



**Potawatomi Property Owners Association (PPOA)
Board Meeting
Saturday, August 29, 2009**

Board Members Present: Jeff Brittan, Dianne Hess, Dawn Pittman. Leonard Benser, Jim Hardy, Greg Roman and Vern Wilcox

President Hardy called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Minutes from the July 25th meeting were read. Greg made and Jim seconded a motion to accept the minutes.

Financial Report:

- Dawn distributed the budget report through July, the end of the fiscal year.
- Final expenses for the year totaled \$46,818.05 and final income for the year was \$38,671.
- The new budget for the 2009-2010 was okayed at the annual meeting.
- Leonard made and Greg seconded a motion to accept the finance report.

A big thank you to Dawn for all her hard work for this past fiscal year!

Caretakers Report:

- Jeff is working on painting and varnishing the windows in the Lakeview cabin. He hopes to close the cabin September 7th so he can finish all the work before the end of the season. The work will include 56 panes of glass as well as work on the screens. Several board members volunteered to help Jeff with some framing, painting and varnishing in the coming week.
- Jeff has completed the floor in the men's bathroom on the Island.
- Dianne made and Dawn seconded a motion to accept the caretaker's report.

Old Business:

Land Sale

- The lawyer has sent the offer to purchase to the Riegler's. The next step is to send all papers to the title company. The closing will occur after that step.
- The Board discussed waiting to sell the second piece of property until after the fiscal year (July 31, 2010) due to the savings in taxes. Vern made and Jim seconded a motion to speak with local real estate agent, Dick Web, in the spring regarding the listing of the Cherokee 5 property.

Public Access Update

- President Hardy has thanked Town Chairman Lu Peet for handling the public access problem on Island Lake – all personal property has been removed.

Senator Feingold's Meeting

- President Hardy was invited to attend the Senator's town hall meeting in Port Wing on August 22nd. He said it was a very interesting meeting regarding healthcare as well as other issues. President Hardy had the opportunity to ask the Senator about Federal Grant aid for the new well proposed for the Firewise Program in Potawatomi. Senator Feingold said he would put one of his staff in charge of checking into the possibility and will get back to us.

ATV Use in Potawatomi

- President Hardy noted that the only designated ATV trail in Potawatomi is George Lake Road to Island Lake Road. It is an automatic \$250 fine if the ATV's are found to be off-trail by the Town Constable.

Collection Agency for Delinquent Assessments

- Vern stated there is a collection agency in Ashland and will get information to share with the Board. The Board discussed the pros and cons of this idea.

New Business:

- President Hardy discussed putting a flag pole on the Island. More on this at the next meeting.
- Trucks and ATV unauthorized use on the campground road has caused major erosion. If the Federal Grant is received for the new well, the Board discussed widening and upgrading the road to the campground as well as installing a retaining wall to slow the sand erosion.
- Dawn reported that she was notified of 2004 Tax Deed foreclosures at the Bayfield County courthouse. There are only 3 foreclosures of Potawatomi property owners at the present time. This is a much lower number than in the past.
- Election of officers was conducted.
Vern made and Jim seconded a motion to retain Dawn Pittman as Treasurer.
Dawn made and Greg seconded a motion to retain Dianne Hess as Secretary.
Vern made and Jim seconded a motion to name Greg Roman as President.
Jeff made and Leonard seconded a motion to name Vern Wilcox as Vice-President.
Jeff made and Jim seconded a motion to name Leonard Benser as Maintenance Supervisor.
Jeff Brittan will remain Caretaker and Jim Hardy will become the Member-at-Large.
- Marty Kasinskas with the Firewise Program distributed a copy of the PPOA Firewise Assessment. He asked that the Board review and get back to him with any changes. He hopes to send it to Madison next week and to the National Firewise Committee for acceptance. Marty asked that the Board consider selecting dates for wood chipping to be conducted in the spring. These dates could be added to the new 2010 PPOA calendar. More on this at the September Board meeting. Greg Roman and Vern Wilcox will be putting together a complete Firewise Program for PPOA.
- The Smoky the Bear adjective sign will be put in place on George Lake Road today after the meeting.
- A thank you to Jim Hardy for his work as president and congratulations to the new president Greg Roman.

Jeff made and Vern seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Next Regular Board Meeting: Saturday, September 26, 2009

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Hess