

CHIPPEWA CREE BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Thursday, April 2, 2009

INVOCATION

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

AGENDA REVIEW/APPROVAL

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a) March 2, 2009 – March 5, 2009

2. BUSINESS:

- a) Cultural Resource Department formally ONI
- b) Tribal Leaders Council - Stephanie Iron Shooter & Donnie Wetzel, Jr.:
 - Planting Seeds of Hope
- c) Judicial Commission – Elinor Nault & Tim Martin:
 - Judges & Prosecutors
- d) EMPG Grants:
 - Janet Runnion & Curtis Monteau, Jr.
- e) Natural Resources:
 - Land Assignments – Ervinal Denny Sr.
 - Humberto Luna – Relinquishment
 - Alvin Windy Boy, Sr. Request
- f) Child Support:
 - Brenda Gardipee
- g) Selection for Board Members to Serve on Sub-Committee's:
 - Cultural Resources Board (3 positions)
 - Dry Fork Farms Board (3 positions)
 - Stone Child College Board (2 positions)
 - Gaming Commission (1 Position)
 - Community Development (3 Positions)
 - Judicial Commission ?
- h) Sletten Cancer Center:
 - Alvin Windy Boy, Sr.
- i) Law & Order – Request for Executive Session
- j) Plan for a New Correctional Facility

3. RESOLUTIONS:

- a) A Resolution to establish a fee schedule for the purpose of a Chippewa Cree Business License.

- b) A Resolution to inform all State and Federal Agencies of the Leadership Change within the Tribal Government of the Chippewa Cree Tribe, Rocky Boy's Reservation, Montana.
- c) A Resolution to Authorize Business Committee Members Raymond "Jake" Parker, Jonathan Windy Boy, Rusty Gopher, Harlan Baker, Bruce Sunchild, John C. Houle, Brian K. Eagleman, Joseph Lafromboise, Ricky Morsette, Tribal Secretary/Treasurer Janice Myers, CEO, Fawn Tadios and Assistant CEO, John Johnson as check signers for the Cultural Resource Department Program (CRD).
- d) A Resolution to Require Forest Management Deductions is Deposited into the Chippewa Cree Tribal Trust Account.
- e) A Resolution in Support of and Authorizing a Grant Application to the FY 2009 Family Centered Substance Abuse Treatment Grants for Adolescents and Their Families Program, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.
- f) A Resolution in Support of and Authorizing a Grant Application to the FY 2009 Recovery Act Local Youth Mentoring Initiative Program, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of Justice.
- g) A Resolution Authorization to Submit a Fiscal Year 2009 Chippewa Cree Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), Department of Homeland Security.
- h) A Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Rural Law Enforcement Proposal to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Under the Recovery Act: Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs Competitive Grant Announcement for a Two Year Law Enforcement Project Commencing August 1, 2009 for a Two Year Law Enforcement Project Commencing August 1, 2009 and Ending July 31, 2011.
- i) A Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Proposal to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA Under the Recovery Act: Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Competitive Grant Announcement (CFDA 16.811) for a Category II Project of up to 60 Months.
- j) Quazar, LLC-Letter of Intent & Non-disclosure Agreement

4. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

- a) Chippewa Cree Cultural Resources Protection Code.

5. RESOLUTINS TO BE RATIFIED:

- a) **Resolution #39-09:**To Approve the 2009 Amendments to the Travel Policies and Procedures of the Chippewa Cree Tribe.
- b) **Resolution #34-09:** A Resolution to Establish a General Policy for the Leasing of Tribal and Individually Owned Agricultural Land, and Waive the Requirement that Permits be Held by Enrolled Members of the Chippewa Cree Tribe.
- c) **Resolution #35-09:** A Resolution to Establish a General Policy for the Leasing of Tribal and Individually owned Agricultural Land and Waive the Requirement that Agricultural Leases Held by Enrolled Members of the Chippewa Cree Post a Surety Bond Under CFR Title 25 Section 162.234.

6. ENROLLMENT:

7. OTHER:

- a) Native American Church:
 - Josh Seaton
- b) Native American Science Association (NASA) Financial Request:
 - Peggy Aquino
- c) Rocky Boy Jr./Sr. High School Indian Club Request
- d) Rocky Boy Schools Close-up Program Request:
 - Debbie Lamere
- e) Enrollment:
 - James Lamere
- f) Medical Request:
 - Louis Parisian
- k) Health Board/Alvina Stump Request:
 - Harriet Standing Rock & Providencia Stump

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CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Tribal Chambers
Thursday, April 2, 2009
@ 9:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2009 in the Chippewa Cree tribal chambers by Chairman, Raymond "Jake" Parker.

INVOCATION: Invocation by Bruce Sunchild.

PRESENT: Raymond "Jake" Parker, Chairman, Jonathan Windy Boy, Vice-Chairman, Joseph Lafromboise, Jr., Business Committee Member, Richard "Rick" Morsette, Business Committee Member, John "Chance" Houle, Business Committee Member, Harlan Baker, Business Committee Member, Russell "Rusty" Gopher, Business Committee Member, Bruce Sunchild, Business Committee Member.

ABSENT: Brian "Kelly" Eagleman, Business Committee Member – Attending a BIA Roads Convention Meeting in Havre

OTHERS PRESENT: Voyd St. Pierre, Superintendent, Rocky Boy Schools, Elinor Nault, Court Administrator, Sandra Murie, Judicial Commission Member, Bert Corcoran, Judicial Commission, Debbie Lamere, Advisor, Close-up Program/Rocky Boy Schools, Jim Morsette, Director, Water Resources, Jim Morsette, Co-Director, Water Resources, Enos Johnson, Tribal Judge, Stacey Small, Security, Kenny Writing Bird, Cultural Resources Department, Daryl Wright, Community Member, Toni Plummer, Director, Cultural Resources, Edwina Whitford, Administrative Assistant, Jolene Crebs, CRD Counselor, Dixie Stump, Community Member, Jim Swan, CEO, RJS & Associates, Russell Standing Rock, Community Member, Joel Rosette, Tribal Judge, Neal Rosette, Compliance Officer, Alvin Windy Boy, Sr., Preservation Officer, Luanne Belcourt, Planner, Robert Belcourt, Director, Natural Resources, Jodi Lamere, Reality Officer, Josh Seaton, Community Member, Earl Arkinson, Safety Officer, Jay Vaille, Director, Head Start, Tim Martin, Safety Officer, and Ona (Denny) Yellowtail, Recorder.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Additions to the agenda:

- 2-aa) Voyd St. Pierre/Head Start Update – Rusty Gopher
- 2-ee) Northercentral/Jim Morsette – Chance Houle
- 2-l) Out of State Travel – Jonathan Windy Boy

49 2-m) Board Change – Harlan Baker

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51 **Motion by John “Chance” Houle to approve the Thursday, April 2, 2009 Chippewa Cree Business**
52 **Committee agenda with additions as presented. Seconded by Richard “Rick” Morsette. Call for**
53 **comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**

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55 **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009:**

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57 Thursday, March 5, 2009 meeting minutes are in the process of being completed. Those minutes will be
58 forwarded to the next Chippewa Cree Administrative Sub-Committee Meeting.

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60 Jonathan questions the request for Ona to work with the TANF program for an assistant in the March 5,
61 2009 meeting minutes. Ona states, she has an individual in mind that was to be present at this meeting
62 and she did not show. She will contact Linda Gopher at the TANF office building to find an individual.

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64 Chairman Parker comments. He states, while his colleagues are reviewing the meeting minutes he
65 would like to provide some information regarding prescription drugs.

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67 Chairman Parker states, we just recently come through our elections and back into our positions. There
68 have been some issues of concern and he would like to inform the community that we are all working
69 together on issues affecting the community and one issue of his is dealing with prescription drugs. He
70 states, the prescription drug use is rampant and the biggest concern is the use is getting into our schools.
71 We are trying everything to curb the problem and putting tight controls at the clinic to the extent of, it is
72 hindering someone who is actually sick. Our elders or babies who are sick have to stand in line and the
73 ones that use and abuse the drugs are bottlenecking the system up. The federal Bureau of Investigators
74 (FBI) and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) were informed. We are going to make presence known
75 out there regarding prescription drug use and he would hope that we can all put a letter together shortly
76 discussing this issue with the community and what to do about it. He states, he doesn't know how
77 many, and god bless their soles, that lost their lives dealing with prescription drug use within the past
78 year. This is not only an issue in Rocky Boy but in Indian Country as well. It is very scary when it gets
79 into our school system, because our kids don't know what they are doing. He states, he is sure they are
80 getting it from an adult out there, and god bless his sole when we find out, him or her or who they are.
81 We have been working with the Law Enforcement and hopefully some communication with the Judicial
82 System in regards to special judges coming in to prosecute cases. We need to figure out what to do.
83 Yet, he states, he goes back and blames the overall Indian Healthcare system, mainly contract health.
84 When an individual has an ailment we can't send that individual to the hospital to get the ailment fixed
85 due to the priority system 12, life or limb. The excuse at the clinic, we don't have the money so we
86 medicate the individual problem because we just have the money to fix the problem. The ones that need
87 the medication, they need it and you have one's that are abusing that don't need it. We have employees
88 that are abusing who are on medication and are over medicating themselves, getting behind vehicles and
89 driving, putting themselves and others in danger.

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91 He states, for general discussion, pass the information on, try to discuss your problem, we will work
92 with employees, we will try to figure out the out come of offering treatment. If not, then the employee
93 will have to suffer the consequences. He states, we are in the process of revising the drug policy to
94 prescription drugs. He is asking the community to help curb the roadblocks in the lives our children.
95 Criminally we may have a solution. We talked to the FBI to get into the school systems and make
96 presentations and to take a preventative type of approach. He is unaware of if there is dollars out there

97 that we are missing out on and at least we can start with the younger children the affects of prescription
98 drugs on their lives. He states, his colleagues are 100% supportive of combating the prescription drug
99 problem.
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101 Daryl "Buck" Wright comments. He states, he appreciates the tribal council's concern, and the pressure
102 that is put on our Indian culture. When you have been on prescription medication for four (4) years
103 because you are an eleven (11), and all of a sudden you get cut off because you didn't make an
104 appointment. He states, he was in the clinic 4 different times during the time they stated he didn't make
105 an appointment. When he tried to get in to see a doctor, they refused to see him because they were
106 booked. They cut him off medication. He states, he spent two or three days within a week because it
107 was too painful to move around. Chairman states, he understands, we are doing our best to monitor
108 control, which may be overboard. He hopes that it can be streamlined so that everyone can have the
109 opportunity to access their medication that they need. He states, we had to tighten so much, it is
110 affecting the people who actually need the medications. Buck states, you may turning them into
111 criminals because who wants to live their life in pain. Chairman Parker states, we will address the
112 concern and issue.
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114 **Motion by John "Chance" Houle to approve the Chippewa Cree Business Committee meeting**
115 **minutes for Monday, March 2, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Bruce Sunchild. Call for further**
116 **comments or question. All in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**
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118 **BUSINESS:**
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120 **HEAD START UPDATE – VOYD ST. PIERRE AND JAY VIALLE:**
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122 ***School Budget Appropriations:***
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124 Voyd states, at the school district level we are closely monitoring Mr. Windy Boy's work in the State
125 Legislation, which currently there are three (3) bills that affect the education programs. House Bill 2,
126 which is the general appropriations for State Government, House Bill 15, which is looking at a 3%
127 increase for education K-12. House Bill 645, which is the stimulus package, which the Governor is
128 looking at \$86 million to invest in schools. Fortunately with most school districts in the State this is
129 really not the area we would like it to be invested. The plan currently is putting about \$43 million out of
130 the \$86 million for teachers retirement system to replenish. The other \$43 million will be used for
131 school modernization and renovation.
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133 Chairman Parker questions, on the reservation do you have to be on the queue or list. Voyd states, the
134 State of Montana was actually was ahead of most of the country. The State invested of getting all the
135 school districts across the State of Montana surveyed, monitored about energy efficiency, renovation
136 and the needs of school districts, and this reports is with the State, which came about last summer. We
137 are a little ahead of the curb. Some of Montana school districts are far worse than most.
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139 Voyd states, we have made our initial revenue projections as we begin our budget for the 2009-10
140 school year, which will be provided to his trustees on the 17th of April. A preliminary budget from the
141 State of Montana, K-8, we are looking at preparing next year compared to the current that we are
142 operating on for 2008-09, about a \$64,000 deficit, which is not to bad and hopes it will change in some
143 of the House Bills in the State Legislator. The big concern, is the federal impact aide, we are looking at
144 \$165,000 deficit, which is tied into declining enrollment. The High School level we are going to look at

145 in State funds a \$19,000 increase. If the impact aide level at the High School, we are looking at
146 approximately \$200,000 increase. He states, the High School is holding their own with the increased
147 enrollment, it is the elementary K-6 is where we are leveling off with enrollment. It held steady this
148 year, but the past 2 and 3 years, we have seen a decline. He states, we are right in the mist of getting
149 actively involved with budgets and we will have those sent to our board by July 1, 2009.

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151 ***Expansion:***

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153 Voyd informs the Business Committee the Rocky Boy School Board of Trustees have authorized an
154 A&E firm to being the expansion work and hopefully early next week he will be negotiating a contract
155 with the firm. We are looking at a small expansion to the High School, additional classroom are needed
156 and we are looking a few other projects that have been in the process for some time. He states,
157 construction should begin on the project late summer or early fall.

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159 ***Prescription Drug Issue:***

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161 Voyd states, Mr. Chairman regarding prescription drug problem in the schools brought an issue forth.
162 He states, we at the Rocky Boy Schools agree on the problem arising and take the issue seriously. For
163 the past few years, what we have seen is a large basic prescription drugs being at the school district by
164 students as well as fourth and fifth grade shared with fellow classmates, and there have been problems.
165 The other issue is we are seeing a big increase in is cold medication. The kids are crushing the pills and
166 snorting. We have sent a few kids to the emergency to get medical attention. He states, we have
167 contracted a firm with canine detection service for the past year and we will continue to do so. They
168 come in at sporadic times and check lockers, hallways and the parking lot for any drugs or alcohol. We
169 are and will actively continue to work with the programs we have.

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171 Chairman Parker states, he doesn't know if the schools would need an MOU or MOA offering grants
172 writers to at least write for a preventative approach to the problem. Possibly through the Department of
173 Justice may be able to help us provide some funding to do a preventative approach for the school
174 system. He states, he is aware that Joan and Elinor have been looking on how we can coordinate with
175 the schools, Rocky Boy and Box Elder, to better ourselves.

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177 Voyd states, we would be happy to do this. A few years back, the perception of the schools was we
178 were bombarded and the thought was sometimes too often with drug and alcohol prevention activities,
179 which detracted from daily academics, with No Child Left Behind, we found ourselves behind in areas.
180 Since we have not fully engaged that aspect anymore, we need to get back to drug and alcohol
181 education, beginning in the lower grades.

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183 Harlan questions the dialogue with our Law Enforcement as far as canine detection. Voyd states, yes we
184 have, with one of our State grants we were able to contract with a firm that specializes in canine
185 detection across the State of Montana. The more help and assistance we can get, it is a better head start.

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187 ***New High School Facility:***

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189 Voyd comments. He states, follow-up regarding the possible construction for a new facility down
190 below. We talked about the issue of the High School district only being in Hill County and getting that
191 access to Choteau County, we should have a letter from our legal department at the school to Mr.

192 Chairman Parker to get with Mr. Edward Parisian at the Bureau for a status report. He states, he also
193 needs to follow-up with Robert Belcourt at Natural Resources.

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195 ***Head Start Program:***

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197 Voyd states, at the Head Start level, we have authorized RJS to move forward with some of the
198 processes that need to be done such doing a major community survey and hopefully that process will
199 begin. Mr. Vialle can follow-up with timelines as to when we as a federal Head Start and possibly even
200 the State receiving some Head Start additional dollars or types of funds that may be available.

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202 Jay Vialle states, he attended a meeting with RJS after it was confirmed that an agreement had been
203 reached with the grants writers. He states, he has been in communication with the office in DC. The
204 word is President Obama has released the funds through the Department of Health and Human Services
205 Office, and funds were also released to the Office of Head Start. We are going to be in direct
206 competition with areas in our region, we have to be on the ball. If the Superintendent and the Business
207 Committee have approved to move forward with the community assessment, the initial instrument has
208 been approved by the office in DC, the Resource Management Welcoming Assessment. He states, he
209 had a meeting with Head Start staff to expect the process through TANF, and TANF agreed to be a huge
210 participant to get it out. The next part would be to get it out to the community and get their feed back.

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212 Chairman Parker questions if this is a requirement to apply. Jay states, every year we have to do updates
213 at the end of our grant year. We are in the 3rd year of our grant year and we will be applying for a five
214 (5) year grant. Chairman Parker questions for the Stimulus dollar. Jay states, this is the major
215 component with the self-assessment and the other tools. At the end of the assessment he states, he has to
216 compile a huge report, which the construction report will come from RJS. This is part of the application
217 package, which we are talking about millions of dollars. The key part of this is the expansion of Head
218 Start so we can enroll more children because we have a waiting list on both sides now and for the
219 expansion of the facility. Based upon addressing the council in the last meeting, we are hoping to
220 expand the main facility to house all our children in one central area.

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222 ***Head Start Transportation:***

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224 Chairman Parker comments. He states, there are some concerns from colleagues in regards to
225 transportation as far as program buses is concerned. He states, from his understanding, through the
226 Department of Transportation they received a huge part of the stimulus dollar and questions if the
227 program would qualify for a couple of buses. We are in the process of a transportation project and there
228 may be a way we can possibly help with the Head Start transportation issue. Just throwing some ideas
229 out there. This sounds like it would be a short-term fix. There is money out there now and states, he is
230 unaware if this is being worked out through the transportation stimulus recovery dollar.

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232 Jim Swan comments. He states, there is some money through the recovery act and the State of Montana
233 received an allocation and they just put out the word. He states, he was in contact with the Department
234 of Environmental Quality and they will be sending out an RFP, which is currently being worked on now
235 in Helena. They will have it out after May 1, 2009. This is specifically for replacement of buses. As to
236 whether or not, this will apply to the Head Start program he would have to wait and see approach. He
237 will contact Mr. Webb and see if this may be a possibility under that particular funding opportunity.

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239 Voyd states, more or less he believes that Bill is for K-12 focus and hopefully we can put Head Start
240 under there. He states the State of Montana was allocated \$1.7 million and it does require a 50% match.
241 He states transportation has been a big issue. He states, we all received calls regarding the
242 transportation issue, the council, himself, the board of trustees, the policy council and director.
243 Unfortunately there is no money and there has been no money to purchase buses. He states, he was able
244 to secure a used bus six/eight months ago. The other three (3) buses in that fleet are in dire need of
245 repairs, they have well over a 100 miles on all. As we go to children's homes right up to the front door,
246 it takes wear and tear on the buses. Our transportation department maintenance people are constantly
247 repairing. Chairman Parker questions the amount for a new bus. Voyd states, the last time he had Mr.
248 Vialle check into an amount and this was two (2) years ago, they were \$80,000 for a 54-passenger bus.
249 They are pricey for new ones.

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251 Chairman Parker questions the block grant that is coming up and questions if this would qualify for
252 transportation. Jim Swan states, he would have to check into this. More than likely it would be RBA,
253 which supplied funding for vans at Stone Child College. He is unsure if we might be able to work
254 through that angle and believes this would be the more likely angle to work through. He will follow-up.

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256 Jay Vialle states, Head Start has applied through a one-time funding and each time Head Start was
257 turned down. Chairman Parker states, everyone is short of money. There are other avenues, and hopes
258 that Head Start will work with Jim and Voyd in transportation.

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260 ***Issues of Concern:***

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262 Rusty states, we had an informal meeting with a few of the Parent Policy Council (PPC) members,
263 Superintendent and Jay Vialle concerning some areas of concern. He states, on our end we have
264 problems with reports as a grantee. Roads are another area of concern. The final issue is background
265 checks, working with the PPC on guidelines. Voyd states, individuals separate governmental entities are
266 at odds at times and he states he is happy that the PC brought up these concerns and hopefully we can
267 address the concerns before it goes to the trustee's to address. They did bring up a question about
268 indirect costs. One question that developed is they thought the program was being double billed through
269 using indirect costs or shortage of planning in the yearly budget for garbage, water, sewage and utilities.
270 He states, we are finding that out and we are running over the established budgets with water, sewage,
271 garbage, and propane. Indirect costs are not billed are not billed form the actual funded program.
272 Technology is another issue and has always been an issue. He states, he requested to Mr. Vialle that
273 they develop their grant to continue to upgrade and provided updated technological services. Like K-12,
274 we are running into major problems with our internet service provider, Triangle Telephone, cuts in
275 services, rates in services and we are not getting what we pay for meaning in terms of dedicated DSL
276 lines and it is just a constant fight with Triangle and we are pretty much at their mercy. We have
277 attended a meeting with Mr. Stevens to try to resolve these issues and lo and behold a meeting with the
278 top level, it changes the next day. Our services are really iffy.

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280 ***Head Start Contract:***

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282 Chairman Parker questions the Head Start Contract under the Rocky Boy Schools. Other than the
283 money that is received, he questions what it cost the school system if a number is put on above the grant.
284 Voyd states, it is difficult to do that. We are 10% indirect cost rate take 10% off the \$1.2, which is a
285 little over \$100,000. You look at time and effort of staff in keeping up the financials. A small
286 percentage of time, your payroll people take up a portion of that, your personnel manager, drug testing

287 and others, technology and transportation and his thought is to set down and do a direct audit. With the
288 Head Start grant they request 10% inkind and we go over and above the 10%. Chairman Parker states,
289 and then it does cost the school system. Voyd states, within the past year a lot of his time have been
290 devoted to Head Start and finds himself neglecting his staff from K-12. We are falling short in some
291 areas.

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293 Rusty comments. He states, on the tribal area, if problems occurred with utilities, such as garbage pick-
294 up or other things such as reports on the tribal side as a grantee, we would work with the Head Start
295 program. Reservation roads were another issue. Buses cannot make it to some homes due to road
296 conditions, and through the tribal side we would work to try and solve those problems.

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298 Voyd states, one of the final issues discussed was background check and some of the federal programs
299 currently working with the Head Start funded, Early Readiness, and Early Reading project. We do meet
300 with the guidelines under the office of Head Start and look at taking a step further and also add tribal
301 background checks, which is additional.

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303 ***Expenditures:***

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305 Jay Ville comments. He states, a huge cost to the Head Start program is the water and sewer
306 expenditure from the Utilities. He states, every year it is a major expenditure and he is responsible for
307 turning in the yearly budgets to the board of trustees and to the policy council. He sat down with the
308 fiscal officer of the District Clerk and which they attempted fixing it last year and still come up short.
309 He states, his advice is to quit using the garbage disposal and have their guys haul it themselves to cut
310 down on costs. The lagoon services we are being billed for is very high, which we need to try to figure
311 something out. Chairman Parker comments. He states, no matter who manages this whether it is the
312 tribe or whoever, we are still going to have these costs. We are trying to help with some of the concerns,
313 and there maybe ways to meet services.

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315 Bruce Sunchild comments. He states, it is a major cost at Head Start because we are putting the lagoon
316 over the hill instead of flowing and it is a major cost for electricity and someone has to pay the
317 electricity, which is a costly service. He will talk with someone about the costs, which his thought is
318 minimal if we all share the costs. His thought that it is only going to get worse. We have to keep it
319 running and maintenance needs to be done in the case of breakdown and repairs. Voyd states, he agrees
320 someone has to pay the costs and by no means is the Head Start trying to push it off on another program.

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322 ***Safety Concern:***

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324 Harlan Baker comments. He states, he has a concern as a parent regarding transportation safety. A
325 concern from parents regarding buses being loaded. He is unaware if this has been addressed and
326 believes it comes down to an insurance issue. Voyd states, it was addressed at a meeting. Basically
327 what it came down too, is a break down in communication within departments, which is resolved now.
328 Drivers, on a daily basis in Head Start and K-12 were given a directive before they board the bus, they
329 give a pre and post trip inspection and make all report to supervisors on any issues on mechanical stuff
330 so it could be addressed immediately. He states, we are not definitely going to be putting any bus or
331 vehicle on the road to jeopardize our children.

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333 Dixie Stump, community member comments. She states, she has a concern for a handicap grandchild
334 attending Early Head Start and will be transitioning into Head Start. Her concern is how is the Head

335 Start going to accommodate his needs in August, which is another transportation issue. Voyd states, this
336 was discussed in a meeting along with another disabled child, which is in the works. Jay Vialle states,
337 we have another child who is severely disabled, his parents and the disability services made it clear that
338 they want this child to have every opportunity for this child to ride the bus as well. We will find some
339 type of solution to modify a bus to assure and grant this opportunity to every child according to the
340 disabilities act. We have to assure we are in compliance, not only with the federal law but also with
341 OHS as well. We will make every effort to accommodate those in need before schools back in session
342 again.

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344 Joe Lafromboise comments. He states, he has Brenda Topsy overseeing the Human Services staff as
345 Chief of Staff and he is unaware how well Head Start has been working with the Human Services staff,
346 social services or any departments and he would like to extend and hand out to utilize those services. He
347 is suggesting getting together with Brenda on this. He states, they maybe able to assist in doing some
348 home visits, case management, etc. Voyd states, he will follow-up with both principles at the school.

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350 ***Extra Curricular Activity Assistance:***

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352 Voyd comments. He states, in prior years he submitted budget requests for one lump sum for seniors,
353 close-up and other activities and he is not certain, he knows Delphine Sangrey come forward to the
354 council for seniors, but on the flip side of the note, he instructed his staff that groups shouldn't be
355 running to the tribe for assistance or handouts to cover some of this stuff. He states, he realizes the tribe
356 agreed to assist, but it was also his assumption and understanding that process initiated that. Chairman
357 Parker states, on the senior part, the tribe obligated to assist every senior enrolled into the tribe. He
358 states, prior to October 1st, he would hope to get a projected budget for seniors, close-up or what
359 activities that school groups have so that the tribe could look at one number and try to work with that
360 number, rather than \$5,000 here \$6,000 here which is hard to budget. We are also trying to take care of
361 budgets issues and trying to manage, but our children will come first.

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363 Voyd comments. He states, our trustees have taken up point, we will transport to and from, we house
364 them and we feed them beyond that he is unsure what they need.

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366 Jay Vialle comments. He states, formal governments training will be going out tomorrow and they will
367 be meeting with the parent policy council at 1:00 and he would like to extend an invitation to all tribal
368 council to come eat at 1:00 p.m. listen to the presenter to help answer some of the questions. On May
369 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. is Head Start graduation, all invited. We have a transition president that reports to
370 the policy council, and during the meeting they were told not to be running to the tribal council or other
371 entities for money. The money should be from fund raising and help from parents of children
372 graduating from Head Start.

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374 Voyd reminds all regarding parent teachers' conference.

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376 **CULTURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT, FORMALLY ONI:**

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378 Bruce Sunchild comments. He states, he had asked Toni Plummer to get on the agenda today and is
379 glad she complied. He had asked Toni to elaborate on the ONI project. He states, he got tasked with
380 follow-up on protocol and where the funding is coming from and where it is.

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382 Toni Plummer, Director requesting executive session at 9:59 a.m.

383 **Motion by Russell “Rusty” Gopher to enter into executive session at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by**
384 **Bruce Sunchild. Call for comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (8) Yes – (0) No.**

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386 ***Back in session at 10:15 a.m.***

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388 Jim Morsette comments. He states, in order to speak we have to get the wishes of the chairman to
389 speak, that’s open government, he knows it is done and it was done when he was in the council. We
390 start getting used by members wanting to hear, which creates a lot of dissention and a lot of suspicion in
391 the community, which we don’t need. He is suggesting to taking under advisory to look at the beginning
392 of the meeting for executive sessions, which could be held without the inconvenience of moving
393 everyone out. Chairman Parker states, we will work in that direction. Neal to draft a Resolution to this
394 effect and bring forth to the next council meeting.

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396 ***Program Concerns:***

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398 Jonathan thanks the committee for giving the Cultural Resource a chance and opportunity to present an
399 update. He states, there has been some issues that has been happening with personnel. Within the last
400 couple of months we had Nate St. Pierre who was director resign. There were some things that were
401 supposed to be caught up on, like a transfer or transition. In the meantime, he had asked Toni to be a
402 part of that, which she made some headway on a lot of things. He had asked staff to present grants and
403 other program activities that may be in question.

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405 Chairman Parker states, he too supports this project and supported it from day one. He understands that
406 Jonathan is busy and Jonathan’s initiative of where he would like this project to be. He has concerns
407 where we are going with this project, mainly every grant you get, which prior to him Chance signed off
408 on the application and states, it is he that signs off now and has no problem with that. He has been
409 trying to work with all directors in the area of accountability of whatever dollar they are administering.
410 There is a lot of pressure put on the tribe through the funding agencies; there is a new direction that the
411 departments are working and that is the area of accountability. We have auditors in our office within the
412 last two (2) weeks specifically looking at accountability. Compliance is secondary, but accountability in
413 regard to how you are spending that dollar and how you are requesting that dollar are you spending in
414 the area you applied for. There are situations with this project that no one wants to take the blame for
415 and whoever that person is fine, he is not going to through the book at anybody. We dug a hole here that
416 we may not be able to get out. Someone is going to have to take a shot at, whether it is the Health
417 Board, the tribe or whom ever else out there that the money has been expended from. He has concerns
418 about the contracts, he has never seen a contract, and he as a chairman should review contracts whether
419 it be Toni’s or who ever works there. He hasn’t seen a grant, a grant objective, he hasn’t reviewed
420 anything. He states, he requested them and states we administer 120 grants and contracts and has access
421 to all of them, with the exception of ONI and is sure he could get them. There are some issues of
422 drawing money down; we tried to help whether it is through the Health Board and the tribe to access for
423 our financial people to assist. There is a communication breakdown there. He is concerned of where we
424 are at with these projects. At the end of the day, everything is going to be audited. Nobody is going to
425 be excluded from the audit. Every grant that comes through the tribe, he as the chairman is physically
426 responsible for assuring the grants is in compliance. He states, he intends to do that no matter who they
427 are. He states, he is not stating this in a sarcastic or mean way, it is that we all need to pay attention of
428 what we are doing if we are drawing these federal funds. He states, he realizes there is some issues with
429 the federal agencies on who could access, access numbers etc. No discredit of what is trying to be done.
430 We are at a point where we need to make a decision of where we are going with this. Everybody needs

431 to work; right now we expended funds at the Health Board that we cannot afford. He states, you guys
432 tell me we are not getting this back. He talked to a number of individuals, and he is solely physically
433 responsible and he states, do what you have to do as long as you are in compliance with that grant.
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435 Chance Houle comments. He states, he too supports this project within the last year and a half, and
436 personally the Cultural Resource program has a board of directors and some of members of the council
437 have talked about it. On the personnel issues, he doesn't care if some employees are making \$300 an
438 hour or whatever amount that we keep hearing. That is none of our business; it is the board's wishes if
439 the board wants to pay those kinds of salaries. Personally, the problem he has, if we are going to pay
440 someone salaries, it has to be in the bank, we have to take care of house cleaning first. That money has
441 to come from somewhere back to the Health Board, and the Health Board doesn't have a general fund
442 like the tribe has for outside revenue coming in. Every dollar that was received has a federal ID already,
443 so some of the colleagues may have some solutions on how to get around it. That dollar amount has to
444 be paid back to the tribe. We have auditors at the tribal office now looking at 2008 dollars spent is in
445 question. We say that there is a pay back agreement where it is going to be paid back, because they are
446 looking at it as misappropriations of federal funds and we don't want to go down that road. Hopefully
447 this morning we can get some housekeeping cleared up. He states, again he supports the project. We
448 heard about the issue with prescription drugs and the addictions we have in our community and this is
449 why he states he supported the project along with the service offered through this project.
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451 Bruce comments. He states, he listened to the restructure of the program and thought the idea was good,
452 but the program needs to pay back some of the entities where the money come from.
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454 Rusty comments. He states he sat in on a meeting at the Health Board regarding the Cultural Resource
455 program and states he feel he is in the middle and he would like to assure that communication with all
456 the entities is there.
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458 Joe comments. He states this goes back to a Reservation wide policy. We need to take a look at
459 different avenues on wages such as a wage scale for employees. There are rumors out there of
460 employees making huge amounts of money services and if they were working on the outside, they
461 wouldn't be making half of what they make, not just this program but other programs as well. He
462 believes the tribe should go with a Reservation wide pay scale and states; we need to look into this. We
463 have to get this under control because it is getting rampant and feels that we are overpaying some
464 employees for some services. He questions if a cap is needed for amount expended for services and
465 question the work completed for the amount paid. He states he is in support of the Cultural Resource
466 program, but on the financial side, we need to see some checks and balances.
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468 Jonathan states, he will take the blame for everything whatever happens. The staff we have working for
469 the cultural resource department, he has confidence and the previous staff, and states he is not pointing
470 fingers, and appreciates support colleagues support in the past his thought was things were being done,
471 which wasn't. Within the past month in a half since Toni has appointed overseeing the program, she
472 caught up with nine (9) months of work. He is requesting that staff get the opportunity to present.
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474 ***Violence Against Women Grant Update:*** 475

476 Toni Plummer states, she hears what is being stated about the concerns with budget, accountability and
477 compliance. She states, she also has those same concerns in some of the expenditures, which are the
478 areas she is still working on. At the last council meeting she states she requested to go out to

479 Washington, DC on March 23, 2009 because SAMSHA, Americorps, and all the grantee agencies
480 wanted to meet with her specifically to correct some of the problems encountered. Every grant the
481 program had was in frozen status due to lack of financial reports and program reports. She states she
482 was there for a week and they paid for her to go out. At the time they went through every grant, got
483 progress reports completed and they were able to break into the E-Grant system and reenter point of
484 contracts. We were giving letters of authority and thanks the chairman for signing those letters and
485 providing them the ability to access the system. She states, they had to override both draw down
486 systems because of the passwords that were locked in and were able to complete that. The largest grant
487 received in August 2008 was Violence Against Women a grant to tribal government, which was
488 \$419,582 and currently everything is completed and up to date. She states, she changed the primarily
489 points of contact to Lorena The Boy, Neal Rosette and herself. The draw down process is being made
490 and has an appointment with Lorena this afternoon to access the system. She states, we have requested
491 \$134,000 draw down, which will bring the program up to current from the time of the award date to
492 present. Chairman Parker states, yesterday it was kicked back. Toni states, right, she will have to call
493 DC and it may be because the amount request is too large. It may need to be broke down into
494 increments. The money will be made available. Once the draw down is completed, it will take three (3)
495 working days and we will be access those dollars. The goals that she had set for an administrative
496 capacity to regulate the draw downs and begin the actually program functions. Jolene is good for the
497 program because she is currently seeing Domestic Violence Victims at her home. Because the offices
498 are being remodeled there is no confidentiality so she is seeing those clients at her home. Up to date she
499 has seen seventeen (17) clients and has worked with them and completing the referral process to other
500 services, as well as implementing the training plan. The training plan will not just include the program
501 but includes the Law Enforcement and Court system. Chairman Parker questions the draw down of
502 \$130,000 and questions if this money is going back for reimbursement. Toni states, yes, it will go back
503 to the Health Board. We have to reconcile the budget, to match the budget that was awarded, which has
504 already been set up through the Health Board. Neal Rosette states, they can go back to August 1, 2008
505 and all the expenditures incurred for \$130,000 will have to be broken down by a monthly basis. OVW
506 will have to take another look at it for approval based upon program reports. Moving forward, the
507 Health Board will have to continue to work with Lorena. Neal states, he will be monitoring the grants.
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509 ***SAMSHA Grant Update:***

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511 Toni states, the second grant is contract grant from SAMSHA, under the Indian Country Meth Initiative,
512 ONI was selected as a practice model back in 2008. We have a new contract for this year and because it
513 is a contract the money is basically encumbered. They are allowing us to take the money and do what
514 needs to be done. The initial award made in January 2009 up to program year September 2009, was
515 \$100,000 and since then we received an additional \$100,000 for a total of \$200,000 in contract money
516 through Kaufman & Associates. We signed a contract for the year, she states she completed the
517 progress report back in DC and did an invoice for \$50,000, which a check should be received within the
518 two (2) weeks mailed to Neal Rosette at the tribal office. Toni states, after that we will be able to draw
519 down in sixty (60) day increments up to \$200,000 and again the money is unencumbered. We are
520 allowed under contract to do whatever we want with salaries as long as we continue to do the meth
521 promotion and prevention and in August we will be doing HIV/AIDS prevention work. Edwina
522 Whitford has agreed to work with that project and also assist with meth promotion. The other piece that
523 was happening while in DC was there were concerns from SAMSHA that we were not participating or
524 engaging with all the other best practice partners. Apparently there were conference calls with the
525 eleven (11) tribes selected in the grant process, and we had to make a commitment to participate in those
526 calls as well as attend the national meeting and they pay for this. There was also a TA that was written

527 by the former director in April, which they are looking for that agreement. Jonathan comments. He
528 states, on the conference call requirement, he states he was unaware that the former director wasn't
529 participating.

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531 ***AmeriCorps/SAMSHA Grant Update:***

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533 Toni states, a project that was written for \$179,000 was awarded, and \$79,000 was to be a sub-contract
534 agreement with Box Elder Schools to fund their cultural program. When she got to DC, one of the
535 major issues they had was that the financial system under E-grants had never been established or set up
536 and it was locked up through passwords from different individuals. She states, they were able to get into
537 the system, reestablish the electronic draw down system and she was able to complete the progress
538 report on site. She informed Kevin Barsotti at Box Elder School that he would need a sub-contract
539 agreement from the tribe so that he could be paid. The way the grant was written was a sub-contract for
540 \$79,000 to Box Elder Schools, and he will need to bill on a monthly basis from September to present.
541 Another issue, it was assumed that Kevin would receive the full \$79,000 in a block, one time and that is
542 not in compliance with the grant standards with SAMSHA under their sub-contract agreement
543 compliance issues, it has to be done through a sub-contact on a month-to-month reimbursement basis.
544 She states, she hopes by the end of or mid April she hopes to have the sub-contract agreement in place
545 and be able to invoice on a regular basis for the next few years. She states, our responsibility of that is
546 providing prevention services.

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548 Jonathan comments. He states, for the second year draw down for \$179,000, this grant was one of the
549 ones that was requested in a meeting a few months ago to go with Rocky Boy and in the next round we
550 will be going with Rocky Boy. Rather than reinventing the wheel, Kevin will need to be contacted to
551 get with Voyd on this project.

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553 ***Montana Department of Commerce Grant Update:***

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555 Toni states, the Montana Department of Commerce awarded \$68,800 from Indian Community
556 Development Block Grant (ICDBG) and we drew down \$60,000 for operations in which \$36,000 is
557 remaining in the checking account, which was verified. We are able to draw down \$7,000 out of this
558 grant. She states, she has been meeting with Heather Sorafina-George who has been administrating the
559 grant. We are working on the progress and financial report, which will be completed in the next few
560 days for her to review and then we will be able to make a final draw down from there. Part of the
561 Domestic Violence Grant put us on membership on the board of the Montana Native Women's
562 Coalition, which is also funded out of Office of Violence Against Women (OVW). They gave a small
563 grant of \$8,000, which we just need to submit a plan application to access those dollars.

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565 Toni states, there is a total, actually funded and awarded, guaranteed award letters in the amount of
566 \$867,382. Chairman Parker questions original budgets. Toni states, all of the budgets were given to
567 Kathy Sutherland, and now we will be working with Lorena The Boy who has the budget for the OVW
568 grant. One of the things that were prepared, all of the grants each has grants, budget, and award letter
569 information along with the report. They will be different because we will have to adjust everything.

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571 ***Program Reimbursements:***

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573 Chairman Parker questions, if the program is requesting to be transferred under the tribe, he questions if
574 there is indirect costs. Toni states, yes. Chairman Parker requesting a copy of all budgets, award letters
575 and also contracts attached.

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577 Chance comments. He states, he can get back and get a corrective action plan and let the comrade staff
578 know that \$134,000 that is going to be drawn will go back to the Health Board, Toni confirms. The
579 \$52,000 that will be coming forth will also go back to the Health Board. Toni states, yes for the ICMI.
580 She states, one of the solutions that she discussed with one of the program's board members was to
581 request a Resolution of support to Independence Bank for a line of credit based upon our actual award
582 dollars for \$250,000 on our account. We will be able to pay this back because we have \$300,000 of
583 unencumbered money. She states she checked the grants and we are able to do that and reason is to pay
584 the Health Board off immediately.

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586 Jake questions the line of the credit. He states he doesn't understand why the program would need if the
587 process is set up, and states we don't have no problem in fronting the money, but a lot of our grants and
588 contracts are cost reimbursable. But if you get extended out in where we were with this project, it is
589 uncomfortable. He states, the way the Resolution reads it would be under the Chippewa Cree Tribe and
590 we already have three (3) lines of credit, one under the Roads and two under the Tribe. He is not so sure
591 if these will be extended, and right now he is in the process of trying to pay these lines of credit off. It is
592 a shot, but he doesn't understand why the program would need it. He states, tell you the truth, these
593 lines of credit get you in trouble. You think you have cash, or a pot of money, which is easy to access
594 and at the end of the day when they have to be paid back, you scramble. Usually these lines of credit
595 have to be paid up by the end of the new fiscal year, which is October 1st.

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597 Chance comments. He states, the first item regarding Cultural Resource Department (CRD) is we need
598 to transfer it back under the Tribe.

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600 **Motion by John "Chance" Houle to transfer the Cultural Resource Department 2008-2009 Grants**
601 **and Contracts from the Rocky Boy Health Board to the Chippewa Cree Tribe. Seconded by**
602 **Bruce Sunchild with a comment. He states, passport numbers can be changed, which is dangerous**
603 **where anyone can access. Toni states, all the information, the pass codes and passports are safe**
604 **guarded and copies will be given to Lorena The Boy, Neal Rosette and herself. She states, she will**
605 **safe guard those and any changes will be submitted in writing. Question called for. All in favor,**
606 **motion carried. (8) Yes – (0) No.**

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608 ***Rescinding Resolution 38-09 (a) – Health Board Check Signing Authority:***

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610 Jonathan questions the Resolution for check signers and would like to rescind Resolution 38-09 (a).

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612 **Motion by Jonathan Windy Boy to rescind Resolution 38-09 (a) that included check signing**
613 **authority from the Business Committee members, Raymond "Jake" Parker, Jonathan Windy Boy,**
614 **Rusty Gopher, Harlan Baker, Bruce Sunchild, John C. Houle, Brian K. Eagleman, Joseph**
615 **Lafromboise, Ricky Morsette, Tribal Secretary/Treasurer, Janice Myers, Chief Executive Officer,**
616 **Fawn Tadios and Assistant Chief Executive Officer, John Johnson. Seconded by Harlan Baker.**
617 **Call for comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (8) Yes – (0) No.**

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619 ***Resolution to Approve Check Signing Authority Under the Chippewa Cree Tribe:***
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621 **Motion by Jonathan Windy Boy to approve all nine (9) members of the Chippewa Cree Business**
622 **Committee, Raymond “Jake” Parker, Chairman, Jonathan Windy Boy, Vice-chair, Brian “Kelly”**
623 **Eagleman, Committee Member, Bruce Sunchild, Committee Member, Richard “Ricky” Morsette,**
624 **Committee Member, John “Chance” Houle, Committee Member, Russell “Rusty” Gopher,**
625 **Committee Member, Harlan Baker, Committee Member, Joseph Lafromboise, Jr., and to include**
626 **Secretary/Treasurer Janice Myers to be authorized check signers for the Chippewa Cree Cultural**
627 **Resource Department. Seconded by John “Chance” Houle. Call for comment or question. All in**
628 **favor, motion carried. (8) Yes – (0) No.**
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630 Jonathan states, Chance brought up a good point regarding expenditures. We discussed the CRD being
631 under the Health Board and we didn’t want to put any further financial burden on that program, so what
632 the line of credit would do is pay the full amount owed to the Health Board, which would address some
633 issues with the finance staff and also give the program a lead way on services provided.
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635 **Motion by Bruce Sunchild for the approval of a Resolution authorizing Raymond “Jake” Parker,**
636 **Chairman and Janice Myers, Secretary/Treasurer to apply for a line of credit for FY 2009 in**
637 **support of the Chippewa Cree Cultural Resource Department (CRD) in the amount of two**
638 **hundred and fifty thousand and zero cents (\$250,000). Seconded by Harlan Baker. Call for**
639 **comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (8) Yes – (0) No.**
640

641 Chairman Parker comments. He states what we are trying to do is streamline the grants writing process.
642 He states, we need to work with Toni as a grants writer. There have been some concerns regarding grant
643 submission acting at the 11th hour. He states, we have a good system set up, where we bring our grants
644 writers together, we know what is out there, we sign them, and he is aware that there may be a lot on the
645 plate of the Cultural Resource Department, and we may be losing out on grants that could benefit the
646 community. We need a clear understanding to our grants writers concerning the SAMSHA dollars.
647 There is some information out there that the only ones that can apply for dollars under ATF is ONI. We
648 have our grants writers confused and the tribe doesn’t have a problem writing the grants, and states, he
649 personally doesn’t care who receives the grants as long as a service is provided at the end of the day. He
650 states, he stresses coordination of these services is essential in order to provide a service to our
651 community, whether it is Social Service, Law & Order or whomever in order to make it beneficial is the
652 coordination of these services. He would like clarification on SAMSHA dollars, and states, he
653 understands where Jim is at as a grants writer and states he has been approached by a number of grants
654 writers regarding hands off on grants that are writing for, and believes it is not a good policy for the tribe
655 or a good direction.
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657 Jim Swan comments. He states, there was one grant last year specifically for drug courts on SAMSHA
658 dollars we tried to keep hands off because we were under the impression that we don’t go there.
659 Jonathan states, in 2005, it wasn’t the matter of keeping hands off policy, but coordination. Right now,
660 within the departments of the tribe there really isn’t that coordination, turfism or territorial and in order
661 to get to the bottom of this, communication needs to happen. With the demonstration project is where
662 the perception came in as a hands off grant. He states, basically what they are trying to do is blow it as
663 what is going to work for the tribe and western models of how we do business rather than the
664 government trying to tell us what to do and this is what we are trying to do, come up with a system that
665 will work for the tribe and community. We haven’t got around to complete interdepartmental
666 agreements within the tribe and will be working on this to alleviate the misconception. Jim states, this is
667 just an opportunity since we are talking coordination. There was a recovery act discussion that he states
668 he has been maintaining a little spreadsheet on recovery dollars specific. He states, he realizes this is not

669 his responsibility, but decided he would step up to the plate and try to coordinate so that the grants
670 writers weren't stepping on toes. Whoever continues to maintain this in the future, there needs to be that
671 communication as to exactly which opportunities whether it is his office ID number, name or due date
672 because there are a lot of them going around now, specially with the recovery dollars that have very
673 similar names, not realizing a department within is writing for the same grant independently and it
674 makes it hard as a team of grants writer within the planning department to assure that everything is
675 coordinated and nothing is being missed along the way.

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677 Joseph Lafromboise comments. He states, his thought was a committee was formed to alleviate some of
678 the grants to the 11th hour. He questions if there is anyway where the committee can sit down a week
679 before the grant is due and implement an incentive to write the grants 1% so that the grants writers
680 won't miss out in writing these grants. Chairman Parker states, we are trying to streamline that and
681 believes the planning department is off to a good start. Joan has put a format together on the process
682 and has been working in that direction. As of now, we are being bombarded by the stimulus coming
683 down. We still have the regular RFP's out there in the Omnibus Bill and hopefully once we get through
684 the stimulus part of it, we will get back to a normal RFP process that will give you 60 or 90 days to work
685 with. He states, he reviewed the list of grants that the planners will be attempting within the next couple
686 of weeks. There must be 30-40 grants. Jim states, if you added them all together, such as Toni has 2 by
687 the next couple of weeks, and 5 or 6 thereafter. Chairman Parker states, Jonathan brings up a good point
688 and states he believes communication and coordination of services, and we never ever done this within
689 the tribe and hopes that an individual can

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691 **Motion by Jonathan Windy Boy to implement interdepartmental agreements and to work on the**
692 **coordination of services through a grant committee. Seconded by Russell "Rusty" Gopher with a**
693 **comment by Jonathan to have Neal Rosette oversee that this comes through. Neal states, it is not**
694 **the communication, it is the personalities. Neal is requesting to be ahead of the department.**
695 **Jonathan amends his motion to appoint Neal Rosette to oversee the grant committee. Russell**
696 **"Rusty" Gopher amends his second. Call for comment or question. All in favor, motion carried.**
697 **(8) Yes – (0) No.**

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699 **TRIBAL LEADERS COUNCIL – DONNI WETZEL, JR. – STEPHANIE IRON SHOOTER:**

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701 Donni thanks the Chippewa Cree Business Committee for allowing the time for him to present. He
702 states, he and Stephanie are present requesting support for the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders
703 Council's (MT-WY TLC) application to the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration
704 for the State and Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention grant project, "Planning Seeds of Hope."

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706 He states, in the beginning we had an opt in and opt out basis with all the tribes and we had six (6) tribes
707 opt in and he questions if the tribe would like to opt in. In the past the tribe opted out the last time
708 around, and we are coming to the end of our 3rd year. He states, what we have done with the Planning
709 Seeds of Hope Project is set up a position with each tribe. The tribe hires the individual will be trained
710 by the team as a Suicide Prevention Coordinator and we try to fund the position at \$23,400 a year. We
711 get trained in any type of suicide prevention initiatives we want and we use empowerment type of
712 initiatives. Then it becomes a tribal specific plan development from the tribe. We give them the blue
713 print on what is needed to have included in the suicide prevention plans, which everything is tribal
714 specific. Out of the 6 reservations, we currently have sitting on the board is Blackfeet, Crow, Fort
715 Belknap, Fort Peck, Northern Cheyenne and Northern Arapahoe. Each tribe has their own plans that
716 they handle at the reservation levels. They are all different. He states, we have been working with

717 I.H.S. and the B.I.A. on some issues with the police departments trying to collect better data to show the
718 problems. A lot of data that is out there is pretty much I.H.S. data. I.H.S. recently provided the 2007
719 numbers and if you look at 2005 for tribes it is usually up at 20 – 22 out of 100,000 and in 2006, 21 per
720 100,000 and that is when we started our initiative. He states, there are a number of initiatives currently.
721 If you look at 2007, it is down 16.3 out of 100,000. The people from I.H.S. have never seen the
722 numbers so low, and feel a lot of it has to do with the collaboration and it is the communities
723 collaborating. This was one of the first things done with the grant, he states, we had each of the tribal
724 council pass a Proclamation for Unity for Life, and the information will be provided if the council
725 wishes. He states, what they did was went to every reservation and visited all the departments the
726 council wanted and all the departments the tribal health wanted them to. We developed a small safety
727 net and one of the things done is we linked 911 center into our tribal suicide prevention coordinator. A
728 month or so into the grant, the I.H.S. showed statistics that they had, alarming with 6 attempts in a
729 month. When we did this initiative, it was decided that we link up with the 911 centers, so when
730 attempted suicide or suicide calls come in they would be linked up to the trained coordinator. One of the
731 reservations had 6 calls within a week and so a meeting with I.H.S. was held and I.H.S. was informed of
732 a big issue occurring, there is a big discrepancy, whereas they showed 7 attempts in a month and we
733 show 6 in a week. A Planning Seeds of Hope Incident Report was developed, because going through all
734 the reservations, there would be someone coming up to him and informing him of what is going on and
735 the number of attempts encountered. He would talk to the training coordinators and when he talked with
736 I.H.S. they didn't know anything about it, so we developed the incident report. One of the keys for us,
737 he states, if we have a tribal person that people trust within the community and people tend to go to that
738 person rather than I.H.S. or the B.I.A. It is mainly to try to get out to the people. If there is an attempt
739 we find out about it, we work with I.H.S., and we found a loophole within I.H.S. sharing data with the
740 tribes. If there is an attempt, they go to Behavioral Health, and Behavioral Health meets with that
741 individual. The individual goes off and has a follow-up appointment in 2 weeks, and we are saying
742 there is a gap there because these people are not going out in the community. We found this loophole
743 where our training coordinators can become a volunteer status to a psychologist through I.H.S. Our
744 community person can follow-up based upon the referral.

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746 Chairman Parker questions if this grant is through U of M on suicide prevention. Donni states, no.
747 Chairman Parker states, they had approached the tribe regarding this type of grant and questions Donni
748 if he is aware if there is another grant such as this that U of M is doing. Donni is unaware. His thought
749 is there is a Gary Lee Smith grant that comes out, and ours was funded in 2006, but the State of Montana
750 got funded in 2005. So there are two (2) cohorts, and we are cohort number 2. Last September, cohort 1
751 can reapply for another three-year grant because there's ended and states, he believes U of M went after
752 it. Salish Kootenai went after one and they were funded. We are coming again, cohort 2, and our grant
753 is due April 17, 2009, and he states, they are going after this grant and the State of Montana is also going
754 after the same.

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756 Jonathan comments. He states we had Sarah Young from MSU working with us, and he questions if she
757 is working on the grant project. Donni states, Vicki Lafromboise is currently working in that capacity.

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759 **Motion by John "Chance" Houle approving the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council's**
760 **(MT-WY TLC) application to the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration for the**
761 **State and Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention grant project proposal, Planning Seeds of Hope.**
762 **Seconded by Richard "Rick" Morsette with a question by Joseph Lafromboise, Jr. He questions if**
763 **there is a way that the MT-WY TLC can coordinate with the Chippewa Cree Community**
764 **Resources. Donni confirms. Bruce Sunchild comments. He states, he doesn't want to get into a**