

Mission LIC Regular Meeting

December 16, 2013

Members Present: Donnie Headbird, Leonard Headbird, Karyn Wind, Kimberly Needham,
Beverly Beaulieu

Members Absent: None

Guests: Val Pacheco- LLBO Planning, Brian Tritle- Chippewa National Forest,
Paul Kapfer-LLBO DRM

Meeting Called to Order at 6:12 PM

Val Pacheco gave us an update on the status of the community center construction which the anticipated completion date is now Mid-May 2014. Val invited us to attend monthly construction update meetings the next is scheduled for January 8th at 1:00 at the construction site. Mission LIC was allowed to pick the color schemes for interior doors and cabinets. Donnie questioned asked if we could get some type of sign so that we can post community events. Val will check on it and get back to us.

Brian Tritle and Paul Kapfer informed us on the Knutson dam project which could possibly start next summer. The Chippewa National forest will be removing the current dam and replace it with a Rock Arch Structure. The current dam is at the end of its life and they want to replace it with something to better serve the community and the habitat. This system will allow for a consistent flow with less fluctuations in water levels. Questions raised were what will be the impact on wild rice beds, water levels for residents downstream whose homes are close to the river, the fishing area close to the current dam, and the swimming area. They believe that it will not impact the wild rice beds or the homes downstream and will get back to us on the rest of the issues. If anyone has any further questions regarding this project they can contact Brian Tritle at the Blackduck Ranger Station or Steve Mortensen at Leech Lake DRM.

Old Business:

Christmas Party for the community. The party will take place Saturday, December 21, 2013 from 1:00-4:00 at the Vets Memorial Building. Karyn and Bev will go shopping for groceries and door prizes Friday afternoon and begin cooking for the dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM