**BIG GRASSY RIVER FIRST NATION**

**MEETING AGENDA**

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

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| **Date** | **July 14, 2022** |
| **Time** | **10:00 a.m.** |
| **Location** | **Esiniiweb Health Centre** |

**Meeting Chair:** Daryl Archie

**Facilitator:** Daryl Archie

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

**Smudge: Opening Prayer:** Susan Archie

**Call to Order:** 10:45 am

**Approval of Minutes:** June 28, 2022**Motion:** Louise Morrison **Seconded:** Bill Morrison

**Roll Call:** Vicky Gibbins, Bella Andy, Louise Morrison, Joe Andy, Bill Morrison, Susan Archie, Lena Archie(showed up after lunch)

**Other:**

**Regrets:** Barb Wilson, Ross Tuesday, Joe Andy, Lorna Shields, David Copenace, Brian Major Sr.,

* **Reading of Agenda for *July 14, 2022***
* **(Additional items?)**

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| **Agenda Items:** | **Time Allowed** |
| **1. J&J’s Liquor Store**  Joanne Cobiness (Naongashiing Elder and NNADAP Worker) will be at this  meeting.  Other related information -–Glenn was approached by a Dr. Ennett from Rainy  River about closing the liquor store at J&J’s because of people with alcohol  related illnesses/events coming into the Rainy River Hospital.  - Glenn told the Dr. to write a letter.  **-** Brian doesn’t think it’s anybody’s business to tell Big Island what to do, maybe  we can support them that way  - They (Naongashiing) have to decide what to do with their store.  - Our problem is with the people that drink here, try to help the people that drink  Addictions not only alcohol but medication.  - Misuse is not good  - Alcohol workers should talk to the people that drink, have education programs,  to slow down their drinking, comment “it’s hard to tell someone that doesn’t  listen”  - Alcohol workers should do more than sitting waiting for people to come to  them.  - Find someone/someplace that will help  - Big Grassy River and Big Island should help each other  - A petition to close the liquor store?  - Easy access to alcohol and drugs should be stopped, It would be good  to work together to close the liquor store.  - If the liquor store is closed bootleggers will start again.  - It’s going to take Naongashiing C&C decision to close the liquor store  - for bootleggers it’s not an easy one to prove to charge them.  - Joanne said she visits and talks to people with addictions. | 1 hour |
| **2. Life Alert Necklaces**  Chief and Council didn’t add the Trust Applications to their Agenda, I gave them the applications too late after they set the Agenda, but Allison Finlayson gave a contact (Rochelle Jensen) at **Lifeline** that offers the same service for free. I called Lifeline to ask for more information but they don’t know who Rochelle J. is. I emailed Allison F. for a phone number but haven’t received a return email yet.  **- Daryl will contact through Facebook Messenger and get the information for**  **the next meeting.**  **- Brian was to get a call from a man from Fort Frances but he hasn’t said**  **anything yet.**  **- Elders said to send the Trust Applications to Chief and Council for the August**  **9, 2022 Meeting** | 15 min |
| **3. Cecilia Jeffrey Property Engagement Session May 4,5, 2022**  - Elders want to know the outcome of the meeting.   * Gary Allen provided a Draft Report of information from the Engagement Session. * Some bodies were located under the building   - what would the Elders like to do with the Property?  - Daryl will find out when the next meeting about the Cecilia Jeffrey Property will  be. **Defer to next meeting**  What can we do about the unmarked graves?  - Leave them where they are.  - Angwaamiziwin  What do we do about the hazardous materials from the school building and mining shaft that may have affected the soil?  - take to a dump/place to have it treated. | 30 min |
| **4. Houseboat Trip in end of July**  **-** Do the Elders want an overnight or 3 day trip?  Louise, Jamie,  Bella suggested having a boat trip at the end of August. | 15 Min |
| **5. BGR Powwow**  **August 12-14, 2022** | 30 min |
| **6.** Lost Status due to one parent marrying a non-Status person but that person was eligible for Status, but the Canadian government denied them Status even though they(Indian Affairs) have documents proving eligibility of the non-Status person . Daryl will look into the possibility of suing Canada for all those years of lost Status and benefits that comes with Status. |  |

**Motion to Adjourn: Lena Archie** **Seconded by: Louise Morrison**

**Adjourned: 12:33 pm**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 10:00 am – Esiniiweb Health Centre Boardroom