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**Whitewater Township Emergency Services Advisory Committee
Minutes of Special meeting held June 20, 2011**

Call to Order

Supervisor Lake called the meeting to order at 6:00pm at Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, Michigan

Roll Call

Committee members present: Pat Miller, Mike Conlan, Rod Kuncaitis, Fran Butler, Glenn Savage

Committee members absent: none

Others attending: Supervisor Lake, Recording Secretary Bowerman and 2 others

Purpose: organizational meeting

- Larry Lake briefed the committee on structural details that were outlined by the township board
- Lisa Bowerman will be the recording secretary
- The Fire Chief/Ambulance Coordinator is the committee's liaison between departments.
- Evaluate what we have, personnel, equipment and Facilities.
- Become familiar with the financial structure, Carol Hockin, the township clerk can assist you.
- Review Whitewater Townships option's related to emergency services.
- Tuesday June 28th, a proposal by the Grand Traverse Band Tribal Representatives will be presented.
- Chuck Decker will be an alternate committee member, he will be approved at the June 28th board meeting.

Committee Structure

- Lake then asked the committee to elect a chair
Pat Miller nominated Rod Kuncaitis, seconded by Fran Butler.
Glenn Savage moved to close nominations, Fran seconded it.
Discussion, Glenn asked if Rod was opposed to the nomination, Rod said no, not opposed to it.
Lake, all in favor of Rod being the E.S.A.C. chairman, say aye.
Motion unanimously approved .
- Lake then turned the meeting over to Rod and left.

Open Meeting Act

- Rod asked for a clarification of the Open Meetings Act
- Della Benak Township Treasurer was in the audience and answered the question

- 3 or more committee members can not be at another meeting.
- It was suggested that the up coming June 28th board meeting be called a joint meeting, so that the committee members can attend to listen to the Tribe's proposal.
- There was a bit more discussion.

Leaving Rural

- Rod, we don't have much time, we need to bring our suggestions to the board by Nov.
- Rod, what are the wants and needs of the tribe?
- Find out what we own.
- Discussion about the morale of the fire personal.
- Glenn, Mike and Pat stated they are concerned about the citizens and the township, they want to keep fire locally.
- Pat said he would like fire and ambulance to be together under one roof.
- Pat and Mike are looking into what we own, fire and ambulance, facilities, equipment.
- Fran is looking into the fire/ambulance personnel and qualifications.
- Rod, we need to make sure that the equipment is turn key, everything included.
- Rod is looking into mutual coverage agreements.
- Rod, come back to the next meeting with info and what your next task will be.
- Rod, first priority is Fire.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- Rod sold product to Casino and North Flight.
- Glenn's wife is under contract with the Tribe and teaches the women sewing and quilting. Glenn also noted the he is related to kids Marty and Scotty, who were not nice to some Native American kids at the Elk Rapids School.
- Pat and Rod are a part of the Fire Auxiliary.

Public Comment

Vaughn Harchfield, 4404 N. Broomhead Rd.

- Continue to work full steam ahead, don't wait for the out come of the Tuesday meeting about what the Tribe proposes. We need to protect our citizens.
- We need a decision by Dec. 1st, we need to make sure our citizens are protected.

There was much more discussion about fire equipment and storage of the ladder truck, mutual coverage and making fire a priority but including ambulance.

Announcements
Next meeting, 6/27.

Adjournment
The Meeting was adjourned at 7:25

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Bowerman, recording secretary