

December 21, 2005

Opening Prayer: Clifford White Eyes Sr.

Opening Remarks: Charmaine White Face, Coordinator

Minutes - Nov. 26, 2005: Copies were available and will be amended and distributed. Glenna Good Plume was asked to be the recording secretary for the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Brian Brademeyer - We have enough for a few more months. The raffle made \$703.00. Our fixed expenses per month are \$500. A letter of inquiry to the Lannon Foundation was denied. A proposal was sent to the 7th Generation Fund. They have supported us each year and we hope they will approve our request for general expenses. We will submit other proposals for general operations. We need salaries for an Adm. Asst. and a Project Asst. as well as general expenses.

1. Bear Butte Update: Discussion on Land Trust and Defense Trust Funds with electronic transfer capabilities. (Update: An account has been opened at Wells Fargo Bank in Rapid City, SD, for donations for the Bear Butte Land Trust under Defenders of the Black Hills, Inc. Our general operating account is in another bank so the funds will not be comingled. Please send a letter to the office if you wish your donation to be for a specific purpose. Thank you.)

2. Cotteau Mine Update: Dennis Kost and Barb Price from Dakota Resource would like to schedule an Environmental Summit to discuss the air pollution and coal strip mining problems in North Dakota, part of which is our Treaty Territory. There are 6 more coal-fired power plants to be built. ND ranks as one of the most polluted states and the air pollution that is floating down to Standing Rock Reservation, South Dakota and all areas to the South and East. If the Tribes would start demanding clean air on their reservations with Class One Air Shed designations, this might help stop some of the pollution. (ACTION: Contact your Tribal President and Council asking for this designation on your reservation.)

Youth Culture Camp: This is a special camp to be held in early June, finances permitting, to teach youth about sacred sites and burial sites, and how to distinguish between the two. George Iron Shield and Clifford White Eyes Sr. will coordinate this. They are planning on 10 youth from Rosebud and 10 from Standing Rock Reservations. We must provide for their needs. Charmaine will provide letters authorizing fund raising for this event to Clifford and George, both elders on their reservations. We need approximately \$5,000 for costs with volunteers doing the work.

3. Cave Hills: Map of all the abandoned uranium sites in the region(Treaty territory) available from the office. We will try to have it put on the website as well as satellite photos of Cave Hills and Slim Buttes.

Auction: In order to begin the campaign for clean-up for all the mines, some expensive items have been donated for an auction. Lilly will check out E-bay. Charmaine is to ask about the prices of the beadwork. Discussion included approaching the tribal casinos about displaying the

items as well as pictures of the abandoned uranium mines and the problems with runoff.

4. State-Tribal Relations Committee: Still no word about being on their agenda. Charmaine will check into it.

5. Cement Plant Clean Air Application Appeal: Brian: State owns the Cement Plant and are getting a statewide permit for air quality. Biodiversity Conservation Alliance, Native Ecosystems Council and Defenders are filing an appeal to safeguard the air and environment.

6. LNI Table: Thank you to all who manned the table. Button donations equaled \$32.41, Homestake petitions were signed, and 22 new members added.

7. Raffle Drawing: Ginger Bread House - Sandy Flye, Martin, SD; Child's Shawl - Doyla Lundstrom, Black Hawk, SD; Ledger Art Print - Carol Kampa, Mufflenburg, PA; Bear Butte Photos - Jenny Tkacz, Cross River, NY; Beadwork - Joyce Reynolds, NY; Leather Pouch - Maureen McSweeney, Lake Road, NY; Leather Pouch - Patrick Eagle Staff, Rapid City, SD; Leather Pouch - Mike Tkacz, Cross River, NY.

8. Signs: The signs are in but we need a committee or a crew to begin putting them up. The signs say "Hesapa kin wakan, Oheniya kik suyapo" and were specially made by a professional sign maker in Colorado. (Remember the Black Hills are Sacred.)

9. DM&E Update: (See web) The Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad is continuing with their plans to build a new 240 mile railroad line in the Cheyenne River Valley and Buffalo Gap National Grasslands for 40 trains per day to haul coal from the Powder River Basin in Wyoming. The company has been on the verge of bankruptcy and is now trying for a \$2.5 billion federal loan, taxpayer dollars, to finance their venture.

10. New Issues:

A. Walmart is planning on building a new store in the Black Hills on Hwy 16. We decided to attend the City Council meeting to oppose this development in the sacred Black Hills. (URGENT!! Rapid City Planning Meeting, Thurs, Jan. 5, 2006, at 7:00 AM in the morning, 6th & Omaha in Rapid City. All who want to stop further development in the Black Hills is urged to attend.)

B. Green Media Toolshed: is a non-profit group that helps with media work for other environmental non-profit groups. Our cost will be \$50. Brian will check this out.

C. Lakota Lake Encampment (www.lakotalakeencampment.com) - We are all tired of all the trespass and development in the Black Hills.

*****A Special meeting on the Black Hills will be held on Sat. Jan. 14, 2006, at 1:00 in the church coffeeroom next to the Mother Butler Center.*****

11. Others: Webstore: Lilly brought in more ideas. We will runoff transfers for the t-shirts until any large orders come in.

UN Report: Charmaine gave a report on the trip to the United Nations at Geneva. (See Report on web) She will be in the Defenders office in the afternoons.

Meeting Request: An elder from Crow Creek requested a meeting over there. We will plan for one in April or May due to the unpredictability of SD weather in Jan. and Feb.

Next Meeting: Although our regular meeting would be Jan. 21, we are unable to reserve a space. Therefore the next meeting will be:

Sat. Jan. 14, 2006, 1:00 - 5:00 at the St. Isaac Jogues Church Coffee Room, 221 Knollwood Dr., Rapid City, SD. (Next door to the Mother Butler Center)

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Submitted by: Charmaine White Face, Coordinator