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RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Business Meeting

April 4, 2023

Boardroom

8:30AM-3:30PM

**PRESENT:**

Chief Marcel Medicine-Horton Councillor Cassandra Kaysaywaysemat Councillor Kim Detweiler Councillor Dorothy Huitikka

Councillor Karen Oster-Bombay

**REGRETS:**

Councillor Robert Bombay

**OTHER:**

Lauren Hyatt: Executive Assistant to C&C Tim Grover: Minutes Chris McNab: HR Manager Kyle Kellar, Wayne Strachan: Public Works

June Amar: CFO Milt Strachan: Aazhogan

Via Zoom: Tim Friesen, Joy Bishop, Dean Wilson

**Opening**

*8:30AM: Meeting was opened.*

**Fort Frances-International Falls International Bridge Maintenance Presentation**

A presentation was given by M.Strachan detailing maintenance issues and costs associated with the International bridge.

**DISCUSSION**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Off-Reserve Housing Renovation Program**

Members can apply every 3 years, need to prove primary residence. It is a forgivable loan of up to $5000. It was considered bumping up the $5000 to $7500. If the cap is raised, it may affect how many people can access the program. A three-year period can potentially help up to 60 households.

A suggestion was made tohold off until budget is prepared. It will be submitted at larger numbers and return to trust if its not all used. Budget for contribution of $100K from band, and trust contribution of $300K.

**RESOURCE CENTER**

The Resource Center will be renovated by painting, etc.

**HATCHERY**

J. H. will be at Amin. Building on Thursday, April 6, 2023, to discuss

**MODULAR HOMES**

Smart Modular asking $66,300 for work completed. W. Strachan recommends not paying until all work is done.

**MOTION # 2023- 04-05-002**

**Trust Building**

$45K for repairs

RRFN covers $11K, trust will pay $33K.

MOVED BY: K. Oster-Bombay

SECONDED BY: C. Kaysaywaysamet

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**PASSED**

**MOTION # 2023- 04-05-003**

**Demolish House at 7381B Hwy 71**

Total cost of $6000, RRFN covers $1750, Trust covers $5250.

MOVED BY: K. Oster-Bombay

SECONDED BY: D. Huitikka

**All in favour**

**passed**

**MOTION # 2023- 04-05-004**

**88 Caribou St. Rat Issue**

$10K Estimate.

MOVED BY: K. Detweiler

SECONDED BY: M. Medicine-Horton

*K. Oster-Bombay votes no*

**QUAROM 4-1**

**PASSED**

**ACTION # 2023- 04-05-005**

**RECYCLE LOT BCR to follow.**

2 new houses, asking $229K per house. Use estimate for two homes to submit application to trust.

**MOTION # 2023- 04-05-006**

**New Lawnmowers for Public Works**

**4 new mowers and 2 carts at $65K**

MOVED BY: K. Oster-Bombay

SECONDED BY: M. Medicine-Horton

**All In Favour**

**Passed**

*K. Kellar and W. Strachan leave @ 11:32*

*N. Cochrane joins @ 11:35*

*T. Grover declares conflict of interest.*

*L. Hyatt takes over meeting minutes*.

**LAND CLAIMS IMPLEMENTATON PRESENTATION**

**Nicole Cochrane**

Budget brought in December. Quotes for Pontoon added.

Review budget: Additional budget for doing Kiley’s work.

4 Quarter breakdown of payments

If the 4th quarter payment isn’t being used, deduct from next year.

Do actuals instead of projections/estimates.

Received budget in December because Nicole needed audit. Year end actuals for March 31st were used.

Fiscal year: trustees don’t need audit. Have the budget submitted by April 1st.

Have Nicole submit AGM presentations from last two years.

New actuals this past year @ $141,910

A change of budget is suggested to be better utilized.

2005 document: Claims Implementation Coordinator is a direct employee of C&C in organization chart.

Trustees acknowledge that Nicole is an employee of C&C.

An updated copy of lands needs to be made available to members, on and off reserve.

**SURVEYS**

18 New lots surveyed on highway by TBT Engineering

New Surveys that have and have not been completed.

Approve surveys for the highway lots.

Marcels signature required on signing the surveys, which means we approve that this is where we need the lots to be.

Once approved, put into land title offices, Legal Boundaries

Go to public works, show boundary of each surveyed lot to name it to acquire CP’s.

Lands and Natural Resources Manager funded by Ontario for $85K.

1 position available.

*N. Cochrane leaves @ 12:00pm*

*T. Grover returns @ 12:09pm*

**UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES**

April 6th – 10:00am Social Services meeting

April 6th – 5:00pm Community Meeting

April 6th – 1:00pm LTC Meeting

April 11th- Fire Dept. Meeting

April 11th – 2:30pm CMHC Meeting

April 12th – 10:00am Business Meeting

April 12th – T3 Drug Strategy

April 13th and 14th – Marcel to go to Winnipeg for Weechi Meetings

April 17th – ALL DAY Budget Meetings

April 18th – 12:00 – 6:00pm Career Fair

April 19th – ALL DAY Budget Meetings

April 20th – 11:00 – 3:00pm New Gold Meeting

April 26th – Chief and Council Meeting

April 27th – 9:00 am LTC Meeting with Ministry **RESCHEDULE**

May 4th – Community Meeting

May 10th – Business Meeting

May 17th – 21st – K. Oster-Bombay going to camp training learning land-based programming.

May 19th – Fish Fry

May 24th – Business Meeting

**ACTION # 2023- 04-05-007**

**Reschedule Thunder Bay Community Meeting to MAY 12th – 13th.**

L. Hyatt

**ACTION # 2023- 04-05-008**

**Send Letter Requesting Meeting with Chief Kai Liu and James Broughton**

L. Hyatt

**BCR ITEMS**

MOVED BY: C. Kaysaywaysamet Pride Committee

SECONDED BY: M. Medicine-Horton ALL IN FAVOUR, PASSED

MOVED BY: C. Kaysaywaysamet Pow Wow Committee

SECONDED BY: D. Huitikka ALL IN FAVOUR, PASSED

MOVED BY: K. Bombay IRS Group

SECONDED BY: D. Huitikka ALL IN FAVOUR, PASSED

MOVED BY: C. Kaysaywaysamet Protection Committee

SECONDED BY: M. Medicine-Horton ALL IN FAVOUR, PASSED

**Discussion**

**Gathering of Nations**

10-12 members can go.

Trust will contribute $15K, Band will Contribute $4-$5K.

J. Amar: Request source of band contribution should be defined and suggest protocol of band contribution definition. Finance wants to know who Authorized Signers should be. Needs to be more organized.

**IPAD TRAINING**

All the Community Elders did not get iPad because only the elders in the training were eligible for use.

**Bill C-92**

**Barnes Management Group**

2nd phase presented. Report from M. Roberts given to C. McNab. How to move forward?

Need More Questions Answered.

**HR Update**

**IN CAMERA**

*Meeting adjourned at 3:36*

The minutes dated **April 4** **, 2023**, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: Date signed:

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