

**CASS RIVER  
LOCAL INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER, 2014  
5:27 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
Richard J Cutbank	28555 Cutbank Road SE, Pennington 56663	218-335-0102
Delores Fineday	28679 Connection Dr SE, Pennington, 56663	218-339-5319
Cassandra Charwood	28513 Cass River Rd, Pennington, 56663	218-252-4471
Sally Fineday	28890 Connection Dr SE, Pennington, 56663	218-368-1766
Matt Bliss	Candidate for County Commissioner	

Claricy Gonzales called the meeting to order at 5:23 p.m.

Meeting minutes were read by Sally Fineday. Motion to accept the meeting minutes of August 4, 2014, by Sally Fineday, second by Rose Loeken, 4-0 motion carried.

Language table – weekly program – local speakers - David Roy, William Windom and Melvin Goodman - No progress - Sally will determine in the next two months.

Bullying at Bug-O-Nay-Geshig – Vince Brown visited Delores Fineday. Steve Mann denies bullying, including the Superintendent and Principal. No solution. Delores Fineday has removed her granddaughter from the Bug-O-Nay-Geshig school and now transports child to Bemidji Schools.

Verizon wireless – building a tower at Newell's property - no consultation to Cass River community – families from Cass River support the Verizon tower if they work with LL Telecom to access the tower with their equipment.

Indian citizens are voters in local, state and federal elections – It is expected that County Commissioner candidates should consider visiting Cass River citizens if they are in the Pennington neighborhood.

Tribal dumpster – segregated dumping for county and tribal citizens is very offensive in this day and age. The dumpsters create a divide among citizens.

Police Patrols – want more police patrols; LIC will invite Beltrami County to hear our concerns with speeding vehicles on hwy 39 and illegal drugs being so available.

John Brown Cutbank Cemetary – needs a drive off parking area or widen the road to make it safer for citizens; need to address this issue.

**Matt Bliss on issues:**

Dumpster – If LLBO were to re-negotiate – work on issue resolution

Police patrol – lower speeds – 45 miles per hour from Cass River to Pennington

Verizon Wireless tower – good reasonable request

Bike trail – supports a bike trail

**Matt's platform:**

1) build bridges tribal neighbors, 2) input of resource management – 5 year plan published to community with a formal input to the county, 3) quality veteran's home 35k yets in Beltrami County, and 4) fiscal responsibility and efficiency in county budget

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m by Sally Fineday, second by Rose Loeken, 4-0 motion carried.