judy Winchester and Jeffrey Riley. Also in attendance were Patricia Klemm, Jo Ellen Leith, Mary Jo Morris, Corey Price, and Thomas Morris.

The April 19th, 2000 SAPC meeting minutes were reviewed and no corrections were requested or made.

The May 3rd, 2000 SAP discussion meeting report was reviewed and no corrections were requested or made.

Thomas Morris distributed a binder of business and economic development materials to each of the participants. An overview of those materials is attached to these minutes.

Jo Ellen Leith had an addition to the agenda and was asked to present her matter as the first agenda item. She discussed starting a revolving loan fund to aid businesses within the Band. First Nations has seed money grants available in the amount of five thousand dollars that may be used for planning such endeavors. She asked those present what the best use of that planning money would be. It was suggested that we contact Phillip Martin at the Mississippi Choctaw who is the Chairman of a very successful Tribe in regards to economic development. A point of discussion was inquiring how other Tribes recruit people to sit on oversight board of directors for specific programs. Another point was obtaining models of other Tribes' revolving loan programs for review. Jo Ellen briefly discussed the Lakota Fund, which is a successful revolving loan fund in Indian country. The Lakota Fund workbook is included in the binder distributed at this meeting.

Thomas Morris described the contents of the binder and discussed some specifics about the materials pertaining to the Small Business Administration, Lakota Fund's workbook, and FED's proposal regarding the Band starting its own Internet service provider. He stressed that all three groups of materials emphasize planning and self-assessment as major components to making a business successful.

Thomas Morris distributed update material to the Pokagon Band Education Survey 2000, which has totaled 356 responses. The material included the updated statistics for all thirty-three survey questions, Membership comments and concerns, and state and county demographics of the responses. Responses were received from twenty-five states and Canada. Also distributed were two memos from Tribal staff who had concerns regarding the survey or its publication.

The next SAPC meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 26th at 6:00 p.m. MI time at Elders Hall. [Due to scheduling conflicts, the next SAPC meeting was later moved to June 28th - tm]

Judy adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Prepared by Thomas Morris

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy 10th Anniversary
Ronald and Lynn

Happy Birthday
Jan Sklar - July 18th
Love, Mom and Dad

Happy Birthday
Jeff - July 19th
Love, Mom and Dad

Happy Birthday
Price Parker - July 19
Love, Sis

Happy Birthday
Butch White 7/22

Happy Birthday
Judy Winchester 7/21

Happy Birthday
Ginny Wesaw - July 13th
Love, Your Family

Happy Birthday
Shane Rumage
Love, Mom and Dad

Happy 12th Birthday
Josh Williams
Love, Dad Jerry

Happy 21st Birthday
Josh Price
Love Always, Your Family

Happy Birthday
Ginny Wesaw
Love, Scott, Alec and Sarah Quinn

Happy Birthday
Shari Carroll - July 26
Love, Mom

Happy 25th Anniversary
Kelly & John - July 26th
From the Whole Family

Happy 5th Anniversary
Joe Riley - July 8th
Love, Jeffrey Lynne

Happy Birthday
to our brother
Kenneth B. Rader
Love - Fred, Sarah and George

Happy Birthday
Sylvester Wesaw
Jordan Wesaw
Monnie Wesaw
and all of the other family
members who celebrate
special occasions this month.

Happy 1st Birthday
Julius Rumage
Love, Your Family

Happy Birthday
Rachel Reed - July 3
Eric Brown - July 9
Amy Heffington - July 12
Stella Heffington
Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday
Jeffrey W. Williams
Jerry W. Williams
Julius E. Williams
Love, Jerry

Congratulations
Kim Falk on your new job as
Administrative Assistant in
Housing!
Love, Your Sister Shannon

Happy Birthday
David Maleski, Jr.
Tammy Sorters
George McMurtrie, Jr.
Love Ya'll - Mom and George

Congratulations
to our graduates
Heather Wilcox
Patty Wesaw
Levi Wesaw
We hope your futures are full of
happiness, joy, prosperity and peace.
With much love,
Martin J. Wesaw and Viola Wesaw

Happy Birthday
Kim Diane Falk
Love, Your Sister
Shannon Liggett, Mom,
Brian, Taylor, Jackson,
and Kenny

Birth Announcement
Derrek Anthony-Scott Collett



Born: April 30, 2000
Parents: Carol and Jimmy
Brother: David
Grandparents:
David and Diane Mix
Jr. and Gail White
Great Grandma: Mildred Mix

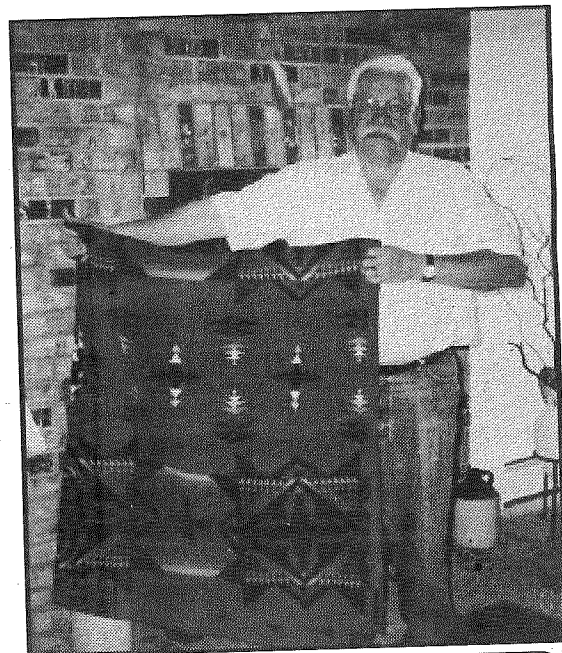
Happy Birthday
to the Wesaw Clan
Ginny Wesaw 7/13
Jordan Wesaw 7/15
Becca Fisher (Drake) 7/16
John M. Wesaw 7/30
Kyle Carlock 7/30

Congratulations
Rhian Nelson

For being on honor roll your
whole 7th grade year and
student council. Also,
congratulations on making 8th
grade cheerleading!
We are all so proud of you.
Keep it up!
Love - Mom, Joe, Megan
and Joey

Congratulations
Taylor Whitney Falk
For scoring 4.0 on the
MEAP Test!
Love, Mom, Grandma
and Brian

Happy Birthday
John Willis
Love, Robert, Jeannette,
and Kristina



Henry White displays a blanket he
won at Men's Health Fair in June.

ATTENTION

Elders Turning Age 65

Please contact Petey Boehm for an
application for the Edlers Stipend.
Call Petey at 1-800-517-0777.

MEET THE STAFF

NANCY APPEL, R.D. **DIETICIAN/NUTRITIONIST**

I became a Registered Dietician in October of 1992. As a non-conventional student, I received my degree at Michigan State University and graduated, cum laude, in June of 1991. In August I moved to Dallas, Texas to do my internship for one year. I learned a lot about becoming a dietician and also discovered that I did not want to live in Dallas any longer than necessary. Toward the end of this overly busy, tedious year, I was delighted to have the opportunity to move to the beautiful island of Oahu (Hawaii) and spent the first 2 months studying for the R.D. exam (while laying on the beach) – what a life!! I started working 3 week after I arrived as the nutritionist for the WIC (Women, Infant and Children) Supplemental Food Program at a neighborhood health clinic and enjoyed the people so much it ended up being the only job I did the entire time I was over there. I married and had a beautiful baby girl during the second year, but after the third year found I had a bad case of “rock fever” and was homesick for my family and friends and the comfortable mid-west.

My daughter and I now live in our newly purchased, 51 year old home on the west side of Kalamazoo. She is seven years old and is the joy of my life. When I am not with her I am teaching my clients about how to better manage their diabetes (or any other nutrition related disease). I obtained a lot of wonderful experience and knowledge while working as an inpatient dietician at Borgess Medical Center during 1996-1999, where my biggest interest was always giving diet instructions on diabetic meal planning. I have realized in the past few years that this is the area of dietetic that I want to focus on, mainly because the results of adherence to the diet are so helpful in maintaining good health and controlling blood sugars. In the past year I’ve obtained a tremendous amount of home-health experience while working for two different agencies. I enjoy this setting because I find the client to be much more “teachable” and ready for learning when they are in their own environment (and sometimes they even offer to show me their foods in their cupboards which helps me – help them!!)

I have been enjoying working for the Pokagon Health Services these past few months and have already met so many nice people that make my job fun! The world of nutrition is fascinating and I look forward to sharing it with any members that are interested in living a longer, healthier life!

JIM BUSSLER **COMMUNITY** **HEALTH NURSE**

My name is Jim Bussler and I’ve been a Community Health Nurse for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians for about four months. I graduated from Southwestern Michigan College in 1989, and I have been a Registered Nurse for almost eleven years. In that time I have done just about every type of nursing out there from O.B. to the Emergency Room. My focus though has always been on Critical Care Nursing.

I have two boys, ages 9 and 10, and my wife Kristie. All three of them are proud Pokagon Band members. We all attend Michiana church of Christ here in Dowagiac.

If you find that you need some help please feel free to call me at the Pokagon Band Indian Health Services office. (616) 782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234.

JOHN B. ANDERSON **CONTRACT** **HEALTH** **SERVICES** **COORDINATOR**

Born and raised in the north woods in Manistique. Graduated with a BA from Western Michigan University.

Served as a Branch Controller in Springfield, IL, for Xerox Corporation, Administrator for Job Corps and Community Action Agency in Battle Creek, Finance Director at Community Mental Health in Allegan and as Business Manager for Lakeview Medical Clinic in Paw Paw.

Three grown boys who perform in computer administration, construction, and chemical engineering. One grown step-daughter with my three-year-old grandson, Jacob, who helps Grandpa around the yard and garden. We currently live in the country near Allegan and Bloomingdale.

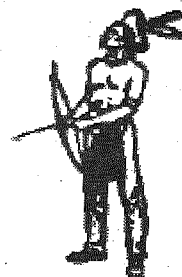
KENNETH ANTISDEL **HUMAN RESOURCES** **COORDINATOR**

I would like to introduce myself to the membership as the Human Resources Coordinator. I started at the Administrations Office at the beginning of April. I want to encourage all members, who qualify, to send a resume for job posting. It is most important that we fill job vacancies with Pokagon Band members whenever possible.

If you would like for me to keep a copy of your resume on file, I will. Although I can only file your resume for six months, all you would need to do is send a cover letter for the position of interest once posted.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Antisdel

Mail resume to:
Kenneth Antisdel / HRC
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
901 Spruce Street
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

901 SPRUCE STREET, DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

(616) 782-0887 / 1-888-330-1234

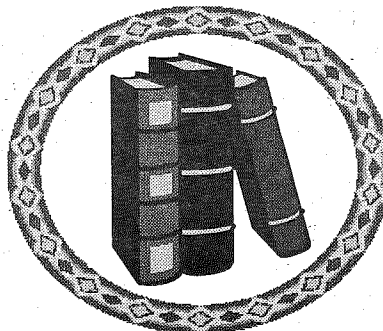


R.E.A.D.Y. Kits

The State of Michigan has a "Read, Educate And Develop Youth" Reading Program. Parents with children up to prekindergarten age can receive a R.E.A.D.Y. kit which includes a children's book, an I Am Your Child videotape, a children's music cassette tape, and a folder with book lists and age appropriate activities for children. Call the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children's toll-free number at (877) 997-3239 for a free kit.

Need Tutoring Help?

Tutoring help is available for students in K-12th grade. Please contact Marie Willis at 1-888-330-1234 for more information.



"Look Who's Involved"

Parents/guardians are asked to send info of students' achievements such as honor roll, high attendance, volunteer accomplishments, sports awards, etc. Please call Marie Willis at 1-888-330-1234 or send information to Pokagon Band Education Department, ATTN: Youth Programs, 901 Spruce Street, P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac, MI, 49047.

Important Financial Aid Information

Students who are planning to apply for the tribal scholarship must apply for the Federal financial aid by filing out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA application can be sent out any time after January 1, 2000 for the 2000-2001 school year. Generally, students need to allow about six weeks for the application to be processed and sent back to the college financial aid office. Therefore, it is in your best interest to start filing for financial aid as soon as possible to receive a good financial aid package at your school and to help avoid any "last minute" tribal scholarship problems. **You need to apply for federal aid and fill out the FAFSA every year that you are attending school and are applying for the tribal scholarship.** Tribal members can not receive a tribal scholarship without filing for financial aid first.

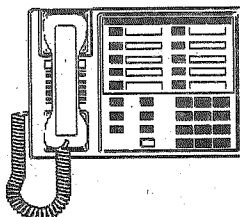
Students can also apply for the FAFSA over the Internet @ www.fafsa.ed.gov instead of using the paper form. If you have any questions, please contact the Education Department at 1-888-330-1234.

HOW TO CONTACT US:

POKAGON BAND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
901 SPRUCE STREET
P.O. BOX 180
DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

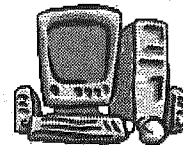
(616) 782-0887 OR 1-888-330-1234

Education Director: Kathy Deka
 Youth Programs Coordinator: Marie Willis
 Youth Specialist: Tara Painter
 Cultural Coordinator: John Warren
 Receptionist: Sarah Valdes



Computer Lab

If you wish to use the computer lab, please call and make an appointment. We may have events scheduled for the lab, so we suggest that you call us to verify that the lab is available before stopping in. We have plenty of educational software and games for you to enjoy. If you haven't visited our computer lab, now is the time. Members interested in taking computer classes should contact the Education department and let us know what kind of classes you would like us to make available to you. We should begin to start classes again this fall.



Need to get your G.E.D.?

We have a very nice software package that can help you prepare for the G.E.D. or just brush up on basic math and reading skills. If you'd like to try this out, please let us know and we can schedule a time when we can demonstrate the software to you. You don't need to have computer experience to use this software.

← Pokagon Band Education Department (Across from the Burger King drive-thru) →

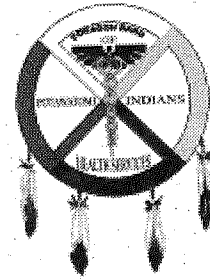
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

210 NORTH FRONT STREET, DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

(616) 782-4141 / 1-888-440-1234

To be eligible for Contract Health Services, all files must have:

- 1) Patient registration form with current information.
- 2) A copy of a Michigan I.D. or driver's license with current address.
- 3) A second proof of residence. (This can be a copy of a utility bill, voter's registration card, or your vehicle registration with current address)
- 4) Proof of insurance and proof of Denial from Medicaid (must be current).



Note: We Must have at least a 3 day notice of all appointments! Emergencies are the exception with 72 hours afterwards to contact us.

Please report any changes in address, telephone or health insurance coverage as soon as possible to prevent interruption of Contract Health Services.

Attention Pokagon Families

What: Pokagon Youth Health Fair

Where: Sacred Heart Hall, 51841 Leach Road, Dowagiac, Michigan

When: Saturday, August 12, 2000

Time: 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Who's invited: Pokagon Youth and their Families.

Come and join the fun. You will enjoy the food, Prizes, and much more. For all ages of children, from 1-18 years of age. But don't forget your families. No one will want to miss this great time. Look for more information in upcoming flyers.

Call us if you have any questions.

(616) 782-4141 / 1-888-440-1234



ENROLLMENT

104 N. RIVERSIDE, DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

(616) 782-1763 / 1-888-782-1001

TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS

This office does not have current addresses for the individuals listed. Their cards remain to sit in our office.

Will the individuals please send a written statement of your current address to the Tribal Enrollment Office. Your card will be mail certified, return receipt.

All tribal cards are mailed Certified Mail, Return Receipt.

Tribal Cards have been returned because they were not picked up at the Post Office. The Mail Carriers leave a notice they have tried to deliver mail which required a signature. Go pick it up.

We also need a current address for Jo Dee Davison. If anyone knows this person ask her to contact the Enrollment Office.



POKAGON VETERANS

Contact the enrollment office to let us know you are a veteran. We have a Pokagon Veteran patch for you.

Adams, Lora R.
Ashby, Lewis H.
Campbell, Howard L.
Collett, Jeffery A.
Davis, Tara J.
Easley, Nicholas G.
Elayyan, Marie E.
Elayyan, Helemah D.
Hollars, Eddie L.
Hill, Johnny H., Jr.
Mix, Hannah R.
Rader, Diana L.
Van Steenberg, Monica J.
Stover, Teresa A.
Tanner, Raymond D. III
Thompson, Phyllis A.
Warren, Aaron C.

Alexis, Lindsey A.
Barr, Katherine M.
Campbell, Richard A.
Davis, Rhonda J.
Davis, Joseph E.
Easley, Ryan A.
Elayyan, Jacqueline N.
Hamstra-Cherry, Sheinah
Hollars, Lillian J.
Mead, Travis W., Jr.
Morseau, John M.
Robinson, Pauline J.
Sturm, Paula R.
Tanner, Ashley
Tanner, Raymond
Walters, Alvaro L. Sr.
Winchester, Alexis M.

SOCIAL SERVICES

901 Spruce Street, P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047

(616) 782-8998 / 1-800-517-0777

Elders Outreach

The Social Services Department is working to expand the Elders Outreach program. If you are an Elder, or know of an Elder, who would benefit from home visits by our Elders Specialist, we want to hear from you! Please call Yvonne "Petey" Boehm or Chris Maynard at 782-8998 or toll free at 1-800-517-0777.

Bread Available

We have formed a partnership with Felpausch to receive their day-old bread. We will pick up bread from the store daily. This is an ongoing partnership; therefore, it does not have a date for the program to stop. Please stop into the Commodity office and get some baked goods. You don't need to fill out an application, you don't need an appointment and you don't have to live in the service area to participate.



Please contact us if you have any questions.

Local: (616) 782-3372

Toll-free: 888-281-1111

Fax: (616) 782-7814



Recycle Kids' Stuff!

The Social Services Department is currently seeking the following children's items and supplies:

- Girls clothing sizes 8 – 10 and 4-6
- Boys clothing sizes 1T, 2T, 3T, 4T and 8 – 10
- Newborn/Infant clothing (We're waiting to see of it's a boy or a girl!)
- High Chairs
- Strollers
- Cribs
- Girls' Hair supplies (barrettes, ties, ribbons, etc.)
- Crib sheets
- Twin sheets
- Pillow cases
- Puzzles
- Board games
- Videos
- Bicycles



If you have children's items in good condition that you would be willing to donate to other tribal families, please contact the Social Services Department. Donation pick-up services are available.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

714 N. FRONT STREET, DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

(616) 783-0385 / (877) 983-0385

Programs available through the Pokagon Band Housing Authority are:

- Repairs & Renovations
- Down Payment Assistance
- Sanitation
- Emergency Rent / Mortgage Payment
- New Housing

You must be an enrolled member, live in the ten county service area and meet income eligibility requirements. Applications for all programs are available at the Housing Authority Office located at 714 N. Front Street, Dowagiac. (The old Substance Abuse building)

Sanitation Program – Those members scheduled to have work done through the Sanitation program can expect a tentative date of the second or third of June for their projects to begin.

Housing Authority Meetings – Meetings will be every other Monday beginning June 5, 2000. Everyone is welcome to attend. These meet-

ings are held at the Housing Authority Office at 714 N. Front Street, Dowagiac.

New Housing / Reservation – We are now establishing a waiting list for the new housing to be built. Applications are available at the Housing Authority Office.

If you have any questions about any of our programs, etc., please feel free to call:

Toll Free: 1-877-983-0385

Local: (616) 783-0385

Fax: (616) 783-0195



MINUTES

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
 ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
 JUNE 1, 2000 - 11:00 A.M.

The minutes for the newsletter were unapproved.

The meeting was called to order by Marge Moody at 11:18 A.M.

Invocation was given by Clarence White.

Roll Call

Present: Marge Moody, Clarence White, Mary

Jo Morris, Rachel (Rae)

Daugherty, Henry White, Jr.

Absent: Gerald Wesaw - excused - trip

Quorum Present

Attendance: 29 Elders

Addition: Medicare Part B

Yvonne (Petey) Boehm

Rae Daugherty moved to approve the agenda of June 1, 2000 with the addition. Clarence White seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

Clarence White moved to approve the minutes of May 4, 2000. Rae Daugherty seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

Becky Price, RNC informed us Diabetes and Nutrition classes are being held every 2nd. and 4th. Tuesday at Elders Hall after gerobics. Also every 4th. Tuesday afternoon foot care is given from 12:00-4:30. Becky and Jim Bussler, RN are sharing the healthy start program, and still doing home care outreach. In the planning stage is a youth fair in August and a women's health fair in September.

Marge informed us that the Elders won't have a seat on Tribal Council as we always have. The Elders Representative seat was a temporary seat replacing Gary Morseau.

Gerald Wesaw wanted Marge to inform us that Tribal Council is considering being a paid Council when they break ground for a casino. Gerald wanted to get a little input from the members on what you think about our Elders Council being paid when they break ground. It might encourage someone to run for of-

fice.

Marge had a sign up sheet for Elders going to the MIEA Conference being held July 18-23, 2000. Thirteen Elders are signed up now.

Marge talked to Shirley Willard about the Trail of Death dedication. There's a problem setting up a date. A date in October may be set up.

The officers rescinded the resolution made for Gordon Wesaw to transport Elders from Elders Hall to South Bend for gerobics. It has been discontinued for the time being in South Bend.

A new resolution was made for Elder transportation to gerobics.

Resolution #00-009, dated May 22, 2000, made by Mary Jo Morris, seconded by Marge Moody. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Elders Council approves the 32.5 cents gas mileage rate for Gordon Wesaw to transport Pokagon Band Elders in the Head Start bus to and from Elders Hall for gerobics when I.H.S. or Social Services Transporters are not available. Cost to be paid out of the Elders General Fund. All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Yvonne (Petey) Boehm stated that letters are being sent out to Elders signed up for the Potawatomi Gathering. It will state what motel and room you will be staying at; and where the buses will pick you up. Petey also informed us that the application letters went out for Medicare Part B reimbursement, paid from January to present.

Announcements:

Elders picnic at Gage St. property June 22, 2000 11:00 A.M.

Huron Band of Potawatomi open house for their new Tribal Center
 Saturday, June 24, 2000 12:00 Noon-7:00 P.M. 11 Mile Rd. Fulton, Mi.

Rae Daugherty moved to adjourn at 11:56 A.M. Clarence White seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

Submitted by:
 Mary Jo Morris
 Elders Council Secretary
 6-7-00



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