

March 10, 2015 Onigum Local Indian Council Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chairman Faron Jackson at 6:40.

Members present: Faron Jackson, Orville Johnson, Teresa Gunter, Maggi Jordan, Theresa Jordan, Priscilla Smith

Others present: June Mykkanen, Denise Ellis, Micheal Robinson, Dusty Snyder, Mitchell B., Sherry Fountain, Terry D. Smith, Keith Karnes, Dave Hare, Jeremiah Johnson, Geraldine Hardy, Margaret Jordan, Elizabeth Reese, Robin Jordan, LeRoy Fairbanks

Faron introduces himself and each of the council members. He mentions future agendas will have invites of who will present at future meetings and it will be posted on website and the Debahjimon. The future meetings will be potluck.

Motion to approve minutes by Orville Johnson, Teresa Gunter seconds, all in favor 5-0, motion carried.

Mitch B. and Sherry Fountain from Chippewa National Forest present the Shingobee Vegetation Management Plan along with maps. Questions and discussion on who cuts and awareness of medicinal plants. It is open to commercial bids. Medicinal plant questions can be directed to the Leech Lake Forestry or the DRM. The YCC Program is for 15-18 year old youth. It runs June 17-August 18, pays \$8 an hour, five 8 hour days, and necessary gear will be provided.

Discussion on forestry boundaries in regard to where the new community center will be built. Sherry wants a letter drafted to Forestry of a perimeter of where we would like the new center so we can get a use permit.

Geraldine Hardy, Office Manager from Facilities Management introduced us to June Mykkanen, the new Onigum building maintenance person. Geraldine informed us of the sign-up sheets to use the center and borrowing of tables or chairs. She said the cameras are working and can be seen by her office. June will be at center from 8-4:30 Monday-Friday and as needed. Orville asks that three of the council members get a key for the center in case June can't be available. Geraldine will check on it with her supervisor.

Dave Hare and Keith Carnes from Leech Lake Forestry Field Reduction Project talked about their program of brushing, cutting downed trees, planting trees in clear cuts, and they are working at the Old Marina Campsite now. It is for forest management so trees have more room to grow. It was mentioned the summer youth could possibly snip the white pines. They are also planting fruiting shrubs and the community can get the fruiting shrubs from DRM in the spring. There was questions about the tree cutting on the Pine Point Road. Those questions can be directed to the Land Department; Sue

Brown or Levi Brown.

Denise Ellis has concerns of Leech Lake Housing unit getting to look like a junkyard. It is a safety hazard and right next to the community park. There are six vehicles with parts stripped off, refrigerators, microwaves, and tires. Another concern is the Jacob's house right by Pine Point Road that has been burned down but still has metal and debris. It is an eyesore. She also brought up a group of boys that visit her house and play a game called "Magic". The boys have been to one tournament in Bemidji and another is coming up on March 27th. She is looking for transportation for the boys. Youth Division transports 8-18 year old youth. She also would like to know if they can have a little tournament in the community center on a Friday and/or a Saturday night from 6-11. Her son already picked up a facility use application. Faron sees no problem as long as they are respectful of the building, no drinking or drugging, and they clean up.

LeRoy Fairbanks Staples discussed the community center plans and is asking the O.L.I.C. To help with the process. He is looking in to the Opiate Program for a grant. A question of how we can get services in Onigum was brought up. Our center needs a gymnasium, fitness center, clinic, substation, opiate clinic, ENP, community kitchen.

The next quarterly meeting is the first Friday in April.

Elizabeth Reese commented she doesn't know when events are happening on the reservation or the community.

Powwow meeting on Monday March 16.

There will be an Easter gathering for the community on April 6th.

Next meeting is April 14 at 6:30.

Priscilla makes motion to adjourn, Orville seconds, all in favor 5-0, motion carried.
Meeting adjourns at 9:34.

Submitted by Priscilla Smith