April 14, 2015 O.L.I.C. Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05.

**Members present:** Faron Jackson, Teresa Gunter, Theresa Jordan, Maggi Jordan, Orville Johnson, Priscilla Smith

**Guest speakers:** Carrie Jones, Nissa Peltier, Simone Greenleaf, LeRoy Fairbanks, Val Pacheco, Levi Brown, Mark Olson, Rich Robinson, Dorothea Cloud, Patty Frazer, Don Gogglye, Duane Oothoudt

**Others present:** Bill Butcher, Fred Jackson, Sharon Raisch Jackson, Randy Finn, Archie LaRose, Linda Reese, Florine Iverson, June Mykkanen, Matt Hunt, Susan Johnson, Cassandra Jackson, Frank Reese

Additions made to agenda.

Theresa Jordan makes motion to approve March 10th minutes, Teresa Gunter seconds, 5-0 in favor, motion carries.

**Guests:**
Carrie Jones discusses the drug problem on the reservation, more types of drugs are coming, and causing overdoses. She would like to host a Community Drug Awareness and Prevention meeting in Onigum. She mentions the Drug Task Force in District 1 which has been meeting. Council agrees we need to get this started. Plan on 3 hour sessions and first meeting to be in June. Linda R. asks what the Tribal Council’s stand is on the drug problem. More discussion. Matt H. mentions there are two narcotics officers working for the reservation. Sharon R. J. asks if marijuana will be grown on the reservation. The answer is no because it is not legal in the state.

LeRoy Fairbanks discusses the past and present O.L.I.C. has been pushing for a new community center. There was a meeting last year. Recently the Tribal Council made a resolution to fund both S. Lake and Onigum centers with $2 million. There will be more discussion on how the money will be divided per services needed. Build wellness centers in the capacity to provide services and jobs.

Val Pacheco discusses where the center could go. It will be bigger than Mission or Sugar point Centers. He mentions the services that could be in
the building, such as ENP, medical clinic, Boys and Girls Club, computer, library, 2 rooms for mental health, and the gym will be the same size as the Bena center gym. He shows two floor plans that are not set in stone. And the powwow grounds will not be bothered.

Levi Brown discusses the land and brought two maps. Fred asks why can’t we have it built where the present one is. The demolition would eat into the monies for new center. The mound system is too small for the new center. Frank R. mentions the sewer line from the Marina to the ponds behind Onigum. Levi said they discussed the ponds as an option but right now they are full of cattails and other plants. After discussion Levi said he will make up three plans from which to choose where the center could be built.

Mark Olson Chair of the Boys and Girls Club in Walker discussed a conference he to went in New Mexico. There is a Housing and Urban Development Grant that gives priority funding to youth and there is money available. He would like to expand to the Onigum community. The most dangerous time for youth is between 3-6 p.m. The Boys and Girls Club is a positive place for the youth. Discussion. The District Reps for 1 and 3 will discuss how much each community receives. Mark leaves information for Val to look at.

Rich Robinson mentions the fishing pier that was donated by DNR and placed at the Marina. He would like to have a dedication and picnic on Friday May 8 at 12:00. He wants to dedicate it to Leo Jordan who worked with the DRM for many years. Rich will have a plaque made. Priscilla makes motion to dedicate the fishing pier in Leo Jordan’s name on Friday May 8 at noon. Teresa Gunter seconds, 5-0 in favor, motion carries.

Dorothea Cloud and Patty Frazer are recruiting for Leech Lake Foster Homes. There are 6 foster homes in Onigum. There are 28 children that need to be placed. The numbers to reach them are 218-335-8270 and 1 800-442-3909 ext. 8270 Diane Fineday Wright is a contact person. On Saturday, August 22 they want to do a Foster Home Celebration in Onigum and it will be open to Kego Lake and Sugar Point area. Theresa Jordan makes motion to approve this event, Teresa Gunter seconds, 5-0 in favor, motion carries.

Don Goggleye the Tax Credit Program Manager talks about his duties. He said the Breezy Point Housing road won’t be paved until next year because
the Land Department has to look at a recording problem. They can take info on problems in housing units. Collaboration with other programs and they can build parks. Policy and lease revisions happening in next two weeks. Don can come to next meeting with updates.

Duane Oothoudt is willing to come to Onigum to do CPR/AED training. He will also train 1st Responders for anyone interested. June 13, 9-3 will be first CPR/AED training at Onigum Center. He will make up flyers.

**New Business:** Leech Lake Legacy will be behind the Leech Lake Tribal Police building Saturday, April 18. A $15 wellness check for cats and dogs.

Keith Carnes came to last months meeting to say they could clear sumac and brush around yards. Teresa G. said they have been at her house and now she can see the lake. Florine asked about getting help in her yard. Faith in Action helps with yard cleaning, light housework, house painting, appointments. Earth Day is the 22. The DRM and Housing will be doing clean up.

Discussion on WiFi in community center, infrastructure is here just need to make a request to MIS. We want to make sure we have this in new center.

Next meeting is May 12 at 6:00.

Priscilla makes motion to adjourn, Theresa J. seconds, 5-0 in favor, motion carries. Meeting adjourns at 9:32.

Submitted by Priscilla Smith