

Ad-hoc Agricultural Assessment Work Group

7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Meeting Minutes January 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:21 pm.

Committee members: John Keshick, Marci Reyes, Mike Naganashe
Legislative Branch Staff: Treasury Director Michael Garrow, Legislative Services
Attorney Donna Budnick
Guests: Doug Craven, Kevin Gasco, Regina Brubacker, Theresa Keshick

A. Business Meeting:

Motion made by Marci Reyes and supported by Mike Naganashe to approve the Agenda of January 15, 2014.

3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Mike Naganashe and supported by Marci Reyes to table the minutes of the last meeting.

3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion carried.

B. Public Comment opened at 5:35 pm

Comment by Regina Brubacker regarding proposed name of the farm

Public Comment closed at 5:37 pm

C. Old Action Items updates

1. Date and location of meetings were discussed. The Workgroup will meet on the following dates: February 10, February 24, and March 24, 2014 at 4:00 pm.
2. Discussion of the organizational structure.
3. Discussion on farm plan as drafted by consultant Larry Dyer.
4. Discussion on hosting Mid-West Intertribal Agricultural Council Technical Assistance Specialist Daniel Cornelius to meet with Tribal Council on Sunday, February 2, 2014 at 12:00-1:30 pm.
5. Regina Brubacker will contact consultant Dyer to present to the AWAG on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 4:00 pm, Council Chamber.

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6. Discussion on presenting at the Annual Community meeting. Kevin Gasco will contact Winona LaDuke on history of food sovereignty. John Keshick will work with Jannan Cornstalk and Theresa Keshick to develop a video presenting the farm.
7. Motion by Mike Naganashe and supported by Marci Reyes to request Tribal Council make application to have the Gill Road Property be placed in trust.
3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent
Motion carried.
8. Motion by Mike Naganashe and supported by Marci Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to authorize General Counsel Bransky to gather additional information on the potential leasing of the Gill Road property, 160 acres.
3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent
Motion carried.

Public comment at 7:14 pm

Michael Garrow commented on needing a name for the farm

Regina Brubacker wanted to know about sugaring in the spring

Closed at 7:18 pm.

9. Next Meeting – February 10, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Mike Naganashe and supported by Marci Reyes to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion carried.