

The Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation

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CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

Tribal Chambers

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

@ 9:30 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 in the Chippewa Cree tribal chambers by Chairman, Raymond "Jake" Parker.

INVOCATION: Invocation by Bruce Sunchild.

PRESENT: Raymond "Jake" Parker, Chairman, Joseph Lafromboise, Jr., Business Committee Member, Richard "Rick" Morsette, Business Committee Member, John "Chance" Houle, Business Committee Member, Russell "Rusty" Gopher, Business Committee Member, Bruce Sunchild, Business Committee Member, Harlan Baker, Business Committee Member (7) Present – (2) Absent

ABSENT: Jonathan Windy Boy and Brian "Kelly" Eagleman

OTHERS PRESENT: Janice Myers, Secretary/Treasurer, Richard Sangrey, Chief of Staff, Neal Rosette, Compliance Officer, Kim Traversie, RJS, Grants Writer, Robert "Sonny" Belcourt, Natural Resources, Ona Denny, Recorder.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Additions to the agenda:

2-e) Enrollment – Rusty Gopher

2-f) 638 Contract AARA Dollars Signature/Roads – Chairman Parker

Motion by Russell "Rusty" Gopher to approve the Wednesday, August 5, 2009 Chippewa Cree Business Committee agenda with additions as presented. Seconded by Harlan Baker. Call for comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009:

Chairman Parker considering holding an Administrative Sub-committee meeting following the Business Committee meeting to discuss the tribes financial situation.

Chairman Parker comments. He states, he had spoke with several colleagues in regard to scheduling a meeting among council to discuss individual concerns on what each feels on what is right and wrong, and how we can better communicate with each other assuring we aware of what each is doing.

Especially when someone confronts you and you cannot answer. He states, he hopes that each one has suggestions better communication. He states, he doesn't want a discontent meeting and would like it to

49 be open. He states, he has a few concerns on how could better operate as a government. We are
50 professionals and we need to keep it that way. He hopes a meeting could be scheduled in the next
51 couple of weeks, and suggests that agenda items be submitted on ideas. We have come a long way to
52 have a good percentage of our tribal members working including the youth who will work another week.
53 Hopefully the youth will use money made to buy themselves school clothes. We paid seniors a little
54 money for the Pow-wow. He states, our Trust Account is diminishing and we need to start planning on
55 winter requests. New fiscal year will begin in a month, and there is a considerable amount of money
56 flowing through the tribe. He had spoken with RJS, which is not guaranteed, but it appears that we may
57 be getting the new detention facility, which is a \$12 million dollar project. We haven't planned on how
58 we are going to operate it and will need to sit down with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). A meeting
59 was held regarding O&M dollars that's currently sitting with Office of Trust Fund Management
60 (OTFM). Discussions are currently in progress of transferring that dollar to First Interstate Bank. The
61 amount is \$20+ million and see if would receive a better interest rate. The way this will be operated is
62 the interest only will be used to management the waterline coming from Tiber Dam. We are in the
63 process of constructing a waterline from the Reserve Osmosis (RO) unit from Northern Winz Casino to
64 Box Elder, which Jay is requesting dollars for that as we speak. Prior to making this decision, the
65 committee needs to sit down and decide if we want to take on the O&M, currently it sits with the BIA.
66 The way the agreement was, the Law was made, and we need to get the costs on how this will be done.
67 He states, he talked to Chance on the deal with John Jurriss and had not seen a report on the plans of
68 where we are going with this project. He states, the bottom line is we need to generate some revenue.
69 He talked to Rob Rosette on the Casino regarding a plan on getting out of our current situation. He
70 states, therefore there are several items that we need get to the table, fully discuss and all be involved
71 with the decision.

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73 Bruce questions who is doing the planning on the Hotel. He states, he is back on the Board with Native
74 American Bank. Dave Gilham has been questioning him where the tribe is at with the planning stages,
75 so the information could be forwarded to Dave. Neal Rosette states, currently we have John Swan
76 working on developing an actual plan, however there was a Native American Bank proposal that was
77 received requesting the tribe to buy out the note that we have with Marshall Bank. Currently we are
78 receiving information from John that it is not in our best interest to do that, because they have written off
79 the \$1 million, and it is only worth a couple of hundred thousand. It is sitting in limbo now. Bruce is
80 recommending that the Business Committee be kept informed.

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82 **Motion by John "Chance" Houle to dispense reading for the Chippewa Cree Business Committee**
83 **meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2009. Seconded by Bruce Sunchild. Call for comment or**
84 **question. All in favor, motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**

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86 **BUSINESS:**

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88 **AMENDMENT TO TRAVEL POLICY – RICHARD SANGREY:**

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90 Richard states, we went to federal rates and in our policy we have a twenty-one (21) advance notice on
91 airfare, federal rates do not require that, they pay the mileage to and from. He is requesting to amend
92 the policy to reflect the change.

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94 **Motion by Bruce Sunchild to approve the amendment to the Chippewa Cree Travel Policy to**
95 **change the twenty-one (21) advance notice for airfare to "no time limit". Seconded by Richard**
96 **"Ricky" Morsette. Call for comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**

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98 **NEWSLETTER – GLENDA EAGLEMAN/TONY WOODS:**

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100 Chairman Parker comments. He states, we discussed this item a number of times and still hasn't been
101 provided a cost analysis.

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103 **Motion by Bruce Sunchild to table Newsletter-Glenda Eagleman/Tony Woods. Seconded by**
104 **Harlan Baker. Call for comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**

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106 ***Glenda Eagleman present at 9:45 p.m. to present.***

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108 Glenda states, she costs differences from the Great Falls Tribune, Havre Daily News, and Stone Child
109 College. Bruce questions if Tony is with NTDA. Confirmed. The only with a full budget is what
110 NTDA submitted, the other budgets are printing costs and does not include wages or consultant fees.
111 Glenda states, it is cheaper to go with Great Falls Tribune for printing costs. Havre Daily has difficulty
112 squeezing in additional printing. Stone Child College does not have the capabilities of printing regular
113 newspaper sized. Suggestion to go with Great Falls Tribune for printing costs.

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115 Chairman Parker comments. He states, we had requested that Glenda come up with a budget for costs of
116 a newsletter. The way it reads, it will cost \$8,325 per month for a monthly newsletter. Chairman Parker
117 questions if the printing is through the college. Glenda states, it is through the Tribune. Chairman
118 Parker questions, when printed if Glenda will need to pick up. Glenda states, they will deliver.
119 Chairman Parker questions the difference from the Tribune and the Stone Child College Print Shop.
120 Glenda states, according to Tony, Stone Child Colleges' paper type utilized at Stone Child College is
121 more expensive than what Tribune uses. Chairman Parker questions the difference in price. Tribune
122 uses recycled and less expensive. He states, the way he reads the budget submitted, the Tribune would
123 receive \$1,400 per month to print the newsletter for 2,000 copies. Joe comments. He states, Glenda
124 may want to set up selling classified ads in the newsletter once it get off the ground.

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126 Chairman Parker suggesting utilizing our own services for the newsletter. He also suggests getting with
127 all the departments to cost share the monthly price.

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129 **Motion by John "Chance" Houle authorizing Neal Rosette and Richard Sangrey to follow-up with**
130 **the directors for contributions for the local newsletter. Seconded by Joseph Lafromboise, Jr. Call**
131 **for comment or question. (6) Yes – (0) No.**

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133 Glenda will follow up with Richard Sangrey, Neal Rosette, and Tony Woods.

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135 **RJS REPORT – JIM SWAN, CEO:**

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137 Chairman Parker states, a lot the grants written are pending, but did get quite a bit of grants funded. He
138 states, he talked with RJS this morning and it sounds like the detention facility is going to get funded.
139 One of the things is we signed a contract with Ian Windy Boy for the creation of a database for all grants
140 funded, reporting periods, deadlines, and what program those grants are under. Rusty questions where
141 Ian is located. Neal states, in Arizona, and he keeps in close contact with Billianne and he through e-
142 mail. Joe comments. He states, Dallas is stretched pretty thin and is in need of a backup. E-mail has
143 been down a couple of days and being late of reporting we didn't get the notification in time through e-
144 mail. Chairman Parker states, the directors should know when a report is due. Chairman Parker

145 suggesting that Neal and Billianne figure out a way to stay on top of the reports, when they are due,
146 especially on AARA dollars.

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148 Chairman Parker informs colleagues a financial meeting is scheduled after the council meeting. He
149 states, we had asked John Swan to come on board. He received his MBA from Harvard in the finance
150 area and he was asked to come up with a plan similar to what was asked from Wells Fargo and First
151 Interstates. He hopes that his colleagues can be available.

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153 *Information only.*

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155 **MT/WYO TRIBAL LEADERS INVOICE:**

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157 Chairman Parker states, it is our annual due and hopes that Janice can pay the amount.

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159 **Motion by John “Chance” Houle to authorize payment to the MT/WHO Tribal Leaders Council**
160 **for the Chippewa Cree Tribe annual dues. Seconded by Bruce Sunchild. Call for comment or**
161 **question. All in favor, motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**

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163 **ENROLLMENT EQUIPMENT:**

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165 Rusty states, he talked to the enrollment clerk and she questioned when the enrollment equipment would
166 be updated. Neal states, he will follow-up with Dallas and will provide a list from programs for
167 contributions. Chairman Parker suggesting after the first of the year, purchase the equipment.

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169 **Motion by Bruce Sunchild to authorize enrollment equipment purchase after October 1, 2009, and**
170 **invoice the departments that utilize the equipment. Seconded by John “Chance” Houle. Call for**
171 **comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**

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173 **NATURAL RESOURCES:**

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175 **Resolution to be ratified:**

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177 **A Resolution to Approve Homes to be Built on Spring Fall Grazing Units Providing Home Sites in**
178 **Those Units are Fenced, Near Roads, Power Lines, Water Lines, Telephone Line, and Home Site is in**
179 **Reason and Grazing Permittee is Notified.**

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181 Robert “Sonny” Belcourt states, this Resolution was approved through the Natural Resources meeting
182 for full council. Chairman Parker questions number of units going on grazing units, and questions at
183 what point do we say that is enough. He states, he supports opening up for home building. Sonny
184 states, this is why near roads, waterlines, and telephone lines so that we could look at a number of range
185 units.

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187 Chairman Parker suggesting proposing in the fall start pulling 5 or 10 acres for those units coming up for
188 negotiations. We pick the unit area and we don’t advertise. He states, the Resolution needs to be
189 presented to the Cattlemen’s Association for discussion. It all involves the cattlemen but they have to
190 look at the needs of the tribe as a whole. Sonny states, there are some permittees that have no problem
191 with setting aside a few acres for a home site. Chairman Parker states, the reason for the Resolution
192 coming forward is 4 or 5 foundations were dug and were rejected after the fact. Joe questions when the

193 least expires. Sonny states, the leases expire in ten (10) years and then they have to renegotiate.
194 Chairman Parker states, the bottom line is the tribe owns the land and things could be done. He doesn't
195 like negotiating power lines, sewer lines etc. with individuals and it is getting totally out of hand.
196 Individuals are dictating to the council. Sonny states, he understands. Housing came to him anticipating
197 where these homes are going to be put. Sonny proposes to the council for a master plan for the
198 Reservation. We have been told not to go build in the mountains and if we had a master plan together
199 we would know where each individual home is. Bruce questions where the guy is from who proposed to
200 come in and work on a master plan. Sonny states, Washington, DC.

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202 *Chairman Parker steps out of the meeting @ 10:13, council Houle chairs the meeting.*

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204 Bruce questions why this can't be done with someone on the Reservation that knows the area. Joe
205 questions if we have a master plan available. Bruce states, housing has 24 anticipated homes next year
206 and was asked to keep them in a cluster at the big casino.

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208 **Motion by Russell "Rusty" Gopher to have Robert "Sonny" Belcourt research Master Plan for**
209 **Rocky Boy's Reservation and to table A Resolution to Approve Homes to be Built on Spring Fall**
210 **Grazing Units Providing Home Sites in Those units are Fenced, Near Roads, Power Lines, Water**
211 **Lines, Telephone Lines, and Home Site is in Reason and Grazing Permittee is Notified, and to be**
212 **forwarded to the Chippewa Cree Cattlemen's Association for discussion. Seconded by Harlan**
213 **Baker. Call for comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**

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215 Sonny states, the guy that wants to do this will come up with grant dollars and all the departments and
216 people would have a say and him not telling us what to do. He would be here to show us how to make it
217 work rapidly.

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219 *Chairman Parker back in session at 10:16 a.m.*

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221 **RESOLUTIONS:**

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223 **A Resolution to Authorize and Approve the Loan Extension at the Independence Bank of Havre,**
224 **Montana for a Term of _____ Years For the Purpose of Restructuring Debt at the Bank.**

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226 **Motion by Bruce Sunchild to approve A Resolution to Authorize and Approve the Loan Extension**
227 **at the Independence Bank of Havre, Montana for a Term of ___ Years For the Purpose of**
228 **Restructuring Debt at the Bank. Seconded by Harlan Baker. Call for comment or question. All**
229 **in favor, motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**

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231 **A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Chippewa Cree Tribe to set up Two (2) Bank Accounts for**
232 **the: 1) BIA Road Construction; and 2) BIA Road Maintenance Funds Awarded to the Tribe Under**
233 **the American Recovery and Business committee Members and the Tribal Secretary/Treasurer to have**
234 **Signature Authority Over the Accounts.**

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236 **Motion by Bruce Sunchild to approve A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Chippewa Cree**
237 **Tribe to set up Two (2) Bank Accounts for the: 1) BIA Road Construction; and 2) BIA Road**
238 **Maintenance Funds Awarded to the Tribe Under the American Recovery and Business committee**
239 **Members and the Tribal Secretary/Treasurer to have Signature Authority Over the Accounts.**

240 **Seconded by Harlan Baker. Call for comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (6) Yes –**
241 **(0) No.**

242
243 **Bruce Sunchild amends his motion to include the Chippewa Cree Forestry thinning dollars for an**
244 **account to be set up. Chairman Parker recommending Janice Myers to take care of it today.**
245 **Seconded by Harlan Baker. Comment called for. All in favor, motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**
246

247 Richard Sangrey to draft Resolution authorizing Janice Myers to set up individual accounts. Chance
248 comments. He states, the AARA dollars need to have an individual account, due to IG's looking at
249 accounts on a weekly basis is the information received back from the Billings Area Office.

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251 **Motion by Bruce Sunchild to authorize Janice Myers, Secretary/Treasurer to set up individual**
252 **accounts for any dollars being received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**
253 **(ARRA), to include the Chippewa Cree Natural Resource Department dollars. Seconded by John**
254 **“Chance” Houle with a comment by Chairman Parker. Chance states, Neal Rosette and Billianne**
255 **Morsette should have every AARA grant recorded so that Janice doesn't have to go back and**
256 **research the information. Question called for. All in favor, motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**
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258 **A Resolution to Authorize Business Committee Chairman Raymond “Jake” Parker, Jr., to sing the**
259 **PL 93-638 Contract with the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Roads Department**
260 **Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Billings, Montana.**

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262 **Motion by John “Chance” Houle to approve A Resolution to Authorize Business Committee**
263 **Chairman Raymond “Jake” Parker, Jr., to sing the PL 93-638 Contract with the Department of**
264 **Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Roads Department Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Billings,**
265 **Montana. Seconded by Bruce Sunchild. Call for comment or question. All in favor, motion**
266 **carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**

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268 **RESOLUTIONS TO BE RATIFIED:**

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270 **129-09: A Resolution Authorizing Business Committee Members, Chairman, Raymond “Jake”**
271 **Parker, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Jonathan Windy Boy, Russell “Rusty” Gopher, Richard “Rick”**
272 **Morsette, Harlan Baker, John “Chance” Houle, Brian “Kelly” Eagleman, Bruce Sunchild, and**
273 **Janice Myers, Secretary/Treasurer as authorized check signers for the Chippewa Cree Tribal**
274 **Programs.**

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276 **Motion by Russell “Rusty” Gopher to ratify 129-09: A Resolution Authorizing Business**
277 **Committee Members, Chairman, Raymond “Jake” Parker, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Jonathan Windy**
278 **Boy, Russell “Rusty” Gopher, Richard “Rick” Morsette, Harlan Baker, John “Chance” Houle,**
279 **Brian “Kelly” Eagleman, Bruce Sunchild, Joseph Lafromboise, Jr., and Janice Myers,**
280 **Secretary/Treasurer as authorized check signers for the Chippewa Cree Tribal Programs.**
281 **Seconded by Harlan Baker. Call for comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (6) Yes –**
282 **(0) No.**

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284 **131-09: A Resolution of the Chippewa Cree Tribe to Accept the Indian Reservation Roads Program**
285 **Funding Provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Public Law 11-5) and the Terms**
286 **of the Act.**

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288 **Motion by John “Chance” Houle to ratify 131-09: A Resolution of the Chippewa Cree Tribe to**
289 **Accept the Indian Reservation Roads Program Funding Provided by the American Recovery and**
290 **Reinvestment Act (Public Law 11-5) and the Terms of the Act. Seconded by Richard “Ricky”**
291 **Morsette. Call for comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**
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293 **132-09: A Resolution of the Chippewa Cree Tribe to Receive American Recovery and Reinvestment**
294 **Act (Public Law 11-5) Distributions From the Bureau of Indian Affairs Under Title I Agreements.**
295

296 **Motion by Bruce Sunchild to ratify 132-09: A Resolution of the Chippewa Cree Tribe to Receive**
297 **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Public Law 111-5) Distributions From the Bureau of**
298 **Indian Affairs Under Title I Agreements. Seconded by Richard “Ricky” Morsette. Call for**
299 **comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**
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301 **133-09: A Resolution authorizing Submittal and Approval of a Grant Application to the Bureau of**
302 **Indian Affairs for 200 Meth Initiative Funds.**
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304 **Motion by Bruce Sunchild to ratify 133-09: A Resolution authorizing Submittal and Approval of a**
305 **Grant Application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for 2009 Meth Initiative Funds. Seconded by**
306 **Harlan Baker. Call for comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**
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308 **Resolutions went through Natural Resources for approval:**
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310 **A Resolution to Approve the Application of Standard Assignment Number S-134, Mara Jayne**
311 **Corcoran has Completed the Necessary Paperwork for Land Assignment No. S-134.**
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313 **Motion by Bruce Sunchild to ratify A Resolution to Approve the Application of Standard**
314 **Assignment Number S-134, Mara Jayne Corcoran has Completed the Necessary Paperwork for**
315 **Land Assignment No. S-134. Seconded by John “Chance” Houle. Call for comment or question.**
316 **All in favor, motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**
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318 **A Resolution to Approve the Application of Standard Assignment Number S-164, Beau LaSalle has**
319 **Completed the Necessary Paperwork for Land Assignment No. S-164.**
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321 **Motion by Bruce Sunchild to ratify A Resolution to Approve the Application of Standard**
322 **Assignment Number S-164, Beau LaSalle has Completed the Necessary Paperwork for Land**
323 **Assignment No. S-164. Seconded by John “Chance” Houle. Call for comment or question. All in**
324 **favor, motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**
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326 **A Resolution to Approve the Application of Standard Assignment Number S-141, Kenneth Edward**
327 **Parisian has Completed the Necessary Paperwork for Land Assignment No. S-141.**
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329 **Motion by Bruce Sunchild to ratify A Resolution to Approve the Application of Standard**
330 **Assignment Number S-141, Kenneth Edward Parisian has Completed the Necessary Paperwork**
331 **for Land Assignment No. S-141. Seconded by John “Chance” Houle. Call for comment or**
332 **question. All in favor, motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**
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334 **A Resolution to Approve the Application of Standard Assignment Number S-241 Bruce Sunchild Sr.,**
335 **Completed the Necessary Paperwork for Land Assignment No. S-241.**

336 **Motion by John “Chance” Houle to ratify A Resolution to Approve the Application of Standard**
337 **Assignment Number S-124 Bruce Sunchild Sr., Completed the Necessary Paperwork for Land**
338 **Assignment No. S-241. Seconded by Harlan Baker. Call for comment or question. All in favor,**
339 **motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**
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341 **A Resolution to Approve the Application of Standard Assignment Number S-240, Brian “Kelly”**
342 **Eagleman has Completed the Necessary Paperwork for Land Assignment, S-240.**
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344 **Motion by John “Chance” Houle to ratify A Resolution to Approve the Application of Standard**
345 **Assignment Number S-240, Brian “Kelly” Eagleman has Completed the Necessary Paperwork for**
346 **Land Assignment, S-240. Seconded by Harlan Baker. Call for comment or question. All in favor,**
347 **motion carried. (6) Yes – (0) No.**
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349 **OTHER:**

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351 **Housing Request – Zane Rosette:**
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353 ***Recommendation to refer to Chippewa Cree Housing Authority.***
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355 **Employment Request – Lowanda Arkinson:**
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357 ***Recommendation to refer to Chippewa Cree TERO department.***
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359 ***Jonathan Windy Boy present at 10:27 a.m.***
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361 **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Presentation – Great Falls:**
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363 Robert “Sonny” Belcourt informs the council; on August 6, 2009 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife will be
364 making a presentation regarding Rocky Boy in Great Falls. Ricky Morsette, Sonny Belcourt and Leland
365 Topsky to attend.
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367 ***Recommendation to have Janice Myers follow-up.***
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369 **Cattlemen’s Association:**
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371 Comment by Chance. He states, he believes that an emergency meeting with the Cattlemen’s
372 Association needs to be scheduled soon before someone gets hurt by horses on the road. We have to
373 deal with horses. Joe questions the status of AUM. Sonny states, the Horse Ordinance will be going to
374 Cattlemen’s Association for discussion.
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376 Chairman Parker questions the action on Myron Oats, Jr., and Tim Henry’s status. Ricky states, a 2-
377 week notice was in his box.
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379 ***Information only.***
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381 **Pow-wow:**
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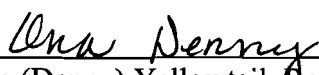
383 Jonathan comments. He states, he has a report for the guys that were doing the Pow-wow contest
384 tabulation, they will be turning \$10,000 back to Janice.

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386 *Information only.*

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388 **Motion by John "Chance" Houle to adjourn the Chippewa Cree Business Committee meeting for**
389 **Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at 10:31 a.m. Seconded by Bruce Sunchild. Call for comment or**
390 **question. All in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**

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396 Raymond "Jake" Parker, Chippewa Cree Tribal Chairman

Date

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401 Ona (Denny) Yellowtail, Recorder

9/3/09
Date