

# The Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation

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## CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE BUSINESS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

*Tribal Chambers*

Thursday, October 1, 2009

@ 9:00 a.m.

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12 **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Chippewa Cree Tribal Business  
13 Committee meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2009 in the Chippewa Cree  
14 tribal chambers by Raymond "Jake" Parker, Jr., Chairman, Chippewa Cree Business Committee.

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16 **INVOCATION:** Invocation by Harlan Baker

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

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23 **ABSENT:** Brian "Kelly" Eagleman, Sub-committee Business Travel.

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25 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Leanne Montes, Esq., Janice Myers, Secretary/Treasurer, Robert "Sonny"  
26 Belcourt, Natural Resources, Voyd St. Pierre, Superintendent, Rocky Boy Schools, Eric Barnhardt,  
27 Federal Bureau of Investigations, Heather Oswald, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Rebecca French,  
28 U.S. Attorney's Office, Toni Plummer, Cultural Resource Department, Jay Viall, Rocky Boy Head Start,  
29 Jason Belcourt, Bear Paw Enterprises, Anita Eagleman, 2010 Census Bureau, Ellis Whiteman, 2010  
30 Census Bureau Regional Technician, Janelle Barkus, 2010 Census Bureau Regional Technician, Tim  
31 Martin, Chippewa Cree Law & Order, Jay Eagleman, Water Resources, Larry Morsette, Jr., Risk  
32 Management, Grace Her Many Horses, CI, Chippewa Cree Law Enforcement, Bobby Favel,  
33 Telecommunications, Lenore Myers, White Sky Hope Center, Barbara Eagleman, Community Member,  
34 3 Individuals from Alaska, and Ona Denny, Recorder.

### AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

#### Additions to agenda:

#### **BUSINESS:**

- 41 2-j: 2010 Census Bureau  
42 2-k: TSR/Independence Bank  
43 2-l: Events Committee  
44 2-m: Law & Order  
45 2-n: Building Roof Issue  
46 2-ab: Rocky Boy School Update

#### **OTHER:**

- 49 6-b: Compliance
- 50 6-c: ONI
- 51 6-d: MDT/Adam Walsh

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53 **Motion by Russell “Rusty” Gopher to approve the Thursday, October 1, 2009 Chippewa Cree**  
54 **Business Committee meeting agenda as presented. Seconded by John “Chance” Houle. Call for**  
55 **comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (8) Yes – (0) No.**

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57 **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009**

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59 Bruce comments. He states, he is happy to report the Chippewa Cree Tribe has received \$9 million for  
60 water.

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62 Chairman Parker questions security camera follow-up. Larry Morsette, Jr., states, Stacey Small is to  
63 follow-up with Health Board. Recommendation for Larry to have Stacey work with John Parker, IT,  
64 Rocky Boy Health Board.

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66 Chance questions Shoshone-Bannock tribe proposal. Harlan states, he followed up and we are currently  
67 contracting with Cascade County for our juveniles.

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69 **Motion by Bruce Sunchild to approve the Thursday, September 3, 2009 Chippewa Cree Business**  
70 **Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by John “Chance” Houle. Call for comment or question.**  
71 **All in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**

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73 *Jonathan in @ 9:25 a.m.*

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75 **BUSINESS:**

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77 **FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS/US ATTORNEY’S OFFICE:**

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79 ***Introductions:*** Eric Barnhart, Agent, Heather Oswald, Agent, and Rebecca French, U.S. Attorney.

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81 Chance comments. He states, we have had a working relationship with the US Attorney’s office for the  
82 past seven years, and they are present to explain the MOU.

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84 Mr. Barnhart explains situations that were a result of a meeting with the Social Services Sub-Committee  
85 meeting on September 16, 2009. This meeting was regarding concerns about the Multi-Disciplinary  
86 Team (MDT) on the Rocky Boy’s Reservation. He states, he came away with the distinct impression  
87 that some members of the council may have been provided with incomplete, inaccurate, or possibly  
88 misleading information regarding the MDT, its function, and its membership. He also believes that  
89 there may be some confusion to the differences between an MDT and Child Protection Team (CPT).

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91 He explains the MDT is a prosecution-focused team, mandated by Indian Child Protection that focuses  
92 on the criminal investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect. The function of the MDT is to  
93 bring together Tribal and Federal prosecutors and law enforcement, Social Services (investigative  
94 personnel), medical, mental health, and victim advocates (law enforcement or prosecution based  
95 personnel) in order ensuring the timely reporting, investigation, and prosecution of instances of possible  
96 abuse. A CPT is a protection focused multi-disciplinary team that focuses on child protection and

97 interventions to assist families in child abuse and neglect cases. He states there has been some  
98 misconception that the FBI has taken over the MDT in Rocky Boy. The FBI was not and is not seeking  
99 to take over the MDT. The FBI attempted to fill the void left by a lack of a dedicated AUSA until the  
100 AUSA was appointed. That AUSA, Rebekkah French has not been assigned.

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102 He states, there is also a misperception held by some that Rocky Boy's culture and interests are not  
103 represented at the MDT. The MDT is predominantly made up of representatives of various Chippewa  
104 Cree agencies, most of who are enrolled Chippewa Cree members. The MDT can refer victims and their  
105 families to all available cultural services without having representatives of those cultural services  
106 agencies as members of the MDT.

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108 The MDT centers around whether Toni Plummer has a role as a member of the MDT. He states, he  
109 understands that Vice-Chairman Jonathan Windy Boy, and possibly other council members believe that  
110 Toni should be a member of the MDT. He believes she does not have a role on the MDT and in his  
111 opinion is shared by other non-FBI members of the team. Ms. Plummer is not affiliated with any agency  
112 listed under the composition section of the Protocol. From a federal law enforcement standpoint, they  
113 cannot legally share investigative information with her. To the concerns regarding whether cultural  
114 interests are represented at the MDT, the composition of the team clearly includes a number of enrolled  
115 Chippewa Cree members who practice and can represent traditional customs. The MDT can certainly  
116 refer victims and their families to other Tribal entities for additional services. He does not believe Toni  
117 needs to know details of criminal investigations discussed in the MDT in order to provide cultural  
118 services to victims of crime. He states, he will try to take as much upon as he can, and he is unsure  
119 where they will be able to do this. No matter if the FBI is a part of this or no part at all. There is a  
120 concern that the FBI is not doing enough for the victims. He is sure that they are not, but are continuing  
121 to get better.

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123 Jonathan states, the point that they were getting at based upon the last meeting, we need to get our ducks  
124 in a row on a local level, and this has been done. As far as he is concerned, we are on the same page is  
125 the point he was getting at. Mr. Barnhardt states, he was concerned that the sub-committee was  
126 concerned that there was a number of instances that were cited that didn't turn out to be as advertised as  
127 far as the notion that people are being taken off the reservation unannounced to Social Services. He is  
128 concerned if the council is not going to accurate information, the FBI's hands are tied.

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130 Jonathan states, when the meeting was held, the way he understood it, the things that were laid out on  
131 the table, and the things that the tribe laid out on the table were the concerns. We understood there were  
132 misunderstandings, misconceptions out there. He states, as far as he is concerned, let us leave it back  
133 and start fresh. Mr. Barnhart states, he understands, and they would like to work with the tribe. From  
134 his standpoint, the tribe has to charge its own course.

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136 Chairman Parker comments. He states, he understands the current system is under the federal system,  
137 and if we want to set our own that is fine, but his concern is duplication of services. Jonathan states, 2  
138 months ago a letter come in from Bill Mercer's office and the numbers were pretty outstanding. From  
139 1999-2000, we have been without a domestic abuse program, prior, any assaults, were referred to us.  
140 The process is prosecution based, which is not the problem, the intent is good but we are missing one  
141 thing, we are leaving the victim behind. When we are ready, the protocol will be provided.

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143 Heather Oswald comments. She states, we tried to get MDT started in Fort Belknap and Rocky Boy.  
144 We identified members and held a couple of meetings and explained to Toni Plummer, the protocols of

145 MDT. The team never really met on cases. The idea was to restart the MDT. Toni stated before we  
146 start MDT, we need the tribal council's blessing and the decision was made to present and to hold an  
147 open forum for any concerns or issues the tribe may have. Eric did lie out what we been feeling all  
148 along, Toni does not have a place on the MDT prosecution team. We view her more as a service  
149 provider, which the victims that she meets with will certainly be referred to Toni for additional services  
150 if needed. We view her as a service provider opposed to being part of a prosecution team. Chairman  
151 Parker states, he did speak with Grace Her Many Horses on the separation of the criminal area and the  
152 service part of a situation. He states, he talked to the tribal attorney, and states, basically the attorney  
153 gave him the same opinion, and personally he would have to go along with Eric Barnhart's  
154 recommendation.

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156 Jonathan states, the team is identified, same team recognized as the Task Force. Chairman Parker  
157 questions how the coordination is going to come apart, and how do the feds come into play. Jonathan  
158 states, the document signed in 2003; this is going to be the Workgroup. Chance questions where is  
159 mental health personnel based upon the list provided. Harlan states, Fawn is the contact person for  
160 mental health. Tim Martin comments. He states, we received an ODW grant, which is funding to  
161 develop protocol establishing the SORNA process. The plans are to work with John Quinlin and we  
162 didn't see it as a prosecution function. Toni Plummer states she appreciates the FBI taking the initiative.  
163 A year ago, the MDT was unfunctional within the tribe. There were some strong concerns for her that  
164 the tribe has an opinion about how they are going to move forward. Her interest was to assure Wilma  
165 Tyner had a voice in the process and the tribe was aware the function of an MDT and how that was  
166 going to go.

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168 Leanne Montes, Esq. states, if we are to proceed with the team that was established in yesterday's  
169 meeting, she questions if the FBI would be apart of this team. Negative. She states her fear would be  
170 for the tribe, if the team were unable to take part we are going to lose that communication. She states, in  
171 reality it is all about prosecuting. We really have to think this through. She questions if we are going to  
172 push the FBI away and not be able to help them in their investigative work, and not be able to get results  
173 from what they learned so that we are aware of the situation as a tribe. This is something the tribe is  
174 going to have to think of. We need to work together, and the Chairman was correct. We are going to  
175 have to follow through and hold meetings. She is unsure the MDT as a former team where they fell, and  
176 sounds like regular meetings were not conducted. A lot of the individuals on the team are qualified.  
177 Her fear is that we are going to push the FBI away and we are going to be doing separate investigations  
178 and we are not going to be able to communicate any type of information, which is not in the best interest  
179 of the child.

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181 **Jonathan Windy Boy motions to include Eric Barnhart, Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigations,**  
182 **Heather Oswald, Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Rebecca French, U.S. Attorney to be a**  
183 **part of the local Multi-disciplinary Team for the coordination of efforts and the rising issues of**  
184 **concern. Chairman Parker comments. He states, his thought is a condensed team is needed,**  
185 **specifically for prosecution. He questions what are the team's objectives that was created**  
186 **yesterday, to organize a better communication process with the current Multi-disciplinary Team**  
187 **or are they going to serve in place of the current MDT we have now. Jonathan states, the only**  
188 **intent of the team here was to come up with recommendations and suggestions, and if it is**  
189 **recognized as that. We need to get our ducks in a row and not taking anything away from the**  
190 **FBI. The same approach that the prosecution is taking is the same approach that the local team is**  
191 **taking, and at the same time we are trying to find out how we are going to deal with victims as**  
192 **well. Eric Barnhardt comments. He states, it appears the team fits more of a Child Protection**

193 **Team, delivery of services rather than a prosecution model. He states, if the MDT is up and**  
194 **functioning he will be more than happy to come out quarterly, semi-annual, or annual basis and**  
195 **be a part of the local team. Eric proposes to start off the Multi-disciplinary Team as Jonathan**  
196 **envisioned, setting in place, protocols, delivery of services, and putting the victim services in place,**  
197 **and at the same time has a leaner more focused prosecution team. Right now, we know what we**  
198 **need to do because it is a fairly narrow road we need to walk; it is a prosecution-based function. If**  
199 **there are certain things the tribe wants to put in place with the MDT, delivery of services and**  
200 **cultural resources, which is not up to him to decide. He states, we can start this up as well as the**  
201 **prosecution, get that going, at least separately to start and see what the tribal MDT comes up with.**  
202 **Harlan states, his concern was inactivity. Question called for. All in favor, motion carried. (5)**  
203 **Yes – (2) No.**  
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205 **ROCKY BOY SCHOOL UPDATE – VOYD ST. PIERRE AND JAY VIALI:**  
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207 Voyd states, we have a new clerk who is working out well. \$1.85 million authorized to be drawn down.  
208 Paperwork will be submitted to Janice Myers for draw down.  
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210 Early Headstart/Headstart runs January 1 – December 31. Headstart received another award for  
211 \$120,000 and another one time expansion for \$148,000. The \$148,000 will be utilized for buses and  
212 teachers to get certified. We now have a fleet of 4 new buses.  
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214 Chairman Parker comments. He states, there are some issues coming from Rusty regarding sewer and  
215 garbage. Rusty states, the smell of the sewer system is affecting staff and students. Jay states, the  
216 problem is from the college new gym and vocational education building. The issue will be forwarded to  
217 policy council and school board. Voyd comments on Headstart needing a bus garage to house 4/5 buses.  
218 We received 3 bids from A&E firms for the expansion and costs. High bid was \$48,000 for lumber, any  
219 additional costs beyond expansion grant received, needs other options.  
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221 Jay states, the Early Headstart program is at full capacity. Currently have 136 enrolled and 20  
222 applications pending, the problem is room. Any complaints need to be addressed to Jay and not to  
223 council. Need to use the chain of command. We have to comply with the Office of Headstart  
224 requirements.  
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226 Rusty states, he has a document that was approved by Policy Council and is requesting ratification.  
227 Chairman Parker recommends to forward document to school board before business council ratifies it.  
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229 Chairman Parker comments. The issue with the bus garage, any way the tribe can assist we will be  
230 willing to assist. We are trying to make the program self-efficient.  
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232 Rusty states, a while back there was an issue with notification. Jay states, last AFA was on his desk the  
233 same day. We need to stay in compliance. Chairman Parker suggesting Jay to work with Billianne  
234 Raining Bird who is heading up the grants compliance.  
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236 Jonathan comments on Headstart organizational chart.  
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238 **Motion by Jonathan Windy Boy to adopt the Rocky Boy Headstart/Early Headstart**  
239 **Organizational Chart as presented. Seconded by Joseph Lafromboise, Jr. Call for comment or**  
240 **question. All in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**

241 **2010 CENSUS BUREAU – (AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA):**

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243 ***Introductions:*** Anita Eagleman, Local Representative, 2010 Census Bureau, Ellis Whiteman, Regional  
244 Technician, 2010 Census Bureau, Janelle Barkus, Regional Technician, 2010 Census Bureau, Larry  
245 Morsette, Jr., Tribal Liaison

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247 Janelle Barkus explains that the 2010 Census Bureau committee will be going to each reservation to  
248 provide answers to any questions that tribal leaders may have and to assure awareness and education is  
249 provided to the communities for the 2010 census. Chairman Parker questions what is going to be done  
250 different for the 2010 census count. Ellis Whiteman states, operation is part of the census, and the  
251 regional representatives work with the tribes to assure operations are going smoothly. Larry Morsette,  
252 Jr. was appointed as tribal liaison for the Chippewa Cree Tribe.

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254 Chairman Parker expresses concern of the data collected being confidential. Janelle affirms it is kept  
255 confidential. She assures the information gathered will not be shared. Chairman Parker questions the  
256 survey process. Ellis states, the survey is done different, 10 questions, 10 minutes. The questionnaire  
257 consists of number in the household, ages, birth dates and relationship of individual filling out the  
258 survey, does not ask about income. Janelle states, what is being done different, in 2000 they initiated  
259 two things, the partnership process and started buying media. This year they pumped more money into  
260 partnership. This year we are getting out now, providing the education and awareness. She is  
261 requesting Chairman Parker signing the partnership agreement, and it is things that are currently being  
262 done for example, a tribal liaison has been appointed and states. They want to assure that the  
263 promotional materials are being provided. We will be looking at a complete count committee is a local  
264 committee that will be looking at ways that we can bring education and awareness out into the  
265 community. This is what is being done different.

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267 Tim Rosette comments. He states, as a director, the census really plays a big roll in our funding across  
268 the board. It is a major factor of every bit of funding. You would need a leader from each community  
269 to get in there and gather all the numbers. Joe comments. He states, that is one of his concerns and did  
270 hear that we are not counting certain areas within our boundaries; the counts are going to Box Elder  
271 where there is a huge population. From what has heard that the people in the villages in Box Elder have  
272 been counted in the Box Elder area and not in the tribal area. He questions how this can be turned  
273 around if this was true. Chairman Parker states, we did have this issue with the State TANF program  
274 and the State LIEAP program. There are about 100 homes that we are not receiving allocations for due  
275 to the fact of the census. Chance comments. He believes that we may need to put an individual on from  
276 every community that knows the area and inform people the importance of the census count. He states,  
277 it is very important to us to get an accurate count. Jonathan comments. He states, we have some  
278 housing units in Box Elder that the tribe is missing out on and that is the same way with our county  
279 commissioner vote. Those houses are outside the boundaries of Hill County, so they have to vote in  
280 Choteau County. Janelle states, we realize the voting power and Larry has been working with the Box  
281 Elder issue with the mapping. Another way with the questionnaire, there is a place on there to designate  
282 race, and in there are boxes, they are asking you to put in tribal affiliation.

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284 ***Chairman Parker recommending Larry Morsette, Jr. to pass information gathered onto the directors***  
285 ***to get their staff active with awareness and education for the 2010 census counts.***

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287 **JASON BELCOURT (AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA TO MOVE UP):**

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289 Chairman Parker informs colleagues, for clarification, Jason will take over management at Northern  
290 Winz for ninety (90) days.

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292 Jason states, he met with the board and staff at Northern Winz. He states, Northern Winz is presently  
293 operating with 41 employees (bare bones staff and overhead). Jason presents game plan and playbook  
294 to include operations, weekly fixed costs, weekly revenue, weekly financial support, cash flow analysis,  
295 aged receivables, and the light at the end of the tunnel.

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297 Chairman Parker comments. He states, he spoke with Neal and there is a possibility of a large amount  
298 of revenue coming in from PDL for operations at Northern Winz. He states, we are in support of what  
299 Jason is trying to do at Northern Winz and they will support the operations as much as possible.

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301 Jason comments on financial audit. He states, on the weekly fixed costs, Joseph Eve, IT & M, and  
302 Johnson Controls are non-fixed bills and are onetime shots. The last page of the power point is  
303 WAPPA, which he understands the tribe can receive up to x amount of free electricity that would help  
304 with the electric bill if this hasn't been exceeded. Jonathan comments on smoke free. He states, we  
305 recognize as a State Law and there may be some issues regarding allowing smoking. Chairman Parker  
306 states, there are pros and cons that we will have to take a look at.

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308 **Motion by John "Chance" Houle to approve a sixty (60) day probationary period for Jason**  
309 **Belcourt, Interim General Manager for Northern Winz Casino, and to reevaluate his position at**  
310 **the December 3, 2009 Business Committee meeting and to also recognize the Northern Winz**  
311 **Game Plan & Playbook as presented. Seconded by Joseph Lafromboise, Jr., with a comment by**  
312 **Chairman Parker. He states, as of midnight, smoking has been prohibited from public places,**  
313 **which includes casinos and bars throughout the State of Montana. Rocky Boy opted to allow**  
314 **smoking in our tribal casinos, which will hopefully boost gaming revenue. Call for question. All**  
315 **in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**

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317 **Water & Sewage at Northern Winz:**

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319 Chairman Parker states, we met regarding Northern Winz Casino and he would like to address the water  
320 & sewage issue.

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322 Jay Eagleman comments. He states for the past 14 months we have been correcting two (2) defeincies;  
323 one is the geothermal well and lagoon cell associated with the RO. Several problematic issues have  
324 plagued the casino since its inception. Attached is a diagram that shows the existing infrastructure and  
325 proposed improvements. Past/Current Problematic Issues, Recent Modifications/Improvements,  
326 Proposed Solutions to Address Past/Current Problems, Other Recommendations/Observations and  
327 Previous Costs associated. Water Resources will collectively provide services along with Construction  
328 Corporation, Roads, and Environmental Health of taking corrective measures once and for all on the  
329 waster water lagoon. It has been an ongoing effort within the departments to step in and correct the  
330 environmental issues associated with the deficiencies in the infrastructure, as it currently exists.

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332 Chairman Parker questions the injection well. He states, his understanding 500 foot of line needs to be  
333 built. Jay states, we are going to utilize the existing brine line associated with the casino. The line will  
334 service back into the geo thermal well. We worked with the regional office in Denver to get this project  
335 permitted. It is with our diligence that they are not coming down on us. Chairman Parker comments on  
336 the lagoon system. He questions what the existing problems. Jay states, technically, the only problems

337 we are having problems getting the dimensions back for the actual liner itself. We received word back  
338 from the vendor we will receive it in two weeks. By the end of October the liner will be installed.  
339 Chairman Parker questions total amount, Jay states, and \$1.1 million. Tim states, most of the projects  
340 have been completed. Chance states, we needed that figure for ongoing settlement issues. Bruce  
341 questions geo thermal over flow. Jay states, geo thermal is designed to go back into the well. Tim  
342 states, the sanitary sewer that comes out will be pushed back into Jay's pond on a temporary basis.  
343 Chairman Parker states, we are currently pumping it out 3 or 4 times a week with a price tag of \$870 a  
344 week. He questions if this could be worked out and put back until we get caught up. Tim states, he did  
345 inform Alfred to keep track. Jay states, we have to enter into an agreement that specifies how the  
346 revenue is generated from this operation and will replenish of what was used to correct the original  
347 construction deficiencies. At this point, it was through the blessings of the regional director and EPA  
348 that allow us to take corrective action and we are hustling to do it. We don't want the EPA coming in  
349 and telling us how to manage our infrastructure, which we are taking the corrective action assuring no  
350 one gets hurt.

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352 **BARBARA EAGLEMAN (AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA TO MOVE UP FROM OTHER):**

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354 Barbara presents a written request to the council.

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356 **Motion by John "Chance" Houle to forward Barbara Eagleman loan request to be addressed by**  
357 **Raymond Parker, Jr., Chairman, Jonathan Windy Boy, Vice-Chairman, and Joseph Lafromboise,**  
358 **Jr., Budget Chairman. Seconded by Bruce Sunchild. Call for comment or question. All in favor,**  
359 **motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**

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361 **NATURAL RESOURCES (BUSINESS CONTINUED) – ROBERT BELCOURT:**

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363 **Devon Pipeline Extension Resolution:**

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365 **A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Temporary Extension of Natural Gas Pipeline Right of**  
366 **Way BIA Document No.205-1748 to February 1, 2010 to Allow for Renewal Negotiations with Devon**  
367 **Energy Corporation.**

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369 Robert Belcourt states, he sat down with Tony and Dan Belcourt and had a conference call with Devon.  
370 Devon requested a six (6) month extension. At the end of the month the tribe will sit down with NARP  
371 and Devon to negotiate. Chairman Parker states, we are in the process of negotiating with Devon to buy  
372 them out in the surrounding area.

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374 **Motion by John "Chance" Houle to approve A Resolution Approve and Authorize the**  
375 **Temporary Extension of Natural Gas Pipeline Right of Way BIA Document No.205-1748 to**  
376 **February 1, 2010 to Allow for Renewal Negotiations with Devon Energy Corporation. Seconded**  
377 **by Harlan Baker. Call for comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**

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379 **Land Lease:**

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381 Robert states, we have 2 sections of land west of Box Elder (220 acres) leased to John Horinek, he will  
382 pay the tribe \$4,000 per year, since then he received 2 more bids. One bid was from Roger Haas. Roger  
383 wanted to pay the tribe \$15 an acre. He received a fax from another individual, Jason Mimmick who  
384 would pay \$20 an acre, but would take the AMTA payment of \$2,600+ for the year and give to the tribe.

385 Robert states, the tribe would be making a couple of hundred of dollars more if they went with Jason.  
386 Chance questions payment method. Ricky states that will be on the agenda at next week's Natural  
387 Resources Board meeting.

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389 Chairman Parker comments. He questions if they want to get in there and farm it now. Confirmed.  
390 Chairman Parker recommending going with the highest bidder.

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392 **Motion by Richard "Ricky" Morsette to approve the Chippewa Cree Tribe to accept highest bid,**  
393 **Jason Mimmick for the lease of 2 sections of land west of Box Elder consisting of 220 acres.**  
394 **Seconded by John "Chance" Houle with a question. He questions if payment or a settlement had**  
395 **been reached from the current Leasee. Robert confirms this has been settled. Question called for.**  
396 **All in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**

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398 **TSR-Regional Area Director:**

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400 Chairman Parker states, there is one more issue that has been ongoing. The tribe received a letter from  
401 the Area Director regarding TSR issues. Rick has been getting heat from tribal applicants regarding  
402 TSR's. There are some applicants who are in the process of trying to get loans for homes. He is unsure  
403 how this is going to be handled. At some point, this issue needs to be addressed.

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405 Robert Belcourt states, one individual has been waiting for his TSR over 18 months now. Robert states,  
406 he pulled the track number and got a right away for roads on this home, so he took it upon himself to  
407 send down the range unit information. He did meet with the Reality Officer and she stated she done her  
408 part, based upon what was received from the area office it is incomplete. Recommendation by colleague  
409 to hire an individual to get the job done.

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411 **Chairman Parker recommending to forward issue back to Natural Resources Board to deal with it**  
412 **however it may be. We have been wrestling with this issue for 2 years and it is affecting a lot of**  
413 **people and it is affecting housing.**

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415 **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB – LARRY MORSETTE, JR.:**

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417 Larry reports there is no insurance for the building. His concern it is up to him to allow the tribe to  
418 insure a national organization club. Currently the Boys and Girls Club is under Human Services, which  
419 is under the tribe. Chairman Parker questions if there is a cost associated. Larry states, there is.  
420 Chairman Parker states, regardless if we say yes or no and if there was an accident we are still the  
421 responsible agency. Larry questions if the Boys and Girls Club is a national organization under the  
422 tribe. Joseph Lafromboise comments. We started out as Boys & Girls Club of the Bears' Paw.  
423 Between now and then we lost our charter. He will sit down with Ramona Duran and Larry Morsette,  
424 Jr., to clarify this.

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426 **Recommendation to have Larry Morsette, Jr. work with Joseph Lafromboise, Jr., Chairman of**  
427 **Human Services regarding insurance.**

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429 **SEARCH AND RESCUE – BRUCE SUNCHILD:**

430  
431 Bruce comments. He states, he would like to recognize the Search and Rescue Team from Choteau  
432 Montana and High Country Rescue from Avon, Montana for their hard work and dedication shown at

433 the Bonneau Dam incident. He would like some publicity in Great Falls Tribune thanking these teams  
434 for their efforts and commitment in our time of need. He is suggesting that these teams are funded by  
435 contributions and fund raising efforts and would like to make a contribution of \$1,000 each.

436  
437 Chance states, he agrees and also commends our local team efforts under the tribe. Grace states, out of a  
438 tragedy come good things where locally, we will be better prepared, and initiate those coordinating  
439 efforts for those involved in local search efforts. Chairman Parker recommends writing a letter to the  
440 Great Falls Tribune commending the search and rescue teams as well as our tribal teams for their efforts  
441 and dedication to this unfortunate incident.

442  
443 **Joe Big Knife, Tribal Elder** comments. Joe shares a spiritual and tribal custom of the way things were  
444 done back in the early days when the dam was built. He suggests offerings be initiated in early spring.

445  
446 **NEWSPAPER – TONY WOODS:**

447  
448 Tony states, he is requesting the council's opinion of putting together the newspaper. His proposal  
449 would be to furnish labor for soliciting and gathering relevant information for content from tribal  
450 departments, tribally owned business, community members and any interested party. Included would be  
451 design, layout and prepare electronic file for print, and coordinate with the printing and delivery of the  
452 newsletter. Total cost for this work would be \$2,550

453  
454 Chairman Parker questions cost per issue with Flathead. Tony states, \$700 for 1,000 copies. Rusty  
455 comments. He states, he is in support of Tony and Billiane's efforts. He states, entities can use dollars  
456 from programs to help with the costs. Jonathan comments. We do have a line item for publication in  
457 one of the grants in CRD.

458  
459 **Motion by John "Chance" Houle to move forward with monthly newspaper proposal, and**  
460 **forward information to directors to commit an amount for costs. Seconded by Bruce Sunchild.**  
461 **Call for comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**

462  
463 Larry Morsette, Jr., will present information to directors at Friday's Director's meeting. Chairman  
464 Parker recommending informing directors to provide all the services available for community in the  
465 monthly newsletter.

466  
467 **RADIO STATION UPDATE – BOBBY FAVEL:**

468  
469 Bobby states, in April 2007 he submitted a grant planning grant to the US Department of Commerce,  
470 National Telecommunication and Information Administration, Public Telecommunications Facilities  
471 Program. The grant was approved in October 2007. On October 18, the broadcast construction permit  
472 was submitted to the FCC Federal Communications Commission). November 11, 2008, filed ownership  
473 report for Noncommercial Educational Broadcast Station: Permit can be sold for \$300,000. November  
474 20, 2008, call signals KHEW approved (same day turnaround time for application). December 2009,  
475 Construction grant application was submitted to the U.S. DOC NTIA PTFP for \$269,529 (+25% cost  
476 share, hard match \$89,843). July 2009, final grant negotiations. September 29, 2009, construction grant  
477 approved.

478

479 Chance comments. He states, the bottom line is we need to come up \$89,843 match. Chairman Parker  
480 states, when we choose to do this, now we are going down the stretch. He suggests pulling support  
481 together, in this case financial and move forward with this project.  
482

483 **Motion by John “Chance” Houle to direct the Chippewa Cree Budget Committee to research the**  
484 **amount needed, and move forth with the project. Seconded by Joseph Lafromboise, Jr. Call for**  
485 **comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**  
486

487 **Bonus Request:**  
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489 Bobby states, since he started this project, he started off with a \$4,000 grant, which was closed out as  
490 October 2008. His employment was for eight (8) months, since October 7, 2007 he has been working at  
491 this project on his own.  
492

493 **Chairman Parker recommending, Joseph Lafromboise, Jr., and Janice Myers work out a payment**  
494 **for Bobby.**  
495

496 **EVENTS COMMITTEE:**  
497

498 Chance states, we appointed an executive committee through the Administrative Sub-committee, which  
499 is Joseph Lafromboise, Jr., Richard Sangrey, Janice Myers, Harlan Baker, Chairman Parker, and Chance  
500 Houle. We haven’t had a chance to meet. The revenues that we were getting from PDL, and he is aware  
501 where we are at with the Casino, 50% to Northern Winz Casino, and 50% to the General Fund going to  
502 the Events Committee. We are aware that we will not be going after money from the Trust Account. He  
503 would like to clarify that there is a 2% contractor’s fee, which is not being pulled. There is a 3% TERO  
504 fee and 2% administrative fee. The 2% administrative fee was for the Events Committee, which needs  
505 to be clarified. We need to start pulling those percentages; action is already there in the minutes.  
506 Janice states, internally we started collecting from programs.  
507

508 Chairman Parker states, we have a number of tribal members going to the National Finals, 11  
509 individuals next month. He states, we need to come up with some assistance for fees.  
510

511 **Motion by John “Chance” Houle to forward request to Janice Myers, Secretary/Treasurer and**  
512 **Joseph Lafromboise, Jr., Budget Chairman, to identify the list of names and assist individuals**  
513 **with National Final Rodeo fees. Seconded by Bruce Sunchild. Call for comment or question. All**  
514 **in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**  
515

516 **Motion by John “Chance” Houle to assess a 2% administrative fee to go to the Chippewa Cree**  
517 **Events Committee. Seconded by Harlan Baker. Call for comment or question. All in favor,**  
518 **motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**  
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520 ***Session break at 12:04 p.m.***  
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522 ***Meeting back to order at 12:10 p.m.***  
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524 **POSITION SELECTION:**  
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526 **2009 AUDIT FIRM SELECTION:**

527 Janice states, we did an analysis for actual costs for last year's audit. We had a one year contract with  
528 Joseph Eve, and we need to get one ready for 2009. With Pat O'Brien's help we received additional  
529 bids. Joseph Eve has agreed to come down on his fees. Based on last year's, we paid him a total of  
530 \$312,000, this year would be \$245,000. Her recommendation would be to go with Joseph Eve or Moss  
531 Adams, due to being the most qualified auditors. Chairman Parker questions what is being done with  
532 enterprises. Janice states, Dry Farms handles their own audit and Bear Paw has their own, other than  
533 gaming. Chairman Parker questions the bid on gaming. Northern Winz is under Moss Adams for  
534 \$37,000. \$62,000 for both Casinos under Joseph Eve.

535  
536 Jonathan questions where Moss Adams is out of. Janice states, Bellingham, Washington. Moss Adams  
537 did the 2007-08 audit. Chairman Parker states, we had problems with Moss Adams due to the fact  
538 distance wise and also with internships. The goal is to reduce the cost and Janice is recommending  
539 Joseph Eve. We are more prepared this go around whereas the field work is not much and the cost is  
540 reduced.

541  
542 **Motion by John "Chance" Houle to approve the selection of Joseph Eve for the 2009-08 Chippewa**  
543 **Cree Financial Audit at \$245,000 to include the Tribe, Health Board, Housing and both Casinos.**  
544 **Seconded by Harlan Baker. Call for comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes –**  
545 **(0) No.**

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547 **LAW & ORDER – TIM MARTIN:**

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549 **Resolution:**

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551 **A Resolution Authorizing the Reorganization of the Police Department and Authorization for the**  
552 **Public Safety Director to Appoint a Temporary Chief of Police:**

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554 Tim states he made a recommendation for the reorganization of advertising a Chief of Police.  
555 Justification for that is he is currently monitoring seventeen (17) programs. Currently working on four  
556 (4) major projects set aside for construction.

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558 Tim states, the discussion was to advertise the Chief of Police position. Chairman Parker recommending  
559 advertising the position. The contract with Tim oversees all the Law & Order programs under the  
560 contract. He is recommending Harlan to follow-up. Jonathan comments. He states, it appears to him  
561 that it is taking away duties. He questions if this would affect the wage scale. Tim states, the duties  
562 have been compounded times 6. Monitoring and reporting on the AARA dollars is going to be intense.  
563 Chairman Parker recommending getting with the Sub-Committee and renegotiate the contract. The  
564 Chief of Police will answer directly to Tim. Jonathan States, with the reorganization chart reviewed  
565 yesterday, he questions the issue with Criminal Investigators under the Chief of Police and suggests the  
566 Criminal Investigators should be a separate entity. Tim states, this has been a staffing issue as far as the  
567 organization of Criminal Investigations. The CI is separate from the police, and strongly advises  
568 separating CI department. Chairman Parker comments. He states, all we are trying to do is streamline  
569 in regard to authorities given. When the supervisor is absent it creates a lot of dissention among staff.  
570 Chairman Parker states, he views it as Tim has oversight on both the CI division and Police. The CI  
571 department falls under no matter what Chief of Police. We are going to be hiring another 2 CI's for a  
572 total of 4. Tim states, one CI will be assigned to the OVW. Bruce states, this will be ironed out by the  
573 Law & Order Sub-Committee.  
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575 Chairman Parker recommending Tim Martin sitting down with Janice Myers and Ona Gopher to go over  
576 financials. Tim will work with Sue Lamere to get Chief of Police position advertised.

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578 **PONI (PLANNING OF NEW INSTITUTIONS) TEAM:**

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580 Harlan comments. He states, we added a couple of members to the PONI Team. At a Law & Order  
581 Sub-committee meeting, we appointed individuals to sit on this team, Jonathan Windy Boy, Bruce  
582 Sunchild, and added Kim Traversie. Chairman Parker comments. He is recommending adding  
583 technical support individuals. Billianne Morsette needs to be on there, may be not on the team, but for  
584 the reporting, she needs to be directly involved. He states, the Construction Administrative Team needs  
585 to be part of the preplanning. Harlan states, we sat down with Tony Belcourt and worked things out.  
586 Chairman Parker states, some of the direction after a construction meeting in regard to the tribe force  
587 accounting this, he suggesting writing a letter to find out if have to bid this out or can we take it  
588 ourselves. Tim states, Tony has some good ideas to make it work.

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590 Chance comments. He states, for clarification on the other agenda item, there was no action taken.  
591 Harlan suggested staying status quo, and once that Chief of Police is hired, he will come in and  
592 reevaluate no demoting anyone or appointing anyone. Harlan confirms this is correct. Chance states,  
593 the new Chief of Police will come in and do his assessment, giving everyone a fair chance as it is  
594 currently and the new person will adjust as he sees fit. Confirmed.

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596 ***Lunch break @ 12:15 p.m.***

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598 ***Back in session at 12:30 p.m.***

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600 **CULTURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT (CRD):**

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602 **Motion by John “Chance” Houle to enter into executive session @ 12:40 p.m. with Toni Plummer,**  
603 **Leanne Montes, Billianne Morsette, and Janice Myers. Seconded by Harlan Baker. Call for**  
604 **comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**

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606 ***Back in session at 1:43 p.m.***

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608 **Motion by Joseph Lafromboise, Jr. to allow directors and supervisors to proceed how they sit fit**  
609 **dealing with personnel issues. Seconded by Jonathan Windy Boy. Call for comment or question.**  
610 **All in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**

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612 **ALASKAN GROUP (ADDITION TO THE AGENDA):**

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614 ***Introductions:*** Patricia Ermelok, Aleut & Irish from Adak, Alaska, 30 miles from Russia, Alfonso  
615 Avachek from Upek Eskimo, 149 miles from Nome, Ed Young from Hyberg, Alaska, Michael  
616 MaAdams, Kiowa and Shoshone from Oklahoma:

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618 Patricia states, they are present representing a law firm from Anchorage, Alaska. She states, what they  
619 know from this particular tribe that there is a minimum of a 100 cases of sexual abuse and so forth at the  
620 hands of the Jesuit Catholics Priests living on this reservation. She states, they are in the process of  
621 getting the names and contact information from people who were in fact victims of abuse due to a class  
622 action law suit from a law firm from Anchorage, Alaska. A flier is available with the information. She

623 is requesting permission to talk to tribal members; as many as possible being the time is limited. The  
624 Catholic Jesuit Priests are involved and they now this is coming and they are guilty, they are going to  
625 file for bankruptcy on November 1, 2009. Chairman Parker questions confidentially, and requests  
626 Leanne Montes, Esq., Tribal Attorney's opinion. He states, he doesn't feel it is the tribal council's place  
627 as a victim to reveal information. He believes the council doesn't need to sanction that and if the victim  
628 wants to come forth to speak, it would be up to him or her. They can't be forced to speak. He states,  
629 need to keep in mind, this is a large Catholic community, and there may be some miss content  
630 depending on who you talk to. Leanne states, it would be up to the individual to reveal any information,  
631 which is their right. Bruce states, it is in the Havre and Great Falls newspaper regarding deadlines, so  
632 the information is out there, which is public knowledge. Rusty states, we authorized publication for a  
633 community newsletter and this information can be placed in there. First addition will be November 1,  
634 2009, which would be after the fact.

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636 **Chairman Parker recommending the group work with Donald Meyers.**

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638 **LOG HOME (FORMER HEADSTART BUILDING):**

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640 Chance comments. He states, in May 2009, the council recommended Larry Morsette, Jr., follow-up  
641 with Jonna Parker regarding the former Headstart building. Douglas Standing Rock submitted a request  
642 for the log home building to utilize for his home and an art gallery.

643  
644 **Motion by John "Chance" Houle to give former Headstart Log Home as is over to Douglas**  
645 **Standing Rock to utilize as his home and an art gallery. Seconded by Bruce Sunchild. Call for**  
646 **comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**

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648 **HOMESITE AGREEMENT/LAREDO – LOGAN LASALLE:**

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650 Chairman Parker states, he received a letter of request from Logan Lasalle for a home site in Laredo.  
651 There were some concerns that it was going to be crossing private lands, which may not be the issue.

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653 Robert Belcourt states, the home site is out a ways, it is next to 2 reservoirs that were just completed.  
654 The water is bad. Chairman Parker states, his point being the concern is the house is going to be on its  
655 way shortly. Chance comments. He states, Wilson has a house just sitting since we would not give him  
656 a right away. Chairman Parker states, what we are saying there is a road there that crosses his land.  
657 Robert states, it does cross his land. Chairman Parker states, not according to Logan whom was referred  
658 to talk to Robert. What they are saying you have to access Wilson's land to get to this area. Logan  
659 stated no you don't there is an old farming road in there. Chairman Parker states, these are issues  
660 whenever we authorize home sites, there are costs associated whether it is a road, water issue or  
661 whatever the issue may be. Robert states, we don't have an issue with that, Water Resources would  
662 have to have their say due to that department having protocols in place. Chairman Parker states, there  
663 are protocols that need to be put in place prior to hitting the councils desk for approval. The protocols  
664 need to go through that process. Robert states, Logan never come into the Natural Resource office to get  
665 the form signed off. There is a form that needs to be completed with signatures from departments,  
666 Roads, Water Resources, Historic Preservation, Natural Resources, and Housing.

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668 **Motion by Bruce Sunchild to authorize one (1) acre home site to Logan Lasalle based upon**  
669 **protocol requirement to have all necessary departments sign off on application, Roads, Water**  
670 **Resources, Historic Preservation, Natural Resources and Housing. Seconded by Jonathan Windy**

671 **Boy with a comment by Richard “Ricky” Morsette. He states, on the letter it stated he was**  
672 **trading for 2.5 acres on the Judy Stone home site. Call for question. All in favor, motion carried.**  
673 **(7) Yes – (0) No.**

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675 **RESOLUTION:**  
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677 **A Resolution to Amend the Fish & Wildlife Code Making it Lawful for any Spouse of an Enrolled**  
678 **Member of the Chippewa Cree Tribe Living Within the Exterior Boundaries of the Rocky Boy’s**  
679 **Indian Reservation to Enjoy the Same Hunting and Fishing Privileges as any Tribal Member:**  
680

681 Jonathan comments. He states, the issue there are some members who are married to non Indian  
682 members. He states, if this is done is there a portion that would protect the tribe as far as giving up  
683 jurisdiction if they get caught poaching beyond the limit of licensing. Leanne Montes states, if it  
684 involves non Indian whether we granted them the same privileges to hunt and fish as tribal members, it  
685 would still fall under tribal court under the civil jurisdiction, however, not the criminal. We would only  
686 have jurisdiction under non Indian civilly. She states, we would be able to fine them. Jurisdiction wise,  
687 we are not giving anything up, we still have jurisdiction over non Indian. Robert Belcourt comments.  
688 He states, the only thing that we would be giving up is a lot of deer. We have received calls daily since  
689 this came about. Now what they are stating, my kids lived here all their lives and they are not enrolled  
690 here, they question their status. Chairman Parker states, he doesn’t have a problem with this and he is  
691 suggesting within the Fish and Game department, do what the State does, allow so many deer tags per  
692 year and there is a quota. Numbers 1, tribal member’s first preference, number 2, address the  
693 Resolution. You can’t just give 5,000 licenses’ away when you only have 3,000 deer. Robert states,  
694 very true, Leland wanted to add in there to allow them to hunt doe only due to the ratio between doe and  
695 buck. Chairman Parker states, if a tribal member is incapable of hunting, yes, but to open the door  
696 would be a bad move.

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698 Jonathan recommending ratifying the Resolution, the action has already been done. We can post date to  
699 September. Robert states, we were giving the direction to put the wording in, spouse only. Chairman  
700 Parker recommending going by what the Resolution states and believes it still needs some type of  
701 stability of a game plan. Jonathan questions if there are any rules that follow the Fish and Game  
702 Ordinance, and is suggesting adding a paragraph. Chance states, we have a Natural Resources meeting  
703 on Wednesday, and suggest from now and then, add a quota system. Take a look at it and begin passing  
704 readings. Robert states, we have an aerial survey, which only happens every 2 years and it is accurate  
705 based upon the deer count. He would have to sit down with Tim Vosberg to see review the current  
706 population.

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708 **Motion by Jonathan Windy to approve A Resolution to Amend the Fish & Wildlife Code Making**  
709 **it Lawful for any Spouse of an Enrolled Member of the Chippewa Cree Tribe Living Within the**  
710 **Exterior Boundaries of the Rocky Boy’s Indian Reservation to Enjoy the Same Hunting and**  
711 **Fishing Privileges as any Tribal Member. Seconded by Bruce Sunchild. Call for comment or**  
712 **question. All in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**  
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714 **RESOLUTIONS TO BE RATIFIED:**  
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716 **156-09: A Resolution Authorizing Submission of FY2009 Montana Department of Commerce**  
717 **Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant Application by the Chippewa Cree Housing Authority in**  
718 **the Amount of \$360,000 to Acquire and Renovate 6 Homes on the Rocky Boy’s Indian Reservation:**

719 **Motion by Bruce Sunchild to ratify 156-09: A Resolution Authorizing Submission of FY2009**  
720 **Montana Department of Commerce Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant Application by**  
721 **the Chippewa Cree Housing Authority in the Amount of \$360,000 to Acquire and Renovate 6**  
722 **Homes on the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation. Seconded by John "Chance" Houle. Call for**  
723 **comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**  
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725 **157-09: A Resolution to Recognize Mr. Curtis Pope as an Honorary Member of the Chippewa Cree**  
726 **Tribe, Rocky Boy's Reservation:**  
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728 **Motion by John "Chance" Houle to ratify 157-09: A Resolution to Recognize Mr. Curtis Pope as**  
729 **an Honorary Member of the Chippewa Cree Tribe, Rocky Boy's Reservation. Seconded by Bruce**  
730 **Sunchild. Call for comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**  
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732 **OTHER:**  
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734 **NATIONAL AWARENESS:**  
735

736 Jonathan requesting the Chippewa Cree Business Committee to recognize the month of October 2009 as  
737 Domestic Violence Awareness Month. He states, it is nationally recognized.  
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739 **Motion by John "Chance" Houle to approve by Proclamation to recognize the month of October**  
740 **2009 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Seconded by Richard "Ricky" Morsette. Call for**  
741 **comment or question. All in favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**  
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743 **MEDICAID/MEDICARE RESOLUTION:**  
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745 Jonathan states, this follows with what was discussed regarding Medicaid. The action of this is what it  
746 will be going to do is simply coming up with feasibility to find out if it is feasible to proceed over. We  
747 are running numbers with the Cultural Resource department, and the services to be provided will be  
748 separate from the Health Board, which will be approximately \$1.4 million. What this will do is  
749 recognize Chance Houle, Richard Sangrey, Tribe, Health Board, Planners Luanne Belcourt, Joan  
750 Mitchell, Toni Plummer from CRD, Rocky Boy Health Board to include, Fawn Tadios, John Johnson,  
751 Lenore Myers, Loni Whitford, Joseph Lafromboise, Jr., and he. Once all the issues on the table, see  
752 where the gaps are and what we are missing out on.  
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754 **A Resolution authorizing the Following Individuals to study and Conduct a feasibility Study**  
755 **Regarding Medicaid, Medicare Third Party Billing and Related Issues, Challenges and Improvements**  
756 **Within the Existing System and Possible Expansion of Medicaid Billing Capacity. The Recommend**  
757 **Departments and/or Those Individuals From Such Departments will be Appointed and Recognized to**  
758 **Undertake this Task on Behalf of the Chippewa Cree Business Committee Members. The Work**  
759 **Group will be Member by the Following Departments: Business Committee, Jonathan Windy Boy,**  
760 **John "Chance" Houle, Tribal Planning, Luanne Belcourt, and Joan Mitchell. Rocky Boy Health**  
761 **Board, Fawn Tadios, John Johnson, Renita Watson, Loni Whitford, Jill Monteau, and Lenore**  
762 **Myers. Cultural Resource Department, Toni Plummer.**  
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764 **Motion by John "Chance" Houle to approve A Resolution authorizing the Following Individuals**  
765 **to study and Conduct a feasibility Study Regarding Medicaid, Medicare Third Party Billing and**  
766 **Related Issues, Challenges and Improvements Within the Existing System and Possible Expansion**

767 of Medicaid Billing Capacity. The Recommend Departments and/or Those Individuals From  
768 Such Departments will be Appointed and Recognized to Undertake this Task on Behalf of the  
769 Chippewa Cree Business Committee Members. The Work Group will be Member by the  
770 Following Departments: Business Committee, Jonathan Windy Boy, John "Chance" Houle, Tribal  
771 Planning, Luanne Belcourt, and Joan Mitchell. Rocky Boy Health Board, Fawn Tadios, John  
772 Johnson, Renita Watson, Loni Whitford, Jill Monteau, and Lenore Myers. Cultural Resource  
773 Department, Toni Plummer. Seconded by Harlan Baker. Call for comment or question. All in  
774 favor, motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.

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776 **WHITE SKY HOPE CENTER – LENORE MYERS:**

777  
778 Lenore Myers states she is present to propose a business plan to develop a coffee shop for the Rocky  
779 Boy Women's Shelter. She states, she has the money set aside for the coffee house. Chance states, the  
780 first part he would like to move forward and the second part will need to wait until we receive the  
781 building proposal.

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783 **A Resolution Authorizing the Development of a Coffee Shop for the Rocky Boy Women's Shelter to**  
784 **Teach Women Work Ethic, Social Skills and Public Interaction:**

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786 **Motion by John "Chance" Houle to approve A Resolution Authorizing the Development of a**  
787 **Coffee Shop for the Rocky Boy Women's Shelter to Teach Women Work Ethic, Social Skills and**  
788 **Public Interaction. Seconded by Jonathan Windy Boy with a question regarding the location.**  
789 **Lenore states, by the former Chemical Dependency Center. Call for comment. All in favor,**  
790 **motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**

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792 Ted Demontiney presents the conceptual of the possibility of what the building would look like.  
793 Chairman Parker recommending Lenore to get some numbers together to be ratified at the next Health  
794 Board meeting.

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796 **FIRST INDEPENDENCE BANK:**

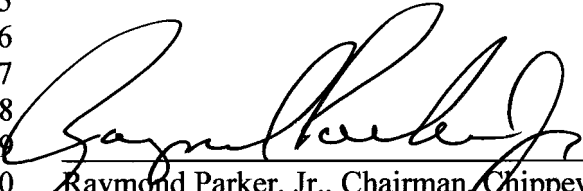
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798 Ricky Morsette states, Independence Bank hired an attorney and contacted Dry Fork Farms. They  
799 wanted Dry Fork Farms to put a lien on the custom harvester's check, which was about \$60,000+.  
800 Independence Bank wants Dry Fork Farms to pay them \$60,000+, because they state we defaulted on  
801 placing a lien on the check. He states, he approached Leanne Montes, Esq. regarding this issue.

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803 Leanne states, the documents that Dry Fork Farms did received were back dated to July, apparently that  
804 when a court decision was rendered against R&R Harvesting. R&R Harvesting owed a debt to  
805 Independence Bank. From that point on, Independence Bank was charging Dry Fork Farms to start  
806 making payments R&R Harvesting owed payable to Independence Bank. Chairman Parker questions if  
807 it is our obligation to pay somebody's debt. Leanne states, what she drafted and informed their lawyer  
808 was, number 1, the only thing we received was a letter from an attorney, we can not act on that,  
809 especially when it is going to breach our contract with a different entity. Second, if there was a court  
810 order, it was their responsibility to get that recognized in our tribal court. Because it was contract  
811 entered on the reservation, they are not entitled through Montana Law to come in to say you need to start  
812 making these payments to this person without being recognized by our tribal court. We responded to  
813 their attorney stating just that and we are currently waiting for a response back. Legally, she doesn't  
814 believe Dry Fork Farms did anything wrong. They could have possibly been liable if they were to

815 change their payee to Independence Bank without a court order. Leanne states, she will keep the  
816 Business Committee updated when she receives correspondence back. Jonathan questions if this is tied  
817 up in tribal court. Leanne states, State court between R&R Harvesting and Independence Bank.  
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819 Bruce questions if R&R Harvesting has any other contracts in our area. Ricky states, our farm manager  
820 is following up.  
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822 **Motion by John "Chance" Houle to adjourn the Thursday, October 1, 2009 Business Committee**  
823 **Meeting at 2:17 p.m. Seconded by Bruce Sunchild. Call for comment or question. All in favor,**  
824 **motion carried. (7) Yes – (0) No.**  
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830 Raymond Parker, Jr., Chairman, Chippewa Cree Tribe Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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835 Ona Denny, Recorder Date

