



POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

"The Pokagons Tell it"

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

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Hello everyone,

I would like to, first of all, thank everyone for all the help they have given to the Tribal Council and me. During this important time for the band, it is crucial that we receive insight and help from all of our members—this includes the Tribal Council, the Elders Council, the committees, the tribal staff and all the tribal members.

I am happy to announce that our application process to take a gaming parcel in New Buffalo Township into trust is going well. We are also close to announcing the three reservation sites promised to us in the Memorandum of Understanding. The 4,000 acres, located in Hartford and Dowagiac, Michigan, and near Indiana's St. Joseph River Valley, will be used for tribal housing, offices, recreational facilities, and preservation land for the benefit of our future generations.

Minnesota

We traveled to Minnesota in June to meet with the Midwest Regional Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in order to check on the status of our application. Plans to meet with the BIA office in Washington D.C. stemmed from this meeting.

Washington D.C.

We traveled to Washington D.C. in July and had excellent meetings with both the BIA and the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC).

We met with the BIA to discuss the status of the band's trust application and the status of the land acquisition process in the three other consolidation sites. I am happy to report that everything seems to be going smoothly. Barring any glitches, we expect the application for the gaming parcel to be approved by the new year.

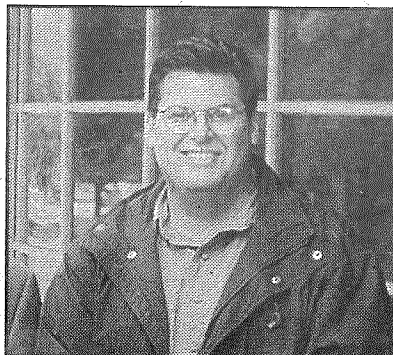
The meeting with the NIGC was to discuss their evaluation of our gaming contract with Lakes Gaming, Inc. Things are also moving along with this process. It looks favorable that the NIGC will be able to stick to the same timeline as our trust application.

Letters of support

We encourage all tribal members to write to the BIA in support of our gaming project. It is very important that the BIA hear from us. A quick letter in support of the band and the casino project will do much to help.

The letter should address why you think the casino would be good for the band and for the community. Feel free to write what you want. You might consider writing about the following:

- The casino will provide good paying, full-time jobs for our people.
- Money from the casino will be used for education for our young people.
- The casino will allow us to build housing on our reservation land in order to bring our people back together.
- Money from the casino will be used to rejuvenate our culture.
- Revenue from the casino will allow us to provide things such as health care and insurance to our members.
- The casino will allow us to provide for our elders and young people.



Please address letters to:

Larry Morrin

Director, Midwest Regional Office

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building

One Federal Drive, Room 550

Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4007

Casino Architect

An architect firm has been chosen for the casino project. In August, the Tribal Council voted to hire Urban Design Group from Dallas, Texas.

Projects that they have done work on include Disney in Orlando, Florida; Mohegan Sun Resort in Montville, Connecticut; and Luxor/Excalibur Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada just to name a few.

Per capita meeting

A meeting was held Saturday, Aug. 15 to discuss per capita payments from casino revenues. Nearly 120 tribal members attended the open meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to find out how our band feels about per capita payments. Thank you to everyone who attended. We received many wonderful ideas. As your elected officials, it is important that the Tribal Council hear from the membership in order to make informed decisions on behalf of the band. That is also why we hold tribal elections. This gives you the chance to choose who you want to represent you in these decisions.

It is important to keep in mind other ways the money can be spent. The revenue will also be used to fund education, rejuvenate our culture, continue to provide services to those both in and outside of the service area, develop our newly acquired reservation land, and build housing. These are just a few of the things we need to do for our members. We also need to pay back the debt from building the casino and buying the reservation land.

Again, thank you for all of your help. 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,

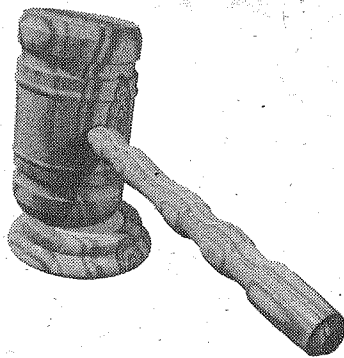
John Miller

Tribal Chairman

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

Tribal News

Tribal Council Elections



Our tribal elections were held July 8, 2000, to fill three open Member-at-Large Tribal Council positions as well as the Treasurer position. Those elected to the offices are Trudy Loeding, Henry White, Edna Faye Wesaw and Thomas Wesaw.

Trudy Loeding was the only new face voted into the Tribal Council this election. Trudy was born and raised in Dowagiac, Michigan. She has taken classes in journalism at Southwestern Michigan College in Dowagiac, and spent three years as an accounting clerk in the tribal finance offices. Trudy is married and enjoys writing and reading. Please help me in welcoming her to the Tribal Council.

Thank you to everyone who ran for office and voted in the election. This is one of the ways that everyone can be involved in our tribal government.

Current Tribal Council

Chairman: John Miller
Vice Chairman: John Warren
Secretary: Marie Manley
Treasurer: Thomas Wesaw

Members-at-Large:

Ernie Daisy
Trudy Loeding
Thomas Morris
Alice Overly
Marj Reno
Edna Faye Wesaw
Henry White

POKAGON BAND TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES

In an effort to employ more Tribal Members in our offices, Tribal Council and the Human Resources Department have instituted a plan to employ Pokagon Band Members on a temporary "as needed" basis.

Any Tribal Member meeting minimum requirements may apply for the "temporary pool" of employment.

Only Tribal Membership completing application, participating in general interview, and meeting needs of required background checks and references will be asked to participate in the "temporary pool". Rate of pay will be determined by the position being filled and minimum requirements of that position.

Temporary Employees will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Employee Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while aiding us to continue smooth delivery of our services.

Interested Tribal Members send cover letter stating interest as "Temporary Employee". General interviews will be conducted by the Human Resources Coordinator.

SEND BY MAIL RESUMES TO:

Pokagon Band Temporary Staffing Services
Attn: Human Resources
P. O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

New faces

The following are people who have recently started working for the Pokagon Band. We're happy to have them on board.

Kenneth Antisdel - Human Resources Coordinator
Tina Barger - Receptionist/Clerk in Social Services
Melissa Bruce - Bookkeeping Finance Clerk
Cornelius Bush - Security
Kathy Deka - Education Director
Joy Duff - Community Health Representative
Anna Marlen - Registered Health Information Technician
Josie McGothlin - Receptionist/Clerk in Behavioral Health
Tara Painter - Youth Programs Specialist
Mark Parrish - Environmental Coordinator, Administration
Patricia Pelto - Patient Registration
Dan Porter - Information Systems Specialist/Instructor
Joseph Riley - Security
Sarah Valdes - Receptionist/Clerk in Education
Hal Weatherwax - Security

Constitution Update

The Constitution Committee is reviewing the final set of comments and recommendations from the tribal attorneys, regarding the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) informal comments on the draft Pokagon Constitution. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for August 19th, to review the recommendations on the first four articles of the draft, covering tribal jurisdiction and territory.

The Committee will continue to meet in the coming months to review the remaining recommendations. The next step will then be to send a revised draft to Tribal Council. Council's task will then be to approve a final draft to be presented to the BIA, for the BIA to supervise a ratification vote of the tribal membership.

For any questions regarding the draft Constitution, please call Kevin Daugherty at (616) 782-8998 or (800) 517-0777.

Submitted by Kevin Daugherty
Constitution Committee Chair

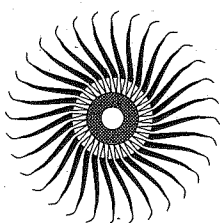
What's new in the Accounts Payable?

Laser Checks: We will be using laser checks in the new fiscal year.

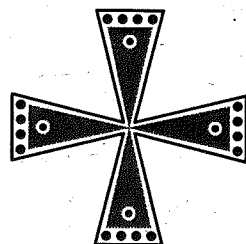
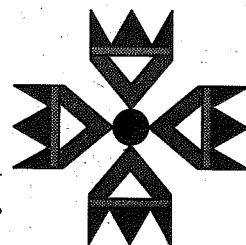
I would like to congratulate Vanessa Baxter on her new job. Vanessa has been in college for quite a while now, her new career is in the medical field. Vanessa has accepted a position at a dental office and we wish her great success. We would also like to thank her for the great job she has done in the finance office. Thank you for all your hard work keep in touch.

Accounts Payable Department

KEE-BOON-MEIN-KAA POW WOW

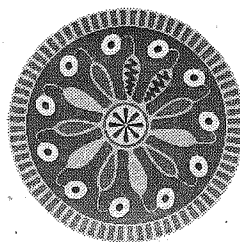
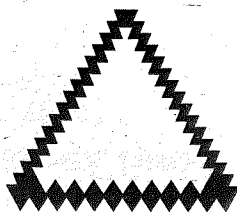


Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow is coming up again. The Pow Wow is slated for its sixteenth year at St. Patrick's County Park in South Bend, at the Indiana-Michigan border, on the Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day weekend, September 2-3.

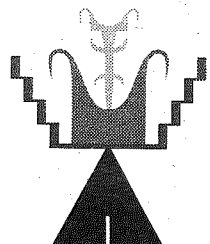
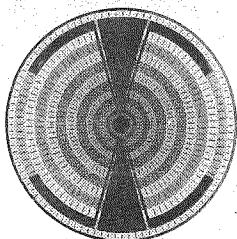


"Kee-boon-mein-kaa" means "I have quit picking huckleberries" in Potawatomi, and the Pow Wow is a continuation of the celebrations our people had following the big blueberry harvests. This year's festivities begin Friday evening with a cookout for the incoming participants and volunteers. The drumming and dancing begin the next day, with Grand Entries on Saturday at 12:00PM and 6:00PM, Indiana time, and on Sunday at 1:00PM, Indiana time.

Head Veteran Dancer again this year is George Martin. Head Male and Female Dancers are Frank and Jennifer Barker. Emcee this year is Leonard Malatare, and he will be assisted by David Shananaquet as Arena Director. The drum duties will be rotated among the participating groups.

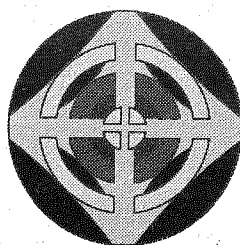


The Pow Wow annually has thirty-five to forty-five vendors, featuring Native American food, jewelry, beadwork, and crafts. The Pow Wow also features 50-50 drawings and a raffle. This year's items for the raffle include a fifteen foot tipi, a black ash basket with lid, a cradle board, and a pair of handmade flutes.



Special features for this year include demonstrations on flint-knapping, and a lacrosse game sponsored by the Miami Indians of Indiana on Sunday morning. People are invited to participate in both these activities.

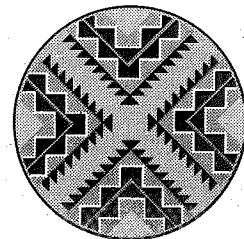
Volunteers are always appreciated. Main activities where the Pow Wow Committee can use some extra hands include working the admissions gates, helping with the meals on Friday night and Saturday afternoon, and helping with the arbor set-up beginning on Wednesday before the Pow Wow.



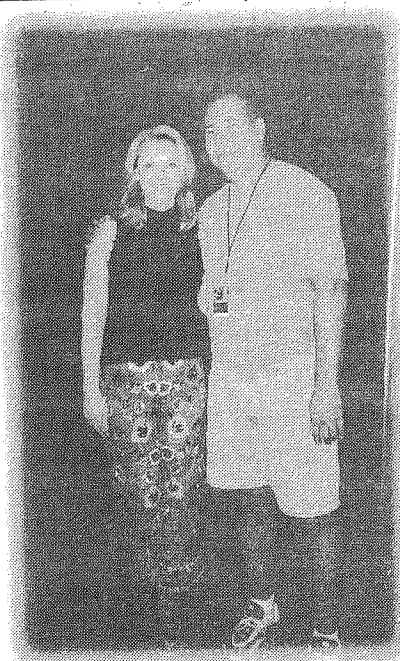
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Hope to see you there.

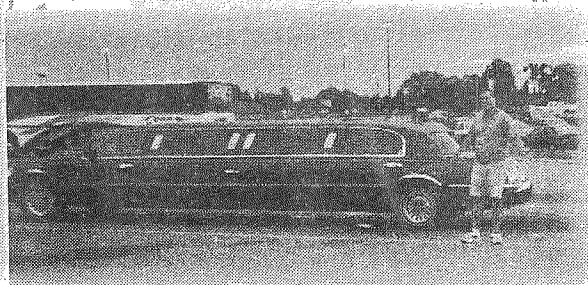
Submitted by the Pow Wow Committee.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Brian Morseau pictured
with Patty Loveless
at Soaring Eagle Casino,
Mt. Pleasant, MI
celebrating his
uncle's birthday.*



August 17th
It's been 7 long long
long years Joe Riley!!!!
I still love u though, Jeffrey

Happy Birthday
John Morseau!
September 5th

And thank you to you and Julie
for all the help at the Youth Fair!
We love u too!
The Riley's

Happy Birthday to my sister
Katherine Blevins
September 13th
Love, your sister Petey

Happy 26th birthday
Jessica Brown
September 24th
We love you,
The Riley's

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY!
"SHUB"
(LORRAINE GIDEON)
FROM Cleora L. Morseau

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

ALEXIS WINCHESTER
6 YEARS OLD SEPTEMBER 27

**MADELYNNE ANN
WINCHESTER**
7 YEARS OLD SEPTEMBER 12

**MELISSA ANN
WINCHESTER-GIAIMO**
28 YEARS OLD SEPTEMBER 16

PAULA WINCHESTER-GEER
SEPTEMBER 6

FROM "SUZY Q"

Happy Birthday!
**Lucinda Graverette-
Smith**
Sept. 26th
Have a good one
Love,
Your family and your kousins

**HAPPY 14TH BIRTHDAY
CHRISTINA BARGER**
SEPTEMBER 5
LOVE, MOM, COREY, AND
DOUGLAS

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY
AUGUST 11TH
JOSEPH RILEY "41"
LOVE JEFFREY, RHIAN, MEGAN AND JOEY

Happy belated birthday
Jennifer Genereaux
August 22nd
We love you,
The Riley's
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

ALLEN MICHEAL SWISHER
SEPTEMBER 9,
LOVE ALWAYS,

STEP-MOM, and DAD,
GRANDPA AND UNCLE

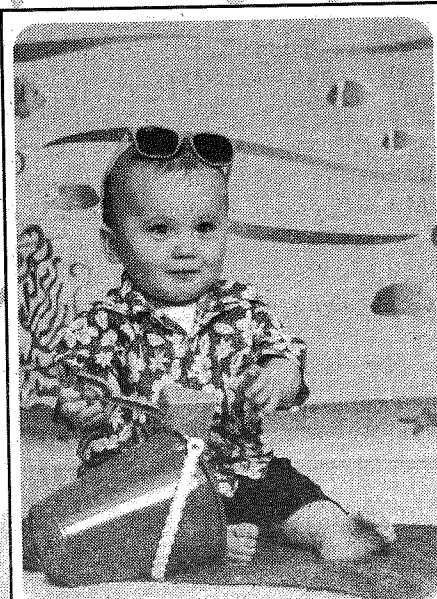
Happy 10th belated
Birthday to
Brittany Bundy
August 3rd
Love Aunt Petey

Happy belated
Birthday to my sister
Linda Mangus
August 26th
Love, your Family

Happy Birthday to
my son
David Boehm
September 12th
Love, Mom

Happy 48th birthday
Brenda Brown!
September 5th
You still look 16!
We love you and appreci-
ate everything you do
for us!
Love u much,
The Riley's

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BROTHER
CHRIS LEE DIAMOND
SEPTEMBER 12
LOVE, JULIE



Happy 1st Birthday to my
grandson
Devin Wyld Boehm
September 1st
Love, Grandma Petey

Welcome to the world
Samantha Jo Burns
Born July 26th, 2000
7lbs, 3oz.

Parents: Jeff & Karen (Wesaw) Burns
Grandparent: Sam Wesaw

Congratulations Jeff and Karen Burns

It's a Girl

"Sammy Jo Burns"

Welcome to the family we love you,
The Riley's

Elders Council Minutes

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MINUTES

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2000 - 11:00 A.M.

The minutes for the newsletter were unapproved.
The meeting was called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:08 A.M.
Invocation was given by Clarence White

ROLL CALL

Present: Gerald Wesaw, Marge Moody, Clarence White, Mary Jo Morris, Rachel (Rae) Daugherty, Henry White, Jr.
Quorum Present
Attendance: 35 Elders
Additions: Gathering, Story Telling, Sweatshirts, Tee Shirts

Marge Moody moved to approve the agenda of August 3, 2000 with additions. Motion seconded by Rae Daugherty. All in favor "aye"
Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Rae Daugherty moved to approve the minutes of July 6, 2000. Motion seconded by Marge Moody. All in favor "aye"
Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Kelly Curran wanted to clear up some complaints from people who went to the Gathering; and to also tell us how the plans were made. Kelly was asked to check on bus expensed and when she brought this back to Tribal Council, they then asked her to set up rooms for everybody going. This wasn't her job, but she was happy to do it. Lora Jacobson, from the Indian Springs Lodge set up rooms for all Councils to stay there; paid for by Forest County. Kelly had a list of hotels she called; but the rooms were all taken. She then contacted Lora; and she had reserved rooms at Mole Lake and Four Seasons Motel. Nothing else was available. Shuttle service was to the area of the Gathering, not back and forth to and from the hotels. Kelly is sorry if there were some things we weren't happy with. If we have any questions we can ask Kelly.

Yvonne (Petey) Boehm stated she is sending out letters asking all those who attended the Gathering to write down their experiences there. Also suggestions and recommendations to make a better Gathering next year. After our luncheon today 7 youths are coming in to talk to some of the elders and to listen to their stories.

Fred Klemm wanted to thank everyone who participated in the sweatshirt program. He can order more anytime. We have several tee shirts to sell and we can get hold of Yvonne (Petey) if we want to buy one.

Ann Zimmerman made a suggestion to buy caps with our logo on them. The ladies could sew beads on them. We could sell these to make money.

Becky Price, RNC reminded us of the Women's Health Fair September 16th. 10 AM - 4 PM held at the County Health Department in Dowagiac. Becky also stated that it was an honor to go with us to the Gathering. She asked if we would be willing to take a survey. There were 16 yes votes.

Gerald informed us that we were asked to change our social luncheon date because of a seminar being held at Elders Hall August 17th. A vote was taken to hold our luncheon August 24th. There were 8 yes votes and 9 no votes.

NICOA Conference Resolution #00-014, dated August 3, 2000, made by Mary Jo Morris, seconded by Marge Moody.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Pokagon Band of Elders Council approves travel for William Morsaw, Evelyn Miller, Henry White and Joe Winchester to attend the National Indian Council on Aging 2000 Conference, August 17-24 in Duluth, Minnesota. All expensed, except mileage to be paid out of the Elders General Fund; plus a GSA vehicle; and Transporter Larry White. Any days not attending meetings; lodging and per-diem needs to be returned. NICOA membership fees to be paid also.

All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Bonnie Parrish gave her MIEA report. Some of the topics were Social Security, Preventative Medicines, Grief Support Groups, Diabetes, Healthy Lungs and Medicare. Nominations for next October's election were for Chairman - Virgil Loonsfoot, Beatrice Kelly and Robert Menard. Geraldine Parish was nominated Secretary, unopposed. Next MIEA Conference will be in Sault St. Marie October 11-13, 2000.

Jeff Ballew, IV., our Repatriation Consultant was here to explain the 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). There will be a training in Historic & cultural Preservation Laws: August 16-18 at Elders Hall 9:00 - 4:00. Questionnaires will be mailed out for long range plans.

Announcement - Fourth Annual Membership Meeting & Luncheon September 7, 2000 11:00 A.M. Elders Hall

Gerald Wesaw move to adjourn at 12:35 P.M. Marge Moody seconded the motion. All in favor "aye" Opposed: 0
MOTION CARRIED

Mary Jo Morris
Elders Council Secretary

8-11-2000
Date

ELDER'S CALENDAR

SEPT. 5, 2000
ELDER'S COUNCIL OFFICER'S
MEETING
DOWAGIAC CITY HALL
10:00 AM

SEPT. 7, 2000
FOURTH ANNUAL ELDER'S COUN-
CIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
ELDER'S HALL
11:00 AM

SEPT. 21, 2000
ELDER'S COUNCIL
SOCIAL LUNCHEON
ELDER'S HALL
1:00 AM

1999 Membership Survey Rankings

A question was asked about the 1999 survey at the Membership meeting held August 5th at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Here are the survey categories ranked according to importance to the Membership based on 394 Member responses.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI

Membership Assessment Questionnaire

N = 394

Responses to all questions listed in rank order by mean. Low mean (closest to 1) represents extremely important. Highest mean indicates low level of importance.

	Mean	Rank		Mean	Rank
College & voc school scholarships	1.240	1	Use tribe income for very impt services	1.976	51
Financial assist for school fees	1.364	2	Tax assistance membership	1.990	52
Membership health insurance	1.446	3	Single family housing	1.995	53
Expand Indian Health Services	1.486	4	Financial counseling membership	2.021	54
Vocational education	1.551	5	Tribally owned business centers	2.046	55
Financial assist for supplies	1.572	6	Septic system & water well programs	2.057	56
Computer instruction	1.593	7	Drum groups	2.087	57
Elder utility assistance	1.615	8	Tribal court system	2.105	58
Elder rent or mortgage assistance	1.635	9	Visits with other Tribes	2.111	59
GED training	1.681	10	Tribal business buildings	2.113	60
Elder Housing	1.696	11	Tribal newsletter expansion	2.143	61
Elder stipends	1.702	12	Multi family housing	2.159	62
Language preservation & archiving	1.707	13	Recreational land	2.207	63
Land acquisition	1.712	14	Cultural games	2.207	64
Tutoring	1.726	15	Transportation for auto repair	2.218	65
Financial assistance funerals	1.735	16	Transportation to grocery, drug stores	2.219	66
Language instruction	1.753	17	Transportation to auto part supplier	2.223	67
Head Start	1.764	18	Museum visits	2.227	68
Cultural preservation & archiving	1.777	19	Community meeting buildings	2.233	69
Special, remedial education	1.789	20	Community administrative buildings	2.249	70
Vocational training	1.790	21	Construction company	2.259	71
Instructional video, audiotapes, books	1.802	22	Advertising and promotion	2.260	72
Land in trust	1.821	23	Law library	2.267	73
Cultural instruction	1.825	24	Community recreation buildings	2.292	74
Casino gaming	1.831	25	Retail & wholesale stores	2.315	75
Housing rehabilitation	1.839	26	Transportation to employment	2.385	76
Tribal discount food at special stores	1.839	27	Transportation to tribal functions	2.412	77
Use some tribal income for services, distribute some	1.851	28	Gathering	2.414	78
Cultural Video, audio tapes, books	1.858	29	Gasoline Stations	2.443	79
Surplus food	1.866	30	Outdoor recreation facilities	2.448	80
Distribute tribal income to members	1.868	31	Transportation to intertribal functions	2.466	81
Job search assistance	1.869	32	Bingo operation	2.524	82
Expand substance abuse counseling	1.869	33	Housing design & quality concerns	2.539	83
Small business assistance	1.878	34	Fishing	2.647	84
Legal Aid membership	1.881	35	Camping	2.682	85
Co-op for buying supplies	1.884	36	Road projects	2.687	86
Ceremonial land	1.891	37	Hunting	2.719	87
POW WOWs	1.895	38	Hiking	2.760	88
Tribal cemetery	1.897	39	Baseball sport league	2.771	89
Job interview training	1.905	40	Basketball league	2.797	90
Library	1.909	41	Bicycling	2.809	91
Financial assistance for child care	1.910	42	Soccer league	2.839	92
Affordable child care central locations	1.915	43	Bowling league	2.844	93
Resume assistance & training	1.918	44	Volleyball league	2.877	94
Detox center	1.929	45	Tennis league	2.903	95
Financial assist for clothing costs	1.931	46			
Residential land	1.955	47			
Transportation to medical appointments	1.956	48			
Halfway house	1.969	49			
Business land	1.976	50			

Scale: 1 = Extremely Important 2 = Very Important
3 = Neutral 4 = Not Very Important 5 = Not at all Important
10/19/99

Ranking added 08/09/00

Strategic Action Planning Committee

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Jeffrey Riley called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. at Elders Hall. Jeffrey asked for a moment of silence for silent prayer. In attendance were Co-chairperson Jeffrey Riley, Kenneth Antisdel, Jefferson Ballew IV, Ernest Daisy, Kevin Daugherty, Kathy Deka, John Miller, Mary Jo Morris, Thomas Morris, and John Warren.

The June 28th, 2000 SAPC meeting minutes were reviewed and no corrections were made.

Thomas Morris distributed multiple handout materials concerning the Hippensteel Project including:

Hippensteel building visit July 12th, 2000 Report

Hippensteel building visit July 31st, 2000 Report

Hippensteel building appraisal by Grubb & Ellis

An email from Jon Anderson, IHS Engineer to Christine Daugherty, PB IHS Director

A spreadsheet entitled iPokagon Facility Non-Monetary Concerns concerning SWOT analysis done at the previous meeting.

The handout materials were quickly reviewed and the group began discussing what other investigative data should be collected before the SAPC can make an informed recommendation to Tribal Council regarding the purchase of the Hippensteel building.

It was suggested that the Elders Council be given the opportunity to visit the building. Other comments centered on having an A&E done on the building with much of the discussion concerning how much of the building to thoroughly investigate. It was suggested that an A&E be done on renovating the exterior of the building to improve its appearance and on converting sufficient space to office space so that all of our current offices could relocate under one roof. It was agreed that another SAPC meeting would be scheduled to discuss this matter with tribal real estate attorney, Fred Schubkegel. That meeting was set for August 23rd at Elders hall at 6:00 p.m. Mi time.

Those present were asked to take home and review handout materials from the Mississippi Choctaw concerning their tribal businesses. It was stated that those materials would be discussed at a future SAPC meeting.

It was stated that this year's attendance by the current SAPC members would be evaluated and reported on before the next SAPC meeting. Upon review by the committee, those not attending on a regular basis may be recommended to Tribal Council for removal. Other participants wishing to serve on the committee may ask the SAPC to recommend their appointment to the committee by Tribal Council.

The next SAPC meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 23rd at 6:00 p.m. MI time at Elders Hall.

Jeffrey adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Prepared by Thomas Morris

Youth Programs & Education

The Education Department would like to congratulate all of the college graduates:

Jennifer Klemm (shown in photograph)

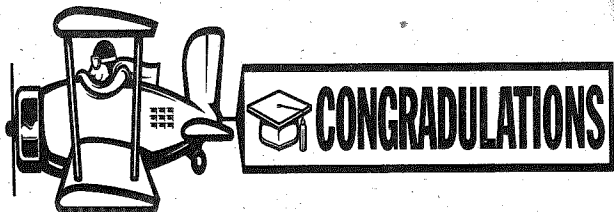
Grand Valley State University
Bachelor of Science in
Communications

Misty Ledesma
Lake Michigan College
Associates Degree in Arts

Gregg Marie-Middleton
Michiana College
Physical Therapy Assistant

Scott Wilson
Bob Jones University
Pastoral Studies

Good luck to all of you!



My name is Jennifer Klemm, and I am a member of the Pokagon Tribe. Over the past four years, the tribe's generous scholarship gift helped me fund my college education. After studying Public Relations and Advertising for four years, I have graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science in Communications. I have recently accepted a job within Wirthlin Worldwide, a market research company, as a Cost Estimator. My immediate plans include working full time at Wirthlin Worldwide to establish some experience in the business world. However, I would eventually like to pursue my Master's Degree at Grand Valley State or Michigan State University.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Pokagon Tribe for their generosity throughout my college years. Their support made it possible for me to focus on my studies rather than my finances, and to reach my goal of graduating within four years.

Beading Workshops

The South Bend and Dowagiac Beading Classes are continuing. A variety of beading techniques including peyote stitch, looming, and applique are being taught by Linda Yazel. Experienced beaders, novice beaders and every beader in between should come!

South Bend Office (Conference Room)
Dowagiac Education Department
Wednesday, September 6
Wednesday, September 13
Wednesday, September 20
Wednesday, September 27
Wednesday, October 4
Wednesday, October 11
6-8pm (Indiana Time)
6-8pm (Michigan Time)

Youth Council Dates

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to join the Keepers of the Fire Youth Council the next meeting dates are:

Thursday, September 7
6:30-7:30 pm
Dowagiac Education Department

Tuesday, September 19
6:30-7:30 pm
Dowagiac Education Department

Youth Council Trip to Prophetstown

A trip to Prophetstown in Lafayette, IN is being tentatively scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, September 23-24. Interested students in grades 7-12 should contact the Education Department for more details.

Memory of Dr. James Clifton, PhD

Dr. James Clifton, PhD, an anthropologist specializing in Native American history, passed away on July 20, 2000.

Dr. Clifton specialized in the history of the Potawatomi. In 1983, the Pokagon Band commissioned him to write a history of the Band as part of the effort to gain federal recognition through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. As a respected scholar in U.S. academic circles, his work helped give the Band credibility in its claim to the BIA as a living community and ongoing government.

While Dr. Clifton's opinions were often controversial, his book, *The Pokagons, 1683-1983; the Catholic Potawatomi Indians of the St. Joseph River Valley*, stands as a thorough introductory history of the tribe.

The Pokagon Band acknowledges the service Dr. Clifton performed for the Band in its effort for federal recognition.

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Tutoring

Youth Programs is in the process of setting up tutoring for the fall semester. One of the main tutoring goals for this school year is to be able to reach more of our Pokagon Band students and JOM students in the ten county area who are in need of tutoring services. In order to do this, we are requesting that those families who are interested in receiving tutoring this fall semester to fill out the enclosed "Tutoring Request Form" and to send it back to the Education Department as soon as possible, preferably by Friday, Sept 15. Youth Programs will use the information gathered in the request forms to plan the tutoring services. We will keep accepting tutoring requests after September 15, however, for us to be able to plan to better serve the tutoring needs of our students this year, we ask that you send in requests by September 15.

Tutoring is now available, but the tutoring schedule will be temporary until the Fall tutoring program is set into place. Another tutoring request form will be sent in December for the January-June tutoring program. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Willis or Tara Painter at 1-888-330-1234.

Tutoring Request Form

Student's Name _____
Address _____
School District _____
County _____
Grade Level _____
Subject areas _____

Parent/Guardian name _____
Contact phone number _____
Day # _____
Evening # _____

Possible times for tutoring
(Please check as many as may be possible for you)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<input type="checkbox"/> School time	<input type="checkbox"/> School time	<input type="checkbox"/> School time	<input type="checkbox"/> School time	<input type="checkbox"/> School time
<input type="checkbox"/> After school	<input type="checkbox"/> After school	<input type="checkbox"/> After school	<input type="checkbox"/> After school	<input type="checkbox"/> After school
<input type="checkbox"/> Evenings	<input type="checkbox"/> Evenings	<input type="checkbox"/> Evenings	<input type="checkbox"/> Evenings	<input type="checkbox"/> Evenings
Saturday	Sunday			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mornings	<input type="checkbox"/> Mornings			
<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoons	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoons			

Please return this form to: Pokagon Band Education Department
PO Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Or fax form to (616) 782-0985
Or email form to mwillis@pokagon.com

Any questions? Please contact Tara Painter or Marie Willis at the Education Department,
1-888-330-1234

Computer Lab Schedule



If you need to learn a software application for your job, please contact Dan Porter at 782-0887 or 1-888-330-1234 to schedule an appointment.

Open Labs for September:

2:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. MONDAY AFTERNOONS

6:30 P.M.-8:00 P.M. TUESDAY EVENINGS

6:30 P.M.-8:00 P.M. THURSDAY EVENINGS

2:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

The open lab is available for members and household who wish to use our computers. We have Windows 95, Office 97, Internet access, and software for kids. We can help you get started on accessing the Internet, typing, or basic computer use. Children are not permitted to attend evening hours, unless a parent or guardian accompanies them.

Adult Education Labs:

1:00 P.M.-2:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, or by appointment.

Lab hours for those who would like to prepare for the GED/high school equivalency exam.

INTRO TO MICROSOFT WORD AND TYPING:

5:30-6:30 MONDAY EVENINGS

Lab hours for those who want to learn and practice typing, and using a word processor. An introductory course on using Microsoft Word, that focuses on using a word processor to create documents. A great class for you who want to learn how to use a computer to write letters, do school work, or to help with your office skills. Feel free to bring anything you want to type up.

INTRO TO THE INTERNET:

5:30-6:30 TUESDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 12th.

This is a class for those who would like to learn how to use the Internet.

INTRO TO MICROSOFT EXCEL

5:30-6:30 THURSDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 21st Introductory class on using Excel to create graphs, use basic functions, and enter data.

INTERMEDIATE MICROSOFT WORD

5:30-6:30 TUESDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 26TH.

Continue to build your skills with micro soft word as we explore some of the many features: clip art, tables, and other formatting tools.

Health Services

Helping Hands Calendar

Mon., Aug. 28th

Gage St. Property

5pm-8pm

Food Served

Storytelling

Sun., Sept. 3

St. Patrick's Park

9 am to Noon

INDIGENOUS OLYMPICS

Relay races, softball/football throw, Awards & Prizes

Mon., Sept. 11

Gage St. Property

5pm

Women's Sweat

Tues., Sept. 12

To be announced

Men's Sweat

Sat., Sept. 16

Behavioral Health Bldg.

2 pm

Shield Teachings

Mon., Sept. 18

Gage St. Property

5:00 to 8:00pm

Food Served

Talking Circle Teachings and Ceremony

Thurs., Sept. 21

Behavioral Health Bldg.

3:30 pm

Shield Teachings

Mon., Sept. 25

Gage St. Property

5:00 to 8:00pm

Feast

Storytelling

ANISHNABE FIELD EVENTS

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SEPTEMBER 2&3 2000

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Events will be held in the morning of the pow wow

Behavioral Health Classes

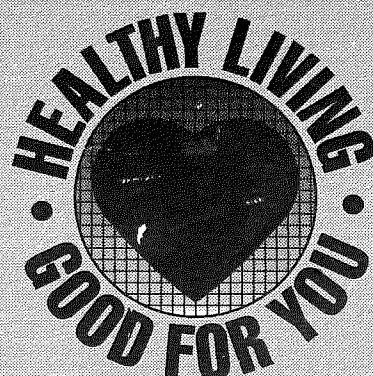
Classes are as follows: **INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT**
Tuesday and Thursday
5-8:00 p.m.

KIDS GROUP

Monday Tuesday & Wednesday
2-3:30 p.m.

****Transportation may be provided****

Call Jeffrey Riley or Josie McGlothlin @ (877) 622-2663



Hi Everyone,

We will be having some changes in September.

Our Gerobics classes will now be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. The first classes in September will be held on Monday the 11th and Wednesday the 13th. We are hoping this will take care of the many cancellations we have had to endure in the past.

If you have any questions or are needing transportation please call the Social Services office at 616-782-8998-Toll Free 800-517-0777

Sincerely, Elders Specialist,
Yvonne(Petey) Boehm

POKAGON "YOUTH HEALTH FAIR" BIG SUCCESS!

There were many smiling faces Saturday, August 12, at the first annual Pokagon Youth Health Fair. Over 50 registered children had many activities to choose from. The weather was so beautiful that some activities were presented outside such as Jeannie Brown taught black ash basket weaving, Traditional Dancing and Drums, coordinated by John Warren, water testing, and Jeffrey Riley had a huge giveaway of used clothing for anyone that attended. All the activity and fun made the little ones happy even if they had to receive an injection. There was plenty of food and prizes and gifts for all who attended. Our grand prizewinner of the bicycle was Crystal Morseau.

We want to give a huge applause to all the people who made this event possible. A big thanks to all the Pokagon Band Departments, Education, Behavioral Health, Administration Office, Commodities with John Morseau and all those outside programs, Linda Yazel and her bead work, Head Start and Head Start Transporter, Gordon Wesaw; Sister Lakes Fire Dept., Dowagiac Police Dept., our registration coordinators, John and Sam Wesaw, We also would like to

thank all the medical support, such as Ed Newington PA-c, Lee Memorial Med. Group, Dr. Soto, D.D.S., Dr. Ralston, Chiropractor, Susan Oosterwald, R.N. and of course all the Pokagon Health Staff. We do appreciate Sister Monica for letting us use the Sacred Heart Hall and all the help she gave. Remember, this is our first so keep our eyes open for next years Youth Health Fair. Also, all you Pokagon Women, don't forget the Women's Fifth Annual Health Fair September 16th, 2000. See you there!



CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES NON-COVERED SERVICES

CHS payment is limited to medical priorities. The following is a brief listing of categories of health care services that are ineligible for CHS payment. This is not a complete listing of all ineligible categories or services and changes are made from time to time depending upon the availability of funds.

Long Term Care
Nursing Home
Foster Care

Home Health Care
Skilled Nursing
Home Health
Respite Services
Home Physical Therapy

Hospice

Prolonged Services

Preventative Medicine Services

Surgical Sterilizations
Vasectomy
Tubal Ligation

Cosmetic Services
Cosmetic Surgery
Obesity Services
Cosmetic Dental Procedures

Substance Abuse Service
Outpatient (Offered by Tribe)
Inpatient-Detoxification

Mental Health
Outpatient (Offered by Tribe)
Inpatient

Transplants

Selected Durable Medical Equipment
Alternative Medicine
Acupuncture (Offered for stress reduction & adjunct to sub. abuse treatment)

Therapeutic Massage

Workers' Comp. Injuries

Disability Evaluations

Second Opinion, (Unless Requested by CHS)

Dental Services
Bleaching
Orthodontia, (Braces), (Unless Prior Approved)

Alternative Funded Service
Out-of-Network Services
Available Under Other Insurance

Services to non-members

If you submit a request for CHS payment for services that fall within the categories above, you will receive a denial of payment from our office and CHS funds will not be released to pay for those services.

CHS reminders:

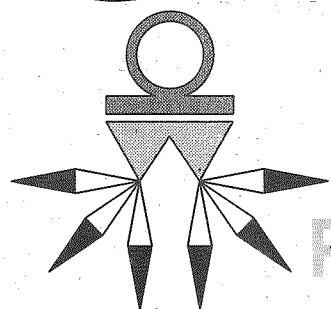
In general, you must notify CHS staff 3 days in advance of appointments or within 3 days of an emergency medical service.

All other resources for services and payment must be exhausted before CHS funds can be released. If Pokagon Band has direct services and appointments available, those direct services must be accessed before Contract Health can be used to pay non-Pokagon Band health care providers.



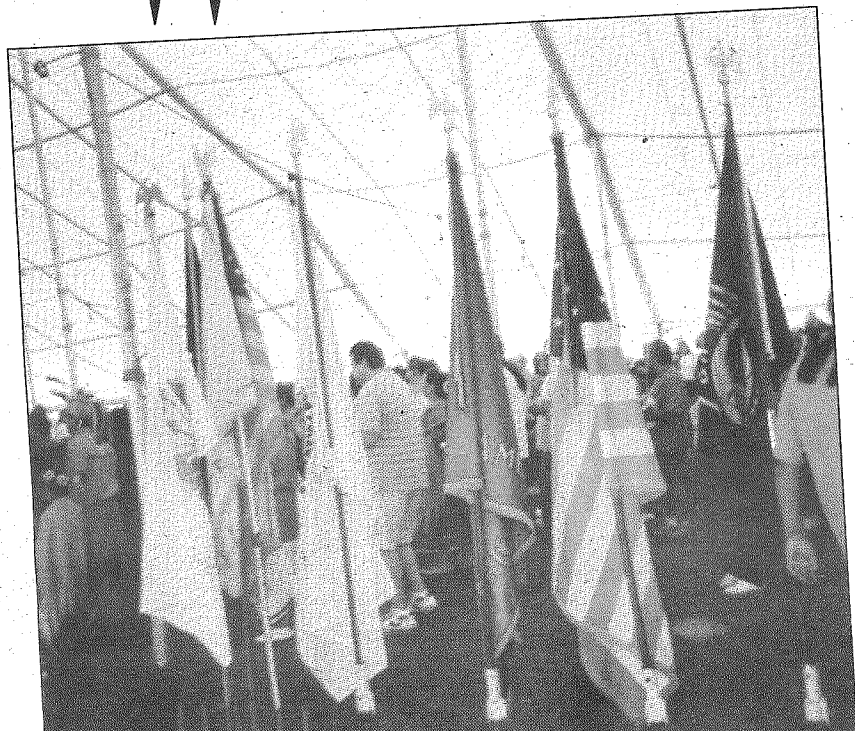
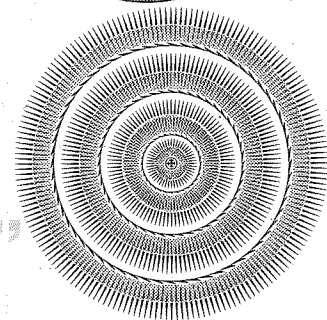
Tribal member Jo Ellen Leith, SFO was recently asked to do the Opening Prayer and Welcome for convocation of the Congregation of the Holy Cross Religious at St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. She is seen here with her dear friend, Sister Gerald M. Hartney, CSC. The four-day event included 400 Holy Cross Priests, Nuns and Brothers.

GATHERING



2000

POTAWATOMI GATHERING "2000"



The Potawatomi Gathering of the Nations was held this year in Forest County, Mo. The Pokagon Health Services had the pleasure of accompanying the Charter bus that was assigned to transport about 50 Pokagon Members too and from the Gathering, and be a participant Medical support team for our members while at the Gathering.

This was a fun enjoyable Gathering that started with our trip at 8:30 July 26, 2000, and ended on July 30, 2000 with our return home to Dowagiac. Although the weather was a little wet at times most of the events were scheduled under giant tents. Some of the activities included Bingo, teachings on how to make moccasins, talking circles, Pow Wows, children's games, and the concert with, Bill Miller, Red Thunder, and Indigenous and much more. Also everyone received a spin at the wheel with a chance to win a free prize, in which a few of our members won Gathering 2000 jackets. The Pow Wows lasted late into the nights with many colorful dancers from all the Tribes.

There was a good time had by all and we will look forward to participating in the Gathering next year. We want to take this time to thank everyone that helped and participated in making this a very enjoyable, memorable, event. We had fun getting to know everyone better and participating in this great annual event.



Executive Committee Minutes

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 17, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 11:15a.m. by Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary.

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

This meeting was called to discuss a grievance.

Motion to Adjourn was made by John Warren and John Miller with voice approval at 11:22p.m.

Marie Manley

Date

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING
JUNE 20, 2000

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

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

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

This meeting was called to discuss unfreezing the Down Payment Assistance Funds in the Housing Department so that people who were to receive monies for buying a home could continue with this process.

Motion to Adjourn was made by John Warren and 2nd by Tom Wesaw, Jr. with voice approval at 10:14p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 26, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 10:34p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

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

Absent: John Warren (out of town).

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

This meeting was called to approve resolutions that need attention before the next regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Marie Manley and 2nd by John Miller with voice approval at 10:40p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 5, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:52p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: Invocation given at earlier session.

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

Absent: John Warren (family commitment).

Resolutions needed the Executive Committees attention before the next regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Wesaw, Jr. and 2nd by Marie Manley with voice approval at 8:21p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 11, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 10:50p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Invocation: Given at an earlier meeting.

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

Absent: John Warren (ill).

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 Marie Manley with voice approval at 11:00p.m.

Tribal Council Minutes

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 19, 2000

Meeting Called to Order: 8:00p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, Marj Reno, Alice Overly, Marie Manley, Rae Daugherty, Tom Morris, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Faye Wesaw and Ernie Daisy. John Warren (arrived at 9:15p.m. due to youth camp).

Absent: Jefferson Ballew III (youth camp).

Also In Attendance: Board of Commissioners ñ Corey Price, Maxine Margiotta, Mary Jo Morris, Marge Moody and John Morseau, Housing Finance Clerk ñ Melissa Bruce.

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

Travel to Mashantucket, Connecticut NAIHC Annual Meeting.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH
ITC/HEADSTART PROGRAM
SHARON TEEPLE/LAURIE RILEY
7:00P.M.
EMPLOYEE RESOURCE POOL
ALICE OVERLY
8:30P.M.
DISCUSSION SESSION
JUNE 20, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:05p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, John Warren, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Jefferson Ballew III, Tom Morris, Henry White, Ernie Daisy and Marj Reno, Marie Manley and Alice Overly (arrived at 7:12p.m.) and Faye Wesaw (arrived at 7:14p.m.).

Also in Attendance: Inter Tribal Council Headstart Members - Sharon Teeple and Laurie Riley and Pokagon Compliance Coordinator Becky Fisher.

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

Early Headstart/Headstart Program ñ Sharon Teeple & Laurie Riley

Marie Manley, Alice Overly arrived at 7:12p.m.

Faye Wesaw arrived at 7:14p.m.

RESOLUTION #1 made by John Warren and 2nd by Alice Overly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves expenses of approximately \$550.00 for blinds at the Headstart building. Expense to be applied to in-kind.

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.

A short break was taken.

Meeting resumed at 9:00p.m.

Employee Resource Pool - Alice Overly

Motion to Adjourn was made by Jefferson Ballew III and 2nd by Henry White with voice approval at 9:48p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 22, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:03p.m. by John Warren, Vice Chairman.

Invocation Given by: John Warren.

Roll Call: John Warren, Marie Manley, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Tom Morris, Rae Daugherty, Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly and Faye Wesaw.

Absent: John Miller (BIA Meeting), Jefferson Ballew III (camp presentation), Marj Reno (BIA Meeting).

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 Rae Daugherty.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council supports the project, iSolid Waste Management Consultation; 2000-2001, to be funded by the Environmental Protection Agency.

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

ALL IN FAVOR: 8, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 3, ABSTAIN: 0, CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #2 made by Ernie Daisy and 2nd by Alice Overly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council authorizes the expenditure for a 2 day Staff Picnic on July 21st, 2000. Not to exceed \$300.00.

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

ALL IN FAVOR: 6, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 3, ABSTAIN: 2. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #3 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Rae Daugherty

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Information Systems Specialist/Instructor Job posting as presented 6/22/00 and recommended by Personnel Committee.

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

ALL IN FAVOR: 6, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 3, ABSTAIN: 2, CARRIED.

Executive Committee Resolutions - Marie Manley

RESOLUTION #4 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Marie Manley

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Executive Committee decision to bring in Norman Keiker to assist with Language classes at Youth Camp 2000. Cost of airfare not to exceed \$265.00 to be paid out of the camp budget.

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

ALL IN FAVOR: 7, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 3, ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #5 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Rae Daugherty

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Executive Committee decision to contract with Tobin Lawn Care, L.L.C. for the lawn care service for three (3) offices and the Gage Street property for the year 2000. Effective as of June 2, 2000.

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

ALL IN FAVOR: 8, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 3, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #6 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Tom Wesaw, Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Executive Committee decision to support the submission of the Title IX 2000-2001 grant.

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

ALL IN FAVOR: 4, OPPOSED: 3, ABSENT: 3, ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #7 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Marie Manley

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Executive Committee decision appointing Marie Manley, Alice Overly, Faye Wesaw, Tom Wesaw, Jr. and John Miller to serve as the Pokagon Band Finance Committee effective 06/07/00.

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

ALL IN FAVOR: 3, OPPOSED: 1, ABSENT: 3, ABSTAIN: 4. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #8 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Rae Daugherty

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Executive Committee decision appointing Kenneth Arntsidel as Interim Executive Director until the permanent position is filled.

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

ALL IN FAVOR: 6, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 3, ABSTAIN: 2. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #9 made by Tom Morris and 2nd by Rae Daugherty

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves Chairman, John Miller and Secretary, Marie Manley entering into a contract on behalf of the Band with Grubb and Ellis Paramount Properties of Grand Rapids to provide the Tribal Council and SAPC a written appraisal on the Hippensteel building at 300 East Railroad Street in Dowagiac, MI. with the cost not to exceed \$2500.00.

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

ALL IN FAVOR: 4, OPPOSED: 2, ABSENT: 3, ABSTAIN: 2. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #10 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Rae Daugherty

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the job posting for the Administrative Executive Secretary as presented 6/22/00.

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

ALL IN FAVOR: 6, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 3, ABSTAIN: 2. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #11 made by Rae Daugherty and Alice Overly

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves a giveaway for Gathering 2000 in the amount of \$1000.00.

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

ALL IN FAVOR: 8, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 3, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #12 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Alice Overly

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council agrees to donate \$5000.00 to Forest County for Gathering 2000.

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

ALL IN FAVOR: 8, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 3, OPPOSED: 0. CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Marie Manley with voice approval at 9:12p.m.

Marie Manley
Tribal Council Secretary

Date

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH
ROB GIPS/KAIGHN SMITH
JUNE 26, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:08p.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, Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marj Reno and Faye Wesaw.

Absent: John Warren (out of town).

Also in Attendance: Rob Gips- Tribal Attorney, Kaighn Smith ñ Tribal Attorney conferenced in.

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 Henry White.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council appoints as its Representatives to Pokagon Fund Board of Directors, Marj Reno and Rob Wyre to serve until further notice.

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

ALL IN FAVOR: 9, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 1, ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

Kaighn Smith updated Tribal Council on the Court System and how it will work. It was decided that Court will be held at Elder's Hall for now. Kaighn will get with Jeff Davis and try to find a floating judge that van hear our cases until we hire a permanent judge.

RESOLUTION #2 made by Marj Reno and 2nd by Jefferson Ballew III.

Whereas, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians (the "Band") is a sovereign Indian tribe, governed by its Tribal Council; and

Whereas, the Tribal Council recognizes that it is in the best interests of the Band, in the responsible exercise of its self-governing authority, to establish a Tribal Court to resolve cases and controversies involving the Band, its members, or its territory; and

Whereas, the Tribal Court recognizes an immediate need to address within its own jurisdiction cases arising under the Indian Child Welfare Act and involving the Band's children; and

Whereas, the Tribal Council recognizes an immediate need to address within its own jurisdiction controversies arising out of contracts entered into by the Band or its governmental agencies;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that;

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal court is established to exercise jurisdiction over cases and controversies as provided herein.

- The Tribal Court shall consist of a single judge, appointed by the Tribal Council, who:
 - is admitted to practice law in any state of the United States and is in good standing in all states in which he or she is admitted. has experience in the field of federal Indian law, and exhibits respect for the culture, history, and inherent sovereignty of the Band.
- The Tribal Court shall have jurisdiction over child custody proceedings, as provided in the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Restoration Act.
- The Tribal Court shall have jurisdiction over contract disputes involving contracts in which the Band or any of its governmental agencies is a party, and in which the Tribal Council has unequivocally waived the Bands sovereign immunity from suit; provided, The Tribal Court shall not exercise civil jurisdiction over any action arising from a contract or agreement to which the Band is a party or by which it may be bound if such contract contains an express provision prohibiting the exercise of jurisdiction by the Tribal Court, whether approved prior to or subsequent to the enactment of this law, provided that the Tribal Court shall have jurisdiction to enforce an agreement to arbitrate or an arbitration award relating to such contract if the contract provides for such action.

The Tribal Court shall follow Rules 1-71A and 77-84 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as well as Federal rules of evidence as the rules for the Tribal Court until such time as the Tribal Court shall promulgate its own Rules of Court.

The Tribal Court shall allow attorneys who are admitted to practice law in any state, and who are in good standing with the bars of all states in which they are admitted, to practice before the Tribal Court.

The Tribal Court shall look to the rules of decision of other tribal courts, the federal courts, and the courts of the State of Michigan as persuasive authority, but shall not be bound by those rules as precedent.

The Tribal Court judge shall abide by standards of judicial conduct and responsibility applicable to judges in the State of Michigan.

Nothing herein shall be deemed to waive the sovereign immunity of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

Nothing herein shall be deemed to grant to the Tribal Court subject matter jurisdiction over any claims or controversies not expressly provided herein or otherwise granted by resolution of the Tribal Council.

The address of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Court shall be 53237 Townhall Road, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047.

Tribal Council shall appoint a clerk of the Tribal Court to:
provide administrative assistance to the Tribal Court
oversee the budget and accounts of the Tribal Court and
administer federal funding and programs that support the Tribal Court.

The Tribal Court shall be given priority for use of the Elders' Hall for its proceedings between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Tribal judge of the Tribal Court shall provide bi-monthly reports to the Tribal Council, describing the functioning of the court and setting forth specific recommendations for improvements, including recommendations for alternative dispute resolution methods, as appropriate.

Jefferson B.	Y	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: 10, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 1, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

Kaign left at 9:50p.m.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Marj Reno with voice approval at 9:58p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH
SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JUNE 27, 2000

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

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, Marie Manley, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Tom Morris, Henry White, Alice Overly, Marj Reno and Jefferson Ballew III (arrived at 7:15p.m.).

Absent: John Warren (out of town), Ernie Daisy (unexcused) and Faye Wesaw (family situation).

Also in Attendance: Substance Abuse Advisory Committee ñ Stephanie Ballew, Judy Winchester, Joe Winchester, Raphael Szykowski, Kathy Fuller and Fritz MacDonald.

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

Motion to Adjourn was made by Henry White and 2nd by Marj Reno with voice approval at 8:03p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
CLOSED SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 5, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:04p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, Marie Manley, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Tom Morris, Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marj Reno, Faye Wesaw, Jefferson Ballew III (arrived at 7:07p.m.) and Henry White (arrived at 7:09p.m.).

Absent: John Warren (family commitment).

Also in Attendance: Housing Dept. - Melissa Bruce, Housing Director ñ Wally Paisano, Board of Commissioners - Maxine Margiotta, Corey Price, Marge Moody, Mary Jo Morris and John Morseau.

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

Removal of Commissioners

Motion to Adjourn was made by Faye Wesaw and 2nd by Tom Wesaw, Jr. with voice approval at 7:50p.m.

 POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
 TRIBAL COUNCIL
 WITH
 ELECTION COMMITTEE/ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE
 AND INK IMPRESSIONS
 JULY 06,2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:06p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Invocation Given by: John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Roll Call: John Miller, Marie Manley, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Jefferson Ballew III, Tom Morris, Henry White (arrived at 7:14p.m.), Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marj Reno and Faye Wesaw.

Also in Attendance: Karen Winchester (Election Committee), Judy Augusta (Enrollment), Danielle Rapp, Margaret Rapp (Enrollment Committee), Rob Willis (Election Committee), Christine Daugherty (I.H.S.), Terry Rainey (Ink Impressions/Automated Elections).

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

Ink Impressions presentation.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Warren and 2nd by Jefferson Ballew III with voice approval at 8:49p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
 TRIBAL COUNCIL
 WITH
 ROBERT MENDEZ
 LAND PLANNING
 JULY 10, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:12p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Invocation: John Miller

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

Absent: John Warren (Prophetstown presentation).

Also in Attendance: Robert (Butch) Mendez ñ Land Use Planner, Richard Bienapfl ñ Architect, Rob Wyre ñ Gaming Manager (Lakes) and Fred Schubkegel ñ Tribal Attorney.

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

Motion to Adjourn was made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Marj Reno with voice approval at 8:40p.m.

 POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
 TRIBAL COUNCIL
 WITH
 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 KENNETH ANTISDEL
 WORKING SESSION
 JULY 11, 2000

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

Invocation: John Miller

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

Absent: John Warren (ill).

Also in Attendance: Trudy Loeding (newly elected Tribal Council, Member at Large) and Kenneth Antisdel (Interim Executive Director).

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

This meeting was called to answer any questions that Kenneth may have and to give some specific direction to him by Tribal Council.

RESOLUTION made by Ernie Daisy and 2nd by Alice Overly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Council approves the purchase of ten appreciation plaques for employees of five years or more. Cost of \$41.99 each x 10 = \$419.00 plus tax.

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom W.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Tom M.	Abstain	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: 1, ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves establishment of Temporary Staffing Resources.

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom W.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Tom M.	Abstain	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: 1, ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Wesaw, Jr. and 2nd by Henry White with voice approval at 9:17p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH
SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 17, 2000

Meeting Called to Order: 7:06p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, Marie Manley, Tom Morris, Rae Daugherty, Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marj Reno, Faye Wesaw, John Warren (arrived at 7:12p.m.) and Jefferson Ballew III (arrived at 7:22p.m.).

Absent: Tom Wesaw, Jr. (other commitment).

Also in Attendance: Health Director ñ Christine Daugherty, Behavioral Health Coordinator ñ Stephanie Ballew, Substance Abuse Advisory Committee ñ Judy Winchester, Cathy Fuller, Fritz McDonald and Trudy Loeding ñ newly elected Tribal Council member at large.

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 Rae Daugherty with voice approval at 8:11p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
JULY 18, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:00p.m. by John Warren, Vice Chairman

Invocation Given By: Jefferson Ballew III

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

Absent: John Miller (family commitment) and Henry White (on travel).

Also in Attendance: Trudy Loeding ñ newly elected member at large on Tribal Council and Stephen Blann ñ Rehmann Robson firm working with the Finance Department.

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

Motion to approve the 1995 Audit was made by Marj Reno and 2nd by Faye Wesaw with voice approval on 7/18/00.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Faye Wesaw with voice approval at 8:28p.m.



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