

**Eastern Region III –
Regional Council Meeting
Nov 5th, 2023 – 11:00 am
8-401 Johnston Ave, Indian Head SK**

MINUTES

In Attendance: Marg Friesen – Regional Representative ERIII, Trisha Nykiforuk-Racette – President local 87, Raina LaCroix – Youth rep, Charlie Mondor – Youth Rep, Sheila Pelletier – President Local 48, Tracey Rogers President – Local 103, Marg Friesen – Regional Director ERIII, Linda Lagace – President local 6, Dexter Mondor – President local 182, Linda Sopp – President local 25, Grace Racette – Elder, Justin Amyotte – Vice President local 103. Dixie Metz – Secretary Local 87, Alan Brehaut – LFLF, Tracey Rogers – President Local 103.

Observers: Virginia LaCroix (minute taker)

Guests : Metis Nation Saskatchewan President Glen McCallum, First Lady Verna McCallum, Advisor to the President Brennan Merasty, Joanna, Sandy Friesen, Joanna Potyondi, Roxanne, Kris Raab

Regrets: Ed Blondeau – President Local 44, Larry LeClair – President Local 135

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	IMPLEMENTATION
Welcome	Marg welcomed everybody to meeting.	
Opening Prayer	Elder Grace Racette opened meeting with a prayer.	
Call to order	Marg called meeting to order at 11:02 am	
Approval/Adoption of Agenda		Motion to approve agenda: Moved by Linda Sopp/ Seconded by Dexter Mondor. Carried unanimously.
Approval of Minutes of Sept 17, 2023	Marg Friesen read out the minutes of the previous meeting of Sept 17, 2023.	Motion to approve the Minutes from Sept 17, 2023: Moved by Raina LaCroix/ Seconded by Dexter Mondor. Carried unanimously
Business arising from minutes	- Lestock fence motion was passed at last meeting to pay \$3000. Need agreement in writing for the rest.	
<u>Old Business</u> ELCC Community Enhancement Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2023/ 2024 grant applications are underway. Still needing a few motions from locals to complete - President Glen commented that he likes how ERIII locals collaborate and work together on the CEG projects. - Local 87 and local 25 will each have meetings to have their motions passed. Marg will attend both. - ERIII will assist Joanna Potyondi with their local's grant app. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Going into next round of grants ELCC wants to have each local put in a proposal. They stated they would prefer each local submit and manage their own grants. - President Glen asked Brennan to make a note as he states that working collaboratively is the wish of the locals in ERIII and that should be respected. 	
President Glen McCallum – Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marg introduced the members of the Economic Development board. - Marg spoke regarding housing opportunities and bison on the Lebret Farm. - President McCallum talked about economic development and what opportunities could potentially benefit ERIII. - Options to collaborate with neighbouring regions for a stronger presence with Metis business throughout the region and ultimately the province. - First Nations may perceive that we may be taking or competing for opportunities. Need people that are familiar with economic development processes and strategies. - The purpose of the Ec Dev is to create economic stability and to improve our communities. - Start on the right foot and protect existing businesses. - Feasibility and research is key to building a strong ecdev corp. 	
Other Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on the resolution workshop was held online held by MN-S. Dexter M. attended and reported to the council. - Not ideal as it was hard to hear those in the room and - Presidents wanted a template for resolutions, agenda, and minutes. - Would like an additional workshop for resolutions and legislation. 	
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President Glen McCallum left meeting at 1:09 pm 	

<p><u>CEO Richard Quintal update</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excited about the upcoming MNLA. There is always discussion about local capacity and discussions about how much it costs to run a government. - Underwhelmed by the Local commissions report. Did not address concerns of the locals. - Self-government legislation was introduced in June. Ontario chiefs protested. Ontario chiefs were not consulted and there was no relationship building. Saskatchewan Chiefs have stood with us. We have section 35 rights as equally stated for FN and Inuit. The treaty will trigger a DTC. MMF has gone straight to a treaty and they are asserting that all red river metis belong to them. Their treaty has triggered DTC but no Chiefs have been consulted. - Premier Moe and President McCallum have met and now have regular contacts within their offices. - PBM meeting cancelled. Met with ISC minister. Indigenous Health legislation not working and we are pushing ahead with Metis specific Health Legislation that will be going to cabinet before Christmas. - The draft constitution will be presented at next MNLA in spring. 	
<p><u>Brent LaRocque update</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SMR update – province looking at interest-based engagements. Saskparty switched to rights-based engagements. - We now have funding for the engagements. - WR3, ERIII and WRIA - Dec 10 proposed date for ERIII 	
<p><u>Regional Activity report</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marg presented regional report. - Met with GDI to discuss needs based training in region. Focused on mental health and wellness, commercial cooking, heavy equipment operator and Indigenous monitoring program. 	<p>Motion: To accept Regional Activity report as presented:</p> <p>Moved by Trisha Nykiforuk-Racette Seconded by Tracey Rogers</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p>

<p><u>Financial report</u></p>	<p>Tabled until next meeting.</p>	<p>Motion: To table financial report to next meeting</p> <p>Moved by Trisha Nykiforuk-Racette/ Seconded by Sheila Pelletier</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>
<p><u>Handi-van program</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The van has been safety. Safety test at SGI this week. Reviewed draft routes and intake form. Information will go out this week. - Suggest and AED device for the bus and a dashcam. - Still have to do a safety plan. 	<p>Motion: Sandy will do a trial run of routes to prepare for program launch.</p> <p>Moved by Dexter Mondor/ Seconded by Tracy Rogers</p> <p>Carried Unanimously</p> <p>Action item: Contact MN-S Health to amend proposal to include an AED and a dashcam.</p>
<p><u>Reports/updates</u></p>	<p>Youth – Both attended PMYC – MNC has asked Charlie to be Traditional Land Use representative.</p> <p>Local 182- Oct 15 AGM, school visits ongoing, attended land users gathering.</p> <p>Local 103 – AGM on Oct 15 – discussed the CEG grants, winter fest, language camps, school visits and red river cart. Next meeting will be Nov 15.</p> <p>Local 8 – AGM on Oct 22 – local meeting next Sunday. Will implement some decorum at meetings.</p> <p>Local 6 – Had a meeting on Oct 16. 13 people in attendance. Jan 11 will be hosting a self-defence course offered by MNS, discussed Bill C92, want a ribbon skirt workshop.</p> <p>Local 87 – No meetings since last regional council, attend a school meeting and was referred to as First Nation.</p> <p>Local 25 – Oct 11 meeting, set dates for Jan ribbon skirt workshop, Attended early learning and language workshop on Oct 13. Oct 16 had registry, FTHB and ERP folks in local. Will meet with the schools regarding school days. Next meeting is Nov 13, 2023.</p> <p>Local 48 – Had meeting on Oct 1. 13 members came out, next meeting will be Nov 5, 2023</p>	
<p><u>Adjournment</u></p>		<p>Motion to adjourn: Raina LaCroix</p>