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Minutes of the Ruby Advisory Committee March 2, 2011

The RAC was called to order at 1:15 pm at the Ruby Tribal Office. Members present were Chairman Ed Sarten, Secretary John Stam, Vice Chair Don Honea Jr., Dale Honea, and Tim Gervais. Members of the community present were David Bobo and John Ambrose. A quorum was established.

The minutes from the Dec. 14, 2010 meeting were read by John Stam and approved by the committee.

Next, John informed the committee for the need to update the membership to its current status. Since the previous membership had expired and were no longer attending meetings, those names are officially dropped from the RAC.

Next, John informed the committee for the need for an election since Ed Sarten's term had expired. A motion was made to reelect Ed Sarten for 3 years. A vote was taken and Ed was unanimously reinstated.

A motion was made to make David Bobo a member. The matter was discussed, a vote was taken and Dave was unanimously voted on the committee, also for 3 years. The RAC now consists of 6 members.

Ed Sarten next said he was requested by the Tribe to approve the people to be hired by the state for the summer fisheries work. A discussion followed and it was decided to hire those with prior experience.

Next Tim Gervais gave a summary of the outcome of the Federal Proposals voted on at the December meeting. Proposals 11-01 and 11-02 were rejected. Proposals 11-03 and 11-08 were deferred. Proposals 11-04, 11-05, 11-06, and 11-07 were withdrawn. Proposal 11-09 was no action taken. A discussion followed about Customary Trade and Tim said a Working Group was formed by the Federal Subsistence Board and that Jenny Pelkola and Robert Walker were members from WIRAC.

Tim also said there were two new seats for rural subsistence users established on the Federal Subsistence Board and said there was discussion by WIRAC on the qualifications for these new seats. A discussion followed and a motion was made to require these seats to be federally qualified subsistence users, one of which must also be a tribal member. The motion was carried unanimously.

Next State Proposals were 222 and 223 were discussed and a vote was taken. Both proposals were rejected unanimously. It was noted that antler destruction was an effective tool which has resulted in better moose numbers and a better distribution of hunting pressure. It was noted that antler size had increased and local subsistence users were happy with antler destruction and the resulting benefits to their hunting experience and success.

Tim mentioned that two important meetings in the near future should be attended by a member of the RAC. He would be attending the NPMC meeting June 6-14 in Nome. David Bobo said he would like to testify at that meeting also. John said he would attend the YRDFA meeting in Anchorage April 13.

A date of December 7, 2011 was set for the next meeting of RAC. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.