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Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Council

Regular Council Meeting – February 25, 2014

Tribal Conference Room

Opening prayer was given by: Audrey Fields, Tribal member

Call to Order: 1st Chief Nancy James called meeting to order @ 5:37 PM

Roll Call/Quorum Established:

Present: Nancy James, 1st Chief, Edward Alexander, 2nd Chief, Tony Peter, Seat C, Ginessa Sams, Seat D, Gerald Alexander, Seat E, Michelle Vandyke, Seat F, Michael Hardy, Seat G

Approval of minutes: Edward Alexander motioned to approve minutes with 1 amendment. 2nd was made by Tony Peter.

Ginessa Sams wanted to add tribal member, Margaret Robert's comment on the minutes. Margaret had talked about alcohol abuse in the village and how it is affecting our younger generation. Ginessa said how important it is to acknowledge tribal members at our meetings especially our elders.

Approval of Agenda:

Add on: Nancy James

OLD BUSINESS

Add the **Elder's Center** and the **Indian Health Service Providers Conference in D.C.**

NEW BUSINESS

Add on: Executive Directors position – Mentors program that was presented by a council member.

Add on: Tony Peter - Under donation request can we add the Dog Musers

Diana Peter – We have a total of 7 donation requests; some of them were turned in after the agenda was put out. We do have the Dog Musers donation request.

Add on: Ginessa Peter - Tribal Court Judge – advertise the position and fill it at the next meeting

GZGTG Staff Present: Liana Harriman, Diana Peter

Tribal Members Present: Marilyn Savage, Audrey Fields, Debbie Vandyke, Andrea Vandyke w/baby, Georgiana Engler, Michelle Peter, Christine Rifredi, Alyssa Engler, and Ashlyn Strom.

Non Tribal Members: Vera Erick, Pat Stanley

Tribal Member Comments:

Araya Stoffa – Representing the Yukon Flats School & Fort Yukon Eagles

Araya explained how the Eagles are raising money for the Eagles to go to Regional's in Fairbanks. She is asking for the council support in raising money. (A donation request was submitted)

Debbie Vandyke – would like to address the council of an issue with the 2nd Chief, Ed Alexander. Debbie wants to address a letter from the 2nd chief about the senior class trip. She would also like to talk about some anti-school correspondence coming from some of the employees at GZGTG office. Debbie feels she has to address the council so her side of the story can be heard.

At the last LSAC meeting I (Debbie) made a recommendation that the senior class trip not be sponsored by the YFSD. The advisor tried to work with the kids, but had issues with disrespect. I went in and talked with the students and tried to resolve the issue, but the kids chose to continue with the disrespect. Brenda Jones eventually quit being the advisor for the seniors. Debbie said that none of the other teachers wanted to take on the role as senior advisor. At the LSAC meeting Debbie recommended that the senior class trip not be sponsored by the school. Also on around January 19th, the LSAC chair and another LSAC member had a meeting with the superintendant without all the LSAC members, at this meeting they asked that the second chief serve as the senior class advisor. The superintendant said that it was up to the LSAC to decide and it was referred back to them. The second chief came and met with me on the 24th of January, and gave me a letter (you have in your packet). After a much heated discussion I told him that I was firm on my decision and he went and met with the superintendant. Shortly after, there were notices of a senior class meeting; notices were faxed around town from the tribal office FAX machine. On February 21st @ 12:15pm, Ed came into the school to meet with the seniors; he didn't ask permission from the teacher or me.

Ed – trying to ask the date Debbie was talking about.

Debbie – He disrupted the class during lunch detention, he was asked to leave several times and he didn't. I had to go in and ask him to leave. He immediately went to the superintendant and misconstrued the facts. Later that day a parent went to the school board meeting and made a complaint about a teacher

sabotaging senior grades. She also had her facts misconstrued about what happened at the school. Again on February 21st I received a call from the superintendent saying he got invited to a meeting of concerned parents regarding a teacher at the school & the school principal. It was reported to me that it was a bashing session and again a majority of the people present was tribal employees. I am baffled that a teacher would be blamed for deliberately failing students. Debbie - gave statistics of attendance at the school. If they can't make it to school how are they going to pass their classes? It's embarrassing that I have to come to you as the council to defend myself and my staff. I have a hard working staff we do our damndest to put the best program on for our students. And to go through something like this, what it boils down to, what we're looking at? What we should be focusing on is the alcohol and drug issues in our community, that is the heart of all this. I get calls all the time saying your students are going here and there to smoke weed. What is being done about this? What do I do? I called the VPSO, I go to houses and tell people that I do not want my students at your house. That's what we should be focusing on not stuff like this. Like I said, this is the only venue I have and I wanted to bring it to your attention.

Debbie – talked for a bit in Gwich'in then said mah'si choo.

Ed – Responding

My involvement in this is the result of parents and LSAC members coming to me asking me for help, they said “can you help our kids?” I wanted to see what is going on first. I went down to the school, signed in and talked to some of the teachers. The teachers told me they didn't have any problem with the senior class disciplinary or academic. Only one teacher had a problem with the senior class, this was not me pointing this out it was the teachers. After I talked with the kids and parents, I thought maybe I can help clear the air. I wrote a letter to Debbie and suggested four alternatives: The first 3 of which were meeting with Debbie, the teachers and the kids themselves. We could talk things out and figure out the best way to deal with this. This is their last year in school they are transitioning to adults and this is an important time for them. I am saying this as the 2nd Chief and as an educator with a Masters Degree in education. This is an emotional & important time, and they felt like nobody in the community cared about them. This is what they told me, they felt like we weren't doing anything and that we had forgotten about them. So I said I will work with Debbie and the superintendent and we will work with the kids. I brought the letter to Debbie and got yelled out of her office, so I got with the LSAC and said let's do this without school involvement. We can do it as an after school club kind of thing just for the seniors, we don't have to involve the school if they are just going to be negative. I went to the school to talk to the kids about delivering pizzas to the school board meeting that they had ordered. This is the second incident where I got kicked out of the school. (Ed - By the way I am under oath here). I went to the front office and asked for your permission, I signed in, there should be a record of me signing in and the time I signed in. Georgie was sitting right there and saw me, I proceeded down the hall to talk to the seniors. I ran into 2 seniors, Craig Fleener and Trey Petersen, I asked them what they were doing in lunch detention, they said I sat in the wrong seat so they got detention. Ed told them he had to talk to them about the pizza order; I followed them down the hall to lunch detention. The teacher in there was Brenda Jones, I asked her if it was OK to talk the Craig and Trey for a couple of minutes, she said yeah that will be fine. While I was talking to them Brenda Jones leaves and then comes back with Debbie Vandyke and Dave Schuller. Debbie started to yell at me, saying you were told to leave you need to get out of here, saying this in front of all the students in detention. If I was asked to leave doesn't anybody here think I would just leave? I would just leave. And to yell at a community member that way, they could have brought me into the hall and asked me to leave. Instead I was yelled at, telling me to get out of here. I told them I would leave I find this whole thing to be embarrassing. This is the God's honest

truth of what happened. I had to report this to the superintendent and to my boss. I am doing this as a community member, as the 2nd Chief and as the director of the university, because we are holding the meetings at the university, where we try to provide guidance. This is what happened so far, as far as the students go, I find them to all be very nice kids. I find the situation they have been put in to be very regrettable. As far as what is going on at the school I have never had an experience like what happened there with the last incident. I am telling you from a professional educator who has thousands of hours in the classroom, who has served here at Fort Yukon, who served at Lathrop high school, and who has served as the principal of Arctic Village. I was extremely embarrassed by the whole situation; I know the students were embarrassed; they came up to me afterwards saying so. I have had a lot of elders come to me and say they were embarrassed about what happened at the school that the 2nd Chief would get kicked out. I found the whole thing to be very disrespectful, and if anything it has hardened my resolve to work with those children. I think they are a great group of kids who are going to be adults here pretty soon, I think we need to support them and work with them. The first time I went into Debbie's office she said "I am done with those kids." That is what she told me, she said "If you want to work with them, you can work with them; I am done trying to work with them". I told her we are not even half way through the school year. I have nothing to gain from lying to you guys, nothing to gain from bringing any of this up. None of these kids are mine nor am I related to any of them, I am just there trying to help because that is what is expected of me. The parents expect this of me and so do the kids that is why they came to me. We probably spent way too much time on this subject and I am sorry it has gone this far.

Christine Rifredi – I pulled out a section of the School District overall policy and under the one that says guardian / parents, it says parents and guardians are expected to comply with the laws governing the conduct of the education of their children, they shall also be expected to cooperate with school authorities regarding their children's behavior. Parents and guardians may be held liable for misconduct of their children to the extent provided by law. The bottom line is there are rules and policies in place for things like this if the policies haven't been changed since 2005 then this needs to be addressed. Even though we have community involvement we still have to abide by the rules.

Christine - is also asking the council to support her as a TCC Health Board Representative for the next 3 years. The decision will be made at the regional meeting next week.

Marilyn Savage – I attended a meeting with Neil Frantz of BLM for one day in Fairbanks. They are going to try to open mining in the Black River area. He said that we should look for alternative energy, and I was really disturbed by it. They were talking about our sacred land, water and air. We don't want that to go to waste to mining and development. It sounds like they want to do some development and that the governor is for it. I wanted to let the tribe know that some action needs to be taken. It can be brought up at the TCC meeting about protecting our lands. The resolution you have the Dranjik in 2009 needs to be updated. We are requesting government to government consultations with BLM. Nancy – I did get a call from BLM setting a public hearing for all the activities in the Yukon Flats. She would like it to be a community thing. I would like to set a date and time for sometime in April.

Marilyn would also like to note that there still is no native language teacher at the school. She brought it to the school board meeting, but there has been no action on it. She was hoping the tribe could write letters to the school board to see if they could get a language teacher.

Liana – Wants to comment about the parent meeting that Debbie commented on. It wasn't a meeting, only a lunch for parents to voice their concerns before Lance Bowie went to the school to investigate the allegations about Brenda Jones. It wasn't a bashing session the parents just wanted their side of the story

to be told. The reason there were so many tribal employees there was just a coincidence, because a lot of the employees have children that are having trouble with the one teacher. There were a total of 11 parents at the lunch and they were not all employees of GZGTG.

Audrey Fields – commented on drinking water. Can the tribe look into some way to sell good drinking water or maybe buy a machine to distill our water?

Audrey – What about IHS for those that do not live in Fort Yukon, do we still have a newsletter that goes out? Do the people know why they are being denied help, is it because they live outside Fort Yukon? Once you are a tribal member aren't you always a tribal member? I think that policy needs to be looked at.

Approval of Minutes

GiNESSA – Under Tribal Member comments can we add the comment that Margaret Roberts made?

Motion – Made by Ed Alexander to approve minutes with the correction from GiNESSA.

2nd – By Tony Peter

Minutes approved

Council Member Travel Reports:

Tony Peter – Leadership retreat on subsistence on February 3rd. The state is trying to overturn the Katy John decision on subsistence. It was a lengthy meeting it went from 8am – 4pm, Murkowski, Don Young, Bagich and our governor was there. They are going to try to fight it, they have their lawyers lined up and we should hear more about it by the end of this month. They have several resolutions, and we will hear more about it in October. We had Jerry Isaac, Victor Lord, and Charlie Titus were there for us, they are going to raise funds to fight this case.

Marilyn Alexander – Refer to earlier comments on BLM report

Nancy – **Set BLM meeting for tribal consultation**

Nancy – Talking to Janet: I met with TCC accounting staff concerning our funding issue and matters like that. The outstanding audit, I don't know if you pursued any farther than what we had recommended, do you have an up-date?

Janet – We could talk about that in the financial report, it was included in your packet.

Nancy – another issue is in the past years we have been taking our time with the audit, **we need to get with the auditors and have them get it out sooner than they have been doing it**. Mainly because it would help us get all our outstanding bills taken care of and let us know where we are at sooner than June. That was one of the recommendations.

Another thing I put on our agenda is last year we talked about Native Village taking over directly their own programs. We are missing a lot of money from TCC co-managing, with just one finding of this year in our budget we are really looking good. Even BIA wanted to know why we don't take over our own programs, so we (the council) need to discuss this issue for FY15.

Executive Director Report:

Elder's program – Diana reports that we will make it to March with the funds we have and not go over the budget.

Nancy – Is it possible to have a menu for the elders.

Diana – We do have one, but they don't make it available to the elders.

Nancy – We need to make the menu available to the elders, because they would like to know what is being served. Under the elders provider program with TCC we might want to volunteer. We need to do a survey about the services available to our elders. We need to get our elders together and make them a part of our community that is what we need to resolve the issues with the discussions earlier. We need our elders help, we need to set up a big elders meeting. There are a lot of needs not being met through the General Assistance Program, and they are cutting back funding for that program. We also need to set programs to utilize GA funds to have Voc-Ed and other education trainings. We need to use more of the money or we will lose it, I think we're talking about \$400,000.00.

Diana – I worked some on the budget, but need to have the budget meeting, we have been going off the FY13 budget. We moved the fund ware server closer to our I.T. guy JR.

I did all the reporting for the donations for the businesses for the Christmas party and the potlatch.

I helped Liana creating a check list and approval forms for new enrollees'. We have a large number of pending enrollees' you will see at this meeting.

I helped Terry Duffin with additional information for the elder grant, which is now completed.

I did the quarterly reports for January.

I submitted the paperwork and we did get reimbursed for two FEMA projects for about \$22,000.00.

GiNESSA – Noting the elderly coordinator's report, about him needing assistance with the paperwork. Can we have the receptionist work with him for about 2 hours a day? We need to help him to move forward.

Diana – We can get assistance for the elderly coordinator (receptionist).

GiNESSA – I was looking at the GA/WEP report I see that there are some problems. If you work with Jackie and come up with some solutions to the problems you are having, we will be able to work better with you.

Ed – He had a couple meetings with Jackie and Donna about the IHS tribal shares program and it seems that the emergency assistance program needs to be more specific in wording an emergency. It must not be clear because we are getting a lot of requests for it for things that are not life threatening. Maybe we can call it terminal assistance.

GiNESSA – We need to be more specific on the guidelines for eligibility. Tribal members are only awarded the EMA once in a lifetime, and we need to follow these guidelines so each tribal member gets treated equally.

Nancy – Since we don't have a Director maybe we can take a look at the policy and make a recommendation for the next meeting. Meet with Diana prior to the next meeting and make some

recommendations and revisions. The way to change the policy is to make a motion to approve or reject it and we can do that at the next meeting, so that each council member can have their input.

Ed – there are some medical procedures that call to be in Fairbanks for more than 3 days and \$250.00 isn't enough to keep a client housed and fed in Fairbanks, so the tribal member just goes without the medical care they need.

Diana – I will go over the IHS policies on how we can distribute the money.

Nancy – I talked with Jackie and Donna about TCC sub regional money, all they have to do is submit a proposal to get it. Our staff should submit a proposal by next Friday.

GiNESSA – Has a question on why did we not get an education report?

Liana – Donna tried to get it to me, she has been really busy this week with the training at the Voc-ed.

Michelle Vandyke – It should be a policy to submit a report, especially since we don't have an Executive Director. There should not be any excuses.

Tony – Maybe we should have the staff come in once a year to give a thorough report, like at the next meeting.

Nancy – especially on land, I just talked to Shirley about it.

GiNESSA – Andrew's reports are good with his goals and perspectives, use him as an example.

Michelle – Can we make a directive to organize the recycle center with Jackie's program, with the GA workers. Diana – yes

Mike – Commenting on Andrew's mail outs on migratory birds. This is a good step for us to come out with a solid plan for this issue. This will prove to Fish and Wildlife that yes we can manage our own subsistence issues in the Yukon Flats. He is asking for guidance and I think the council input is important.

Ed – we should put it on New Business for next meeting to give the council time to review the info.

Nancy – Andrew wanted to go on with 2 projects, but I think it's a good idea to put it down for next meeting. I asked Shirley to present something on Land for the next meeting, about the sub-division and for the planning. It's a good idea to stop in and visit with the staff and give them your ideas.

Nancy – Andrea is going to advertise for the Transportation meeting to discuss the TPP money, Ivar's Bridge and the Transit Program. We need the public's input on these projects. We have a deadline, so we need to have the meeting on Thursday.

Ed – I would like for next month's meeting a recommendation from Andrew on BLM, the Eastern Interior Resource Management Plan and whether or not we should file a lawsuit, regarding the lack of consultation for their preferred alternative. They came here and had a meeting; we had over a hundred people testify. None of those comments were used when they came up with their preferred alternative. And now according to the information we received from Marilyn tonight they are saying to be prepared for bad news. Instead of waiting for the bad news maybe we can give them some of our own.

Nancy – Last year we talked about all the activities in the Yukon Flats, CATG Pat Stanley is now the acting Executive Director. We need to have a public meeting about all the activities in the Yukon Flats, like Venetie has a project for mineral development. We need to do an update on who is doing what; otherwise we are going to get caught in the middle. We talked about it last year, but did not follow up. We need public input tribal government to tribal government. We can talk to Andrew about that, and also thank him for having the YRDFFA meeting, it was well attended. We need a letter coming from here thanking them for coming to our community.

Ed – It was a really good meeting with a lot of resolutions, like the equal fishing time, we will really benefit from that. The CDQ (Community Development Quota), it's a percentage of fish that come out of the ocean. Coastal villages have these CDQ's and, and what they do is sell their percentage of fish to commercial fishers, this brings a lot of money into these communities as a result. "They use this money for scholarship money or economic development in their community. This is the first time the lower river fishermen agreed to let us participate in that. Both he and Nancy talked with them about the Magnus and Stevens ACT (which regulates fishing in high seas), and we got them to take a position on that. It's taken them a long time, it was under the radar.

Financial Report

Janet – She drafted the financial report for year ending December 2013, we still have a lot of close out entries to do, and this is not the final copy, mostly for your review. If you look at the report we did not over budget on any of the AFA departments. I am not going to go over the budget line by line, if you have any questions let me know. On the last page (19) there is an estimate fund balance for our general fund and the administration fund. This is not final we have to finalize our yearend audit. We are looking at a negative \$12,954.00, but that can change. We are on the calendar for an audit in the first week in May. There is a re-cap of the meeting with TCC about a week ago. I did a transportation budget for Larry Bredeman. We reserved a meeting room for the budget meeting on April 3 & 4. Kim almost has the indirect cost proposal finalized. We are looking at a raise of about 42%, which is a drop from our 51%.

Kim – met with TCC venturing with the new deputy financial director. There was a delay with TCC paying Fort Yukon some funds. The contract for the indirect 2013 hasn't been paid and also your welfare hasn't been paid. There was some miscommunication with TCC; they thought they did not have to pay the welfare assistance for awhile because we had large revenue, I explained that none of the other revenue had anything to do with welfare assistance. I provided all the documents they needed and I talked with them this week and got a response from them. They will have to pay the money. They are working on it and were hoping this isn't an on-going issue with them. They said we can count on the same amount of welfare assistance as last year. There is also some confusion on how much money we get for our AFA contract, they are trying to rework some of the numbers. They said it hadn't been adjusted for a few years and they said in total it should be the same but some of the departments will be a little different, but we will have to wait for that information. The deadline to rectify this is the end of the month.

Nancy – It would be good to get this out of the way because they are living on our reserve.

Ed – Yeah they are sitting on \$300,000.00 that must get a good chunk of interest every day.

Janet – The former self-governor director told us that they have new people on staff and are in training now. We are on top of it and they will pay us all the indirect that are due to us for 2013. We have not received any of 2014 funds yet.

Nancy – We have been more than understanding; now the council will have to make a drastic decision.

Janet – Also on the donation requests, Diana and I went over these and put where all this money can come from.

Impact Aid:

Ed – At the end of January the executive secretary for the school board came to my office and said here is the Impact Aid you need to sign this to get our grant. This is a million dollars that the school district gets annually; this is an addition to the per-child rate they get from the state. This is supplemental money to make sure that our students have equal access to lots of different programs. Whether it is the language program, afterschool or sports activities it is suppose to equalize the level of education here from the other places that are not impacted. I think that the numbers are wrong it is suppose to include the geographic location, which means places that are withdrawn from taxation. If we had a borough in the Yukon Flats we would not be able to tax the tribal lands, all of the federal lands, wildlife lands and the BLM lands, these are places that cannot be taxed. The only lands that are taxable are the private lands in Fort Yukon and GZ lands that haven't been transferred. These are things that impact the school district. The impact aid is a check because the federal government is saying we don't want your school district to be impacted by having all these lands withdrawn and we also recognize that people are out there hunting. They are supposed to have meetings with us informing us of how these monies are spent so that our children receive the best services. They are also supposed to have an accounting system on these million dollars so that we can see how money was spent and how these programs are going. I met with the assistant superintendant, superintendent, the business officer, and no one can tell me where this money is spent. The money was put into the general fund of the school district and was not accountable after that. They didn't run any reports or hold any meetings they were supposed to hold. It doesn't look like any additional programs were used. It's basically a million dollars that they consider theirs, but they are not following the policy. This has got to stop. They need to be accountable for this money; we need to have a million dollars of programs going on if they are getting this money. The formula is wrong it was calculated 20 years ago, and there have been a lot of changes in that period. I put it on the agenda because as the council you need to be aware of it, and we need to hold the school district accountable for these funds.

Nancy – Impact aid is for native tribal members and that is why we sign off on it all the time. It supplements the education income from the state. 30% of it goes for the administration and we only get 70% of it. At the TCC meeting they wanted to do a survey and analysis, of how much impact aid is coming into our 5 school districts with TCC and where the money is going. Because of the tribal input and a lot of our schools are closing. It needs to be discussed within the tribe because it is a tribal issue. The state doesn't want us to talk about it because that is where a lot of their money comes from.

Ed – Yeah right they give us a week and the school came into my office late in the week, but I told them I will not sign it, I'm going to read it first. My initial recommendations will be to follow their policy, and that is what I told the superintendant too. They need to have it be its own line item and have it be so we can track that money, and have it be so that we can evaluate the programs that are coming out of it.

The school district has a good policy, but it is not being followed at all. If it was being followed you would see a lot of programs. I already signed the document.

Nancy – He did it mainly because of the funding 10% funding., otherwise the state will get it.

Ed – I told them that you guys wouldn't be happy, but a million dollars is a million dollars so I went ahead and signed it before the deadline or we would have lost the money. They would have cut 10% of the staff. I told them that I intend to hold them accountable and over the course of the next year we expect to see those public meetings and have the reports done, and so I encourage you to read through the document.

Mike – **can we put that on the agenda every month under old business to keep track of it?** Nancy it will be on our agenda.

Michelle Peter – isn't this a school board issue, shouldn't we be taking it to them?

Ed – the policy was already adopted by the school board, and I know people were asking for policy changes. We are asking for it to be administered according to the policy. If the superintendant doesn't do anything about it then we take it to the school board. Not even the school board we just call up the federal impact aid people and tell them none of these things are being done.

Michelle Peter – I don't think we should do that; we should have local people on the school board representing our school. That is where we should take our concerns. We should be working with them not making matters worse.

Ed – we need to move forward in a responsible way. We need to keep after the superintendant and have him follow through with these meetings, and have the budgets to be available.

TCC delegate and alternate:

Nancy – We have nominations, for education we have Mike Hardy. For health we have Christine Rifredi and Michelle Peter, and Debbie McCarty. We can make a recommendation and it will be voted on at the sub regional meeting.

Mike Hardy is nominated for the education seat. **No Objections**, unanimous consent

Michelle is nominated for the health seat.

Christine Rifredi – **will still go to the TCC meeting.**

Nancy – **The council budget meeting will take place in Fairbanks on April 3 & 4.** Diana will take care of the travel.

Executive Director Position:

GiNESSA – She has a proposal to mentor a local person into the position of executive director. This person will work directly with the council. She presented a brief job description of the position, it would be directed to develop goals and work plans, and would also work with the staff here to resolve some of

their problems. It's not a complete job description just some ideas on paper, we can discuss it more at the retreat in April.

Ed – He thinks it is a good idea

Council Strategic Planning:

Nancy – We are sticking to April 3 & 4, we have been putting it off too long.

Donation Request:

Camp Fire Program –

Motion by _ Ed 2nd, by – GiNESSA Awarded \$3200.00

Eagles boys/girls – Motion by Ed, 2nd, by GiNESSA Awarded \$2500.00

Little Dribblers – Motion by Ed, 2nd, by GiNESSA Awarded \$2500.00

Spring Carnival – Motion by Ed, 2nd, by GiNESSA Awarded \$5000.00

IHS Regional Health Fair – Motion by Ed, 2nd, by GiNESSA Awarded \$1000.00

National Congress of American Indians – **Not approved**, we already pay a registration fee

Special Ed, Life Skills & Prevention – Motion by Ed, 2nd, by GiNESSA Awarded \$ \$1000.00

Elders Center:

Nancy – Talked with Joyce Hughes about this, we talked about a resolution from years ago. One of the things CATG, wanted when they built the clinic was an elder's center.

GiNESSA – We have a high need for our elders to be taken care of, there was a resolution a couple years ago, and we wanted CATG to look into it, to make sure there was feasibility or an assessment. We have a lot of elder candidates, but we want other elders, in other villages to benefit also. This is something we have been talking about for a long time with CATG, but have not gotten anything back from them.

Pat Stanley – We can talk about that at our next meeting. We need to think about if elders from other villages will want to live in Fort Yukon. There is a lot of emphasis about in home care now, maybe more now than before. TCC has had the program with in home care for a long time now with an emphasis with home assistance. Maybe what we need is a combination of both. There was land put aside by the council for a facility below the clinic. This will go on the CATG agenda, because we need input from them and the other villages.

Nancy – Joyce was working on this, there was a big issue with Galena and Tanana, Rassmussen won't fund big centers anymore, and we can always combine it with the youth center. We need a little more planning on this; it is a need for our elders. They have been asking about it, they want to come home.

Ed – We need to look for the resolution that GiNESSA was talking about, actually do the work that the resolution talked about and like Nancy said, Rassmussen will not fund it anymore, maybe we can make a few more elder homes, so we can always have a place for our elders to come back to. We talked about

it at the housing meeting and discussed building a few more two bedroom homes for our elders so they can have in home care staying with them.

Pat – We should talk to the staff and the doctors and talk about design.

GiNESSA – CATG can make a position for a CNA, we can start part time and build the position.

Pat – There are other organizations that would fund something like this, if we will give half the support. Just because Rasmussen won't fund it doesn't mean it can't happen. There are other big funders out there.

Nancy – We need to pursue this for our elders, Joyce knows a lot about this she went to Juneau, talk with her about this (Pat).

Ed – We don't only have the elders to think about, we have younger people with disabilities who need in home care also. We need to keep these people in our discussions.

Nancy – We need to keep this on the agenda also (continued old business).

BLM Public Hearing:

Nancy – Set meeting for middle of April, tribal to tribal consultation at the Tribal Hall.

Self-governance meeting conference:

Nancy – it will be held in D.C. on May 4th – 8th. We can send our council members and take money out of regional shares (IHS). We will send Tony, Gerald and GiNESSA.

Bio-mass Up-date:

Franny Hughes – We have to modify the program as we go along. Under permitting, CATG got a grant from the St. of Alaska forestry for \$140,000.00. We set aside \$90,000.00 to hire staff to do the permitting and make heavy equipment manuals. Kelda is now the CATG natural recourse director and is working really well on the project. This year we are having Gerald James cut as much wood as he could, he's kind of a jack of all trades. Harvesting is going really fast, we are cutting all the hardwoods. Our board has been meeting to get a building, attached are plans. We have marine jackets that we will put on the generators which will cause more waste heat to be distributed around town. Because of this we will need a lot less wood than originally planned; about 70% of the heat will come from this recovered heat. We are finding that we will lose a lot of heat with a long line to the clinic, so we want to put a standalone boiler out by the clinic. So in the future if we have more buildings out there like an assisted living home we can just hook them to that boiler. And we want to place these boilers in different locations around town. We want to start the ground work this fall and put the building in during 2015. We will have a community meeting soon when we get the design and budget numbers together.

Resolution:

Ed – We have one resolution – **House bill 216** is the bill that asks all Alaskan languages be recognized as official languages of the State of Alaska.

Motion by – Ed Alexander to accept Resolution 216, 2nd by Tony Peter, voice vote no objections.

Motion passed Resolution 14-08

Liana - Resolution Inter-water watershed council

Motion by – Ed, 2nd by Gerald Alexander, voice vote no objections

Motion passed Resolution 14 - 09

Liana – Resolution Opposing House bill 77

Motion by – Ed, 2nd by Ginessa

Motion passed Resolution 14 – 10

Council member closing comments

Ginessa – About the issue with the school we need to work with them.

Mike – can we lesson the paper in the packets it's not organized. On the school issue we need to work with the school and work out our differences.

Ginessa – can we start having a workshop before the meetings so our meetings can go faster?

Tribal Enrollment:

No new enrollees were accepted into the tribe, the paperwork needs to be revised.

Executive session @ 7:55pm

Out of executive session @ 8:30pm

No actions were made