

healing things and she feels that the council should have the chance to handle the problem and if not then these drastic steps can be taken. Emma Russell stated that she is an elder and she has no idea what they are talking about when they talk about the disrespect to the elders. the spur of the moment actions may not be the best way.

Bonnie stated where is our authority to take away the Tribal Council's executive Staff.

George Siniscal feels that there is too much hostility in this room and he strikes his vote. He came here to talk about how to abolish the consent decree and to address council in the issue of an attorney regarding the treaty rights. He does not like Mr. Dorsay and he does not even know the man. He has seen too many changes to the consent decree. He stands up for the rights, but would like to see it done in an orderly manner. He stated that if you do not like council then vote somebody else in but do it in an orderly manner. He would like the Hunting & Fishing to obtain another attorney for the treaty rights and consent decree. how much opposition as a committee are we going to run into with getting our rights back.

MOTION #5 - Ronda Ramsey moved to remove the Tribal Attorney by an election vote of the entire General Council. Seconded by Geneva Johnson. Motion carried by a vote of 33 for and 29 oppose.

Bud Lane stated that there are allegations against the court and against the attorney, so what about having it all investigated before we take these actions against either side. He asked why we can't wait until we have all the proper evidence and then decide.

Dee stated that whether we use the information or not, it was requested by tribal council.

Gladys stated that she had an executive session with Tribal Council regarding these same issues and asked they be investigated. She stated that the only two that answered were Reggie and Lillie and Jessie gave double talk.

Shirley stated that she is sorry that the attorney has treated our members this way.

Dee stated that this is the first time she has seen this type of response.

Shirley stated that if he represents the Tribal Council and the council lets him operate this way then they will have to stand behind him.

MOTION #6 - Ron Hudson moved to fire the Tribal Attorney immediately. Seconded by Tamatha Hickel. Motion failed by a vote of 22 for and 33 opposed.

Robert Kentta stated that there was a really good talk at the beginning of the meeting regarding healing and everyone getting along. He would like to see the Tribal Court and the Tribal Council come together.

Geneva Johnson asked how anyone can heal when the same people are doing these things over and over again. She stated that nobody is on a witch hunt, but she would like somebody to do

something about Nelsen and the way he is bad talking the task force.

Gerald Ben stated that the reason he voted no against the second vote was because he would like to see an advisory board set up a make these votes stick. He stated that during the election he received a call asking him to vote for Jessie Davis because she has been working so hard on gaming. He stated that four years ago Nelsen Witt came to work for the tribe through an IPA with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and now Nelsen has terminated his IPA with the Bureau and has been hired as CEO by the Tribal Council. He stated that they hired for GM and Commissioner and then the monitor needs a 4 year business degree. Gerald Ben does not think that Dee and Jessie have degrees, but they have worked there way up in there employment. He said that our tribe does not want to recognize. He does not feel that the Tribal Council is working for us, but for themselves. He feels that the recount on the election should have been done automatically because of the numbers on the vote. He does not think that Mr. Dorsay should use the derogatory remarks. He has been giving a lot of thought on all these issues and he is proposing to start a recall petition against Jessie Davis, Dee Pigsley, and Phil Rilatos. He stated that they can not rule the people. He stated that he will not start the petition if there is not an adequate vote. His name is in the phone book and if he feels there is enough support then he will go on with the recall.

George Siniscal stated that there is a team of researchers working to gain back the tribes status and he feels that this is a very important issue. In 1957 he was told he was not an Indian. He is going to do his best to work on the status of the tribe.

Ed Ben spoke in regards to the tribes Hunting and Fishing rights. He stood up when the tribe was negotiating with the State and he spoke out against the decree and got severely chastised by the attorney at the time, who then apologized. His advise is to scramble almost immediately and get the signature on affidavits that we were under duress and the chairman signed stating that we were not under duress. His advise to George is to look up those that were on the Tribal Council at that time that the tribe was under duress. (Context of this was that Legislative representatives would not put forth restoration, not if consent decree wasn't pushed)

Dee stated that we would have never been restored.

Bud Lane stated that he was in federal court and 60 testified against it and two council members said they were blackmailed into doing that.

Ed Ben filed a paper with the tribal council regarding the vote on the blood degree. He understands that they took no official action on his opinion. On the paper was Ed's opinion on how they looked at the vote that they took in 1994 regarding the blood degree. There were five different options and he explained that the way the ballot was worded was that what ever vote came out the highest would be the way it was and what they chose to do is add up those who voted against leaving it the way it was and those who wanted a change either to decendancy

, 1/16, or 1/32. He is disappointed that they did not abide by the vote of the people to leave it as is and he feels that fair is fair. He speaks out to you who should be outraged for those who voted for decendancy for those votes that you voted against, but your vote was counted to get it lowered. His prediction is that the blood degree will be lowered. He is saying this because they would be inspired to be on the winning side. One option was questionable after April 15th when he heard the discussion between the Tribal council and Miss Bolton. He would have the option to take this to Tribal Court and after hearing today he is dismissing this option. His other option would be to file an injunction in US district court to request a hearing and he would have to look at the affect that it would have on this tribe if this was done. that decision is dangerous. When he went to Tribal Council he asked them to evaluate and cancel the election on May 23rd. He feels that council sees that it was a mistake or a borderline mistake they would cancel and that has not been done. He feels that if he went to US district court that any council found in violation by going through the court would have no alternative other than to resign. He has to measure if he wants to cause that disruption on the tribal government and this decision has to be made before the 22nd of May. Many people on the council have done a lot of work and they take the advise that is not always best. The majority of the tribal members and tribal government have self determined its sovereignty away. In looking at the response to the Indian affairs he agrees to the wording from tribal council. He agrees with their position and the Bureau does not control who we enroll, but you have to be aware that we are not as powerful as the BIA or the US Government. In with the authorities under the reorganization act of 1934. Prior to the act, our tribe did not participate in the reorganization act. We operated until termination without a constitution and now it has to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior. He helped write this because the restoration act said we had too. He stated that they had to write the constitution establishing a roll and the hunting & fishing business in two years. Inside the constitution there were concerns brought to him by a tribal member regarding how much authority the BIA has to tell the tribe what to vote on. You have to be registered with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The election shall be conducted and set forth by the rules of the Secretary of the Interior. He is wondering if it is really fair that they set rules that we have to register with them and if anyone has addressed this issue. His concerns along these lines is about some of our elders who have been accustomed to voting the tribal way. He asked if the elderly people were on the BIA list to vote. He is concerned with voting the BIA way. He stated that there were elders that he did not see on the list and until yesterday he did not even know if he was on the list. He stated that he filed an official complaint that he was not on the list to vote and he is on the official list under the wrong name. He is convinced that this vote will go through and he will be in turmoil on what to do. It is one thing to speak out for the people. He stated that now is not a good time to dismantle council. He stated that sometimes the enthusiasm to make things easier ends up making things more difficult on the general council. He stated that the 25 or 30 people that show up at general council meetings to complain about everything that is going on are the ones that he

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