Eel River Bar First Nation
DULY CONVENED MEETING
September 29th, 2026 @ 9:00 am
MINUTES

Present:

Chief Chris George
Councillor Derrick LaBillois Bjorndal
Councillor Misty LaBillois
Councillor Tiffany Boyd
Clem Bernard Co-Band Manager
Councillor Karen Narvie
Councillor Daniel Caplin
Councillor Ron Simonson
Ryan Narvie Band Manager

Notetaker:
Sonja Lee

Meeting called to order by Chief Chris George at 9:40am

Councillor Karen Narvie put forward a **MIC** to accept the Agenda, with additions Motion was 2nd by Councillor Tiffany Boyd, all in favour, vote 6/0 aye…. Motion passed.

MIC to approve the Minutes from September 15th with changes, by Councillor D LaBillois Bjorndal, Motion was 2nd by Councillor Tiffany Boyd, all in favour, vote 5/0 aye (1 abstention)…. Motion passed.

MIC to a approve the Minutes from September 18th with changes, by Councillor Tiffany Boyd, 2nd by Councillor Karen Narvie, all in favour, vote 5/0 aye (1 abstention)… Motion passed.

CHIEF'S UPDATE:

- MTI will host a Chief's meeting at the Atlantic Host in Bathurst on October 20/21. Chief will be away at a conference in Halifax, Councillors to decide who will attend

- MTI has a new community representative, would like to meet with Chief and Council
- On October 6th there will be a viritual meeting regarding the 2nd Generation cut-off. Our MP has asked if we want a statement read in parliament
- Mi'gmawei Mawio'mi Secretariet and GINU are waiting for an official response from us regarding the Pozzolan mine and the recent report. The community has been strongly opposed to the mine
- Brad Cline is asking for a letter of support to film at Eel River Bar to put together 20-25 minutes of film to shop around for funding

10:00 – 10:30 Duly Convened meeting was paused for Palliative Care meeting

Meeting reconvened at 10:45 am

BAND MANAGER UPDATE:

- There is a Health & Wellness fair that at Heritage Gardens from 2-6pm today, they will have a blood screening clinic with blood pressure and sugar levels monitored. All staff are invited, H/R will send out a memo
- We will be closing on December 18th which is the last Friday before the x-mas holidays. Decisions will need to be made regarding Turkeys and staff bonuses
- Land's Manager is looking for a decision on outstanding ATR's for the Hyundai Building and the Stewart House, discussion to hold off until we have a new board of directors in place. Decision has been tabled

IN CAMERA SESSION

CO-BAND MANAGER UPDATE:

- Training session for the Directors with Sage Intact our new H/R software went well, there will be a second session next week. Directors can discuss their needs with the trainer
- Due to the on going forensic audit, Grant Thornton cannot do the regular financial audit for 23/24 and we will look for a new auditor to address this. Most of the 23/24 audit is complete. Grant Thornton can continue with the 24/25 and the 25/26 audits

BCR'S

- Reviewed and signed revised BCR for Own Source Revenue and non band member
- BCR for Maple Sugary reviewed and signed

MARP (Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Program) update

Elder's Lodge, design would be open concept with a bathroom and kitchenette, Four Pillars is offering funding for the project as our audit's are delayed. In a discussion with our land's manager there are no vacant lots available in community, his recommendation is to build at Aboriginal Heritage Gardens. Projected project costs would be $510,000.

ADDITIONS:

- IN CAMERA SESSION
- Outdoor Rink work has been done cost of $4,500. A MIC was put forward by Councillor D LaBillois Bjorndal to pay the invoice of $4,500. For the work on the outdoor rink, motion was second by Councillor Ron Simonson, all in favour, vote 6/0 Aye… motion passed.

Next Duly Convened Meeting will take place on October 27th, 2026 @ 9:00 am

Meeting adjourned 11:45 am