**BIG GRASSY RIVER FIRST NATION**

**MEETING AGENDA**

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| **Big Grassy Elders Advisory Council (regular meeting)** |

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| **Date** | **August 10, 2021** |
| **Time** | **10:00 a.m.** |
| **Location** | **Community Hall** |

**Meeting Chair or Facilitator:**

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| **Facilitator: Daryl Archie Chair: Robert Archie (Ana-kinoot-amagaa)** |

**Invited/Expected Attendees:** Elders Advisory Council Members

**Smudge: Opening Prayer:** Robert Archie

**Call to Order:** 10:27 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** For March 30, 2021 **Motion:** Virginia A.  **Second:** Robert A. ***Approved***

**Roll Call:** Robert Archie, Barbara Wilson, Bella Andy, Virginia Archie, Vicky Gibbins, Susan Archie, Marlene Indian

**Other:** Lisa Andy

**Regrets:**

**Reading of Agenda for August 10, 2021**

**(Additional items?)**

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| **Agenda Items:** | **Time Allowed** |
| **1.** **Handing over the torch** -Emphasis on sustaining the Elders Advisory. More council engagement, transition to new Facilitator as smooth as possible, Romeo to transfer all Elders meeting minutes to USB and copies to Elders Advisory/Facilitator.  **New Facilitator: Daryl Archie** | **15 min.** |
| **2.** **Elders focus group self-assessment on how well we are meeting the purpose of our Advisory Council. (Group discussion) Elders Advisory Council Terms of Reference as a measuring stick. (Next meeting)**  - The Elders Advisory terms of reference should be looked at  - Its not our place to get into politics, we talk about how things will work well, don’t meddle in policy, Chief and Council handle policy, when we started Elders didn’t know what it was about, we the elders meet together, Elders are asked for their advice and they talk about it, I wish when were asked that we help here on this land, to do something to help Chief and Council. To help with advice on certain things, for example what happened at the school, if were not asked how can we help, important to find the truth to everything, we never judge people, find the truth first then help, find out what’s happening, don’t turn anyone away, respect what other people think, respect other people’s thoughts, sometimes other people are right, everybody has a different way of looking at things, other people should speak up, people want to hear what you have to say  - There are younger people that are knowledge keepers that can sit in the E.A.C.  - Elders said Brian Major, Joseph Andy and Barbara Wilson are the proxies.  - The 7 teachings should be talked about to other Elders that might not understand, Jealousy for example is an issue,  - Jealousy would go under Humility  - Robert would like to add – when a decision is made about something – (e.g. he/she said this should not be said), everybody has a say in a decision.  *Will continue with Terms of Reference at next meeting* | **1 hour** |
| **3. Big Grassy Powwow September 3 – 5, 2021**  - Pat Green and Audrey Comegan, Powwow Coordinators, are asking for advice.  - Confrontation at the Shoal Lake powwow, change invited drum: confrontation between Hanisha head singer and arena director: Stanford Tom and Father  - the powwow is a celebration of life, they should not bring that bad attitude into the community  - Elder said they should not be allowed to come for 1 year.    - Spiritual Elder George Boshkaykin is feeling sick, pick another Spiritual Elder: | **30 min.** |
| **4. Elders Healing Circle Announcement – Barbara Wilson**  **-** August 17 10:00 at Community Hall - depending on the presenter | **10 min** |
| **5. Clarification on how were going to operate** | **30 min** |

**Adjournment: 1:00 pm**

**Motion to Adjourn: Robert (Next regular meeting August 24, 2021 10:00 am)**