

**CASS RIVER
LOCAL INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2014
6:00 PM**

Attending:

Claricy Gonzales	28844 Connection Drive SE, Pennington, MN 56663	218-760-7107
Roselyn Loeken	697 Homony Lane SE, Pennington, MN 56663	218-335-2364
Terry Loeken	Same	
Richard J Cutbank	28555 Cutbank Road SE, Pennington 56663	218-335-0102
Delores Fineday	28679 Connection Dr SE, Pennington, 56663	
Cassandra Charwood	28513 Cass River Rd, Pennington, 56663	
Sally Fineday	28890 Connection Dr SE, Pennington, 56663	218-368-1766
Jackie Fineday	28513 Cass River Rd, Pennington, 56663	
Keith Winger	Candidate for County Commissioner	

Community Issues

- Language table – weekly program – see if we can find a speaker locally willing to come and spend one hour for \$25 stipend. Sally will check the budget. Speakers in the neighborhood are David Roy, William Windom and Melvin Goodman.
- Response to bullying at Bug School - Vince Brown came to see Delores Fineday. Steve Mann denies any bullying, including the Superintendent and the Principal. No solution.
- Verizon wireless is working on a wireless tower at Newell's property. No consultation or notice to Cass River citizens. What are citizens thoughts – 1 yes and 5 yes, as long as they allow Leech Lake Telecommunications equipment on the tower

Keith Winger – community issues discussed

- County Commissioner Candidates should not avoid the Indian community as Indian people are voters in local, state and federal elections.
- Tribal dumpster – segregated dumping for county and tribal citizens is very offensive in this day and age.
- The LLBO and the County should develop a cooperative agreement. The two separate dumpsters at the same site (power dam highway near Pike Hole) are a waste of money. The separate dumpsters strengthens a racial divide between the Indian and non-Indian citizens.
- Police Patrols – want more police patrols; forestry drives fast on Connection Drive and Cass River Road; reports food stolen from a refrigerator. Beltrami Sheriff is an elected official, he is not supervised by the County Board, but he wishes to hear from citizens with issues.
- Illegal drugs are so available - concerned with so many children and young men getting addicted to drugs and drug sellers have increased. Sheriff Phil Hodapp and Gary with Paul Bunyan Drug Task Force is the proper reporting location. Public records are available.
- Keep the speed down in the neighborhood.
- Need a bike trail from Cass River to Pennington.
- The construction of highway 39 over ten years is hurting businesses. New highway Engineer has implemented a five year plan.

Keith Winger's platform

- Improve relationship with Tribes
- Veteran's home supported by Legislators, needs to be an enjoyable place, and Sanford agreed to donate land
- Logging and managing the forest needs negotiations; no more 80 acre clear cutting

Motion to accept the meeting minutes of July 7th by Sally Fineday, second by Rose Loeken, 4-0 motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m by Sally Fineday, second by Rose Loeken, 4-0 motion carried.