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**Newtok Special IGAP Meeting Minutes for 06/13-15/2005**

6/13/2005- Monday

Introductions- Newtok (opening Prayer and Roll Call) Margaret Nickerson  
Present- Chefornak- Billy C., Anna A., Jennifer T., Ben Flynn  
Toksook Bay-Molly Charlie, Mary Carl, Tununak- Martin Albert, Charlie Post  
Nightmute and Umkumiut- John George, Andronik Kashatok, John White, Newtok-  
Margaret Pauk, Joseph Patrick

Last minutes- Read by Charlie Post (Jan 2005) (In Folder or File) copied  
Banning Styrofoam Product: Margaret Nickerson

Margaret's Pad- Continue to translate in English when a meeting is over. Write down and give minutes to Consultants.

Margaret Nickerson- Ban of Story-foam products  
To eliminate the use of story-foam in village schools, hazardous chemicals  
3800 K-12 Alaskan Native  
21 villages NWT- Platinum  
Plates, cups, and utensils when counted  
Breakfast and lunch 1 day total  
Burnt Styrofoam

\$8, 200, 00 year-burned Styrofoam

Chemicals hit our land, and water  
Harms out food and our environment  
Cancer, people dying quickly, numerous

People from LKSD know about this, they kept quiet:

If she had the power she would put the LKSD staff into the same building as the Styrofoam products and vent it towards the staff and see if they are hurt for if they are they would bring us to court or do something about it.

When the BIA was holding on to LKSD they used re-washable utensils and reused them.  
When the state of Alaska took over many products came on and started piling up.

Wanting help with YK to help us with situation for us to use reusable trays, utensils.

Simone- showing trays made of grass fibers and starch, explaining to us, asking us to test them.

Bioyradable plates.

Kids complain about having stomach ache or diarriah after eating at school.

Billy explained to the principle about the hazardous chemicals found in Styrofoam, landed in Resolution about banning Styrofoam and plastic utensils.

Submitted a Resolution before school was over to Ban Styrofoam products in school and the local grocery stores. Contained hazardous chemicals was added into a letter that I gave to the school, explaining the dangers of the products.

When we go to the store we bring back plastic bags and store them in to the trash and blown away to subsistence areas which is seen and he wants to ban these and already has started on the paper work.

When working with one voice we are weak. But when we come together as one we become stronger.

Michael John- we need to start having meetings before school starts about not using products, one-voice, one village we can work together, that way we will have more power to ban the products.

Mary Carl

Stores Styrofoam products say not to microwave Styrofoam products because they are too hazardous.

Martin:

When LKSD Board were having a meeting in Tununak they said they liked buying Styrofoam products because they are cheaper and sugar care kids are a lot cheaper.

Charlie Post

Wrote a letter to the Native Store corp., but they said they would not stop selling until the people in the village come together and quiet.

In May, after we had a meeting in TUN Rosalie Kalistook talked to the principal to LKSD and said he doesn't look or sound like the kind of person who will not listen.

Lynn

Worked with village and the people had written and signed a petition and drew pictures and made the state changed its mud and that could help us.

The school could at least quit dumping Styrofoam products.

Dumping products into River, containments spread

Selling bad No.2 stove oil, smoke contains, bad chemicals should have No.1.

Billy

Solid waste-photos progress about burning waste in burn-box.

Introduction growing up.

Showing pictures from the quarterly report

Adrian Kashatok-umkumiut/IGAP

**\*hazwoper Training\***

Which village to have meeting?

Will have a paper done.

Umkumiut will have a clean up on fish camp trash.

Hazwop will be towards hazardous stuff.

July sometime in the month

Billy talked to Simone and said to discuss it in Newtok so all the consortia will know what village and day

Hazwop in Toksook Andronik

Place to stay and dumpsite trash separated

Figure out dated and confirm

.Pay one fee- more the better for hazard for IGAP employees.

Money/perdium for N.Island consortium

Perdium/Airforce-find out saves a lot of money to have hazwop in a village.

Should take Hazwop-people who will work (hands on) with solid waste required for technicians

One person from each village to go on Hazwop training

Train the trainer in each village easier to learn

Thinking of July 16, 2005-OOK

Backhaul project- Simone/Lynn for Chefornak, Nightmute,Umkumiut, Toksook Bay, and Tununak

Metal/anything that needs o be hauled out of village

Summer/winter?

Circuit pider cooperative

Tami Fordham-EPA project officer

\*EPA thought it could be an assistant to the grant

\*more paper work to be filled out

\* Not enough time to provide assistance (project officers)

\* used some money (IGAP) to get the CRC

\*Based in Bethel/ Nome to monitor IGAP

Pilot Project not all villages will get project

EVCP sent papers to villages to select for

Who should provide service

AITC Yukon River to contact Tami if interested in Circuit Riders

3 years grants training given same training setting priorities in employers

Each non profit organization will have one employee for 13 tribes (example).

Steve Samede Recommended is to go with AVCP for Circuit Riders

AITC would only assist with employees: unlike AVCP would assist with office and employees

Circuit Riders under EPA; one employee for group if tribes to monitor villages

\*apply for unmet needs project for Nelson Island this coming October\*

\*June 23, 2005 10am purposed mining Donlin Creek project

(Conference call) (907)721-2895\*

Subsistence camps-Billy

\*cakcaaq-human contaminants left behind someone is not watching the campsites.

TRADITIONALS JUSTICE- Steve Sumida (AITC)

Alaska international Tribal

\*community stronger by regulations\*

We are going to learn how to make our community listen.

\*traditional ways are more different than western justice we have traditional justice

Hear the bad parts of western justice to do our models

Authority- not teaching child to teach respect

Conformation will lie

Endurance- will take anger management (works against you) and treatment to get out

Traditional

-Respect authority-be honest, tell the truth

-will tell the truth

Will walk by God to be stronger

Alaskan Natives went to jail since they are telling the truth but judges don't want to hear that.

Since we are more honest we go to jail more

Both different

\*\*\*Steve Sameda- Tribal justice cont.

Follow Tribal Justice System for Alaska Natives make stronger

\*use council Resolution; meet with each other to ban Styrofoam and hazardous products  
plan to where each waste should be dumped

Respect culture, respect environment bring on more elders, community to meetings to discuss about culture, and environment.

Enforcement- use council as enforcement

Policy, procedures-grants/don't need for environment rags.

Council in communities can change amending ordinances and Resolutions when things/laws need to be changed.

Teaching through Humility/Respect

To respect on each others community they shake-Inupiaq

Traditional way of Inupiaq cut people off when they disrespected community and family

Democracy over powered culture

Power of respect-traditional culture never listen even though Democracy over powered culture

Norms, values-don't have to be written because we use our traditional values

Pass a resolution Traditional council, City Council, Corp to ban Styrofoam products, use meaning issues for the firms, companies to understand

Shaming is not healthy for our younger generations. Respecting and helping younger leaders. Using something like reverse/psychology

Everybody will know that someone is shamed if done.

Use tribal council as strength

Oscar

Regulations that has aroused in the village by the fish and game other than just stopping to hunt for subsistence, the member of the family varied on hunting throughout the season and what he refers to is that why there is no traditional justice on this.

Ans: co-management gets with John Oscar the Cenaliulriit and gets info on this fish and game enforcement

Talk about enforcement in our own community and who is working for us.

First of all he is in respectful towards the village Elders of Newtok and he wants to get information on the clean liners of how the residence in the old one used to keep the subsistence sites clean and along with the village they are in.

Mary Carl

Our ancestors use to use them in the land and tundra

Women had small buckets for toilet use, they never had honey buckets we use today and they dumped them in certain areas.

We dumped them where people would not step on /or trucks (main).

We never laid/threw them anywhere.

With out respect, today they come in and take food with out respect for asking.

Long ago, they had limited meals.

Qasgiq was well/highly respected. Women never went in only when they brought food in for the men, OR elders.

Michael John

When dump sites used to be neat by, they relocated them further away from town/village.

Around 1937, they used to go from place to place or travel to different hunting/camping grounds.

They would be gone for at least a month

We were careful with subsistence food, never threw away edible food tundra or land our food back then were limited. We respected what we catch

We mad sure that we shared over other surrounding villages with the game that we hunted for.

Younger adults were told to abide by what elders used to tell them. To continue on living respecting the land, gather, and environment.

Sleeping too much, death is in the end. Abuse sleeping too much can cause death. Back then people in the community never were against each other, but they helped each other.

They had tried to limit their catch back then, catching enough for the winter and family.

With fish it was the same way. Made a kayak and went out kanaqlaq hunting. There was a lot of bird around here. In the spring time kanaqlaks we used to hunt for seals.

Joseph John Newtok

When I became aware the people, I used to see are gone. They used lone, to have power and used to help the men many ways with out looking at them as an outsider.

A person whit a boat used to help others who have none, or use to help them tie a move the boat or pull the boat up. Or never heard anyone complain about having pain .many people never sat around but started doing chores or helping out when they were able to staying in a village for a long period of time was very embarrassing.

Men used to tell stories and gave advice no matter where they were they used to push them to the right direction. If a person is telling you bad stuff get up and leave if not stay. We couldn't walk around with girls or hang out with one because we were told not to, couldn't even smile to girls too.

Our ancestors the authority we never walked around with the younger ladies, and never did the women looked at the man in the eyes and smile at them.

Our elders used to talk to us, elders never went to school, but when they spoke to us it was like they learned and got educated in school.

Now days the birds are less, back then there were a lot of watch fowl birds flying.

If you're not going to eat them, don't kill for pleasure. We respected not only elders but animals and our land. There starting to throw foods away instead of giving then to needy family's that cannot hunt for themselves.

John White-Acurunaq (Nightmute)

I pity us living today. How are we going to live? We are against each other. We need to get together, help each other out. Our creator is watching.

Back then there wasn't any trash lying around the tundra. Our land was clean. We never starved/ not hungry.

Our elders speak the truth. They are wise. They spoke about what will happen in the future. There won't be any game left if we continue to live how we live today. We shouldn't waste food and not kill our food for pleasure

When foreigners came they brought different substances. They ruined the way of our culture. (Yupik culture.) Let is help each other out, to protect our lands, game.

Clean up our lands and communities. If we try to keep clean, our game, food won't be poisoned.

If we abide by of what our elders told us, we can live a lot longer. We follow our Yupik was of like, not foreigners.-And lets not forget

We shouldn't throw food away, but give then to the family that would eat the food. He wasn't happy when he heard on the radio that someone in Kipnuk threw seals in the dumpsite (Joseph John) Newtok

? Burn our traditional foods. It will be better this way since they die out.

Michael Carl (Newtok)

Come together as one and clean the village and dumpsites. I told the council to burn the wastes. I filled up as 5 gal bucket and burned the waste on and on. All day I did that & so on the next day since the dump was building up. I told a person to spill store oil on top of the trash and many of the wastes burned & the smell is a lot better. Before winter comes, when the weather is dry, I suggested that they pour stove oil on top of the trash and burn them. Since it eliminates the wastes

William Andy (Elder of Newtok)

-Talks about catches that are being not tended & also the catch of fur which are just left alone in the tundra.

-He has brought the issue to let us know about "If you are not going to use what you catch? Leave it alone

Although they are being told about "catches" of animals. Which he had mentioned about on above issue they are not listened too be the people. How do manage to clean our way of life.

Avegyaq-Alexandra Tommy-Elder of Newtok

-About carcass of fox of why they are left alone

Even though the household can use it to make a parka or make a fur hat to keep the head warm

She stated about that the western culture doesn't make clothing that is warm for us to wear. She doesn't want our children today to be "cold" Use the fur carcass to make a parka or fur hat or mitten

-She said that women today are losing their lady heritage

-Mark Tom-Elder of Newtok

A thought to remember a man wearing hats?

It has been said that when we are asking for gifts to remember.

-Today we are losing our subsistence way of life by hurting our mother nature.

Soon we will encounter the log of subsistence as he has heard it from somewhere in something

We can talk about our culture way of life to our Children today but we don't tell them.

With the new technology these days, we have are losing our lifestyles

Oscar: Facing our subsistence sites- The "Cakcaaq" The place of fishing sites we need to get with that place and there places and look at the place and talk about cleaning it up. The GIS unit will be used to monitor the area throughout the season be it summer or winter the GPS unit will be used to mark the area and then the GPS unit will plant the marked areas into the GIS as a "consortium" our job today is to work together to clean up our village our Environment-

-"Cakcaaq"-Do we need to have our EPA workers to go take pictures of the Area and when then consider the clean up matter What materials we need, who's going to be the ones to work on the area's

(Newtok)

George- A suggestion for businesses. When meetings are being conducted we need to invite the managers due to trash being brought in by the organizations.

Lynn-Navigation

Does each village want to share our boundaries within each village?

Didn't want to really talk about subject at this time.

Draw maps about each village boundaries.

Monitoring grants- One village to monitor all grants.

Look into it, wait for how our progress might be.

Stick to one village w/ the N. Island grant.

Use left over monies from Special / GAP to go for Circuit Riders.

\*Administering\*

2 years Special/ GAP

\*Andronik\*

\*Look into the history of all villages and see\*  
That the best one keeps the grant.

\*Tami could amend grants\*

Backhaul grant was denied

\*Steering Committee\*

Elders, (mixture of people)

\*Better spreadsheet w/the budget of the grant

\*Transferring money\*

Each village to hold the grant because there a lot of young ones that want to work.

Billy-there will be confusion among each village if we keep moving it around.

John white= I know how it is w/out money. I grew up without a wife. (Can't understand what he is saying)

Tami-"prove our point"...

Paul Carl

To this day, people are not quite the same at how we were back then, they never worried about how much money they had, but they helped the people on the community that wanted help. Now a days, everything we need, money has to be given. Even to clean our environment.

Trash lying around our village, contains hazardous chemicals. Today there are a lot of trash every where. We use to go together and even though we brought food we never use to leave our wastes behind. Now a days, people go out into the tundra and leave there trash behind. Money is making us live a trashy life. We are getting separated because of money.

Michael John

We use to hardly have any English food. We never saw trash and human wastes around the ponds and rivers and etc... When people would make money by traps they use to travel and never leave trash behind. In 1958, since everything got modernized, many contaminants and human wastes are piling up. Children will go to the store and purchase products and then litter outside. Our lifestyle is becoming like that. We are starting to live like this. It was hard growing up. In this life time as we speak, Elders are not thinking of picking up trash but long ago our Elders were wise and would tell about their childhood and there own lifestyle. My father would tell me to pick up or move trash whenever I would go outside. Relocating our dumpsites will help our village get clean.

Mary George

We are trying to work with our environment but people here do not cooperate with each other, and it's making it very difficult for us to work and help each other as a community. Our elders need to start talking to us about issues. We need to work with each other. Our elders need to start speaking to the younger generations.

Betty Tom

Combining the trash and human waste is common to this day. Long ago, there wasn't any trash lying around. You wouldn't see waste around the village. It was respected and clean. To this day, the trash and waste combining is the most dangerous thing that we know of. We never had many wastes but only our fish wastes. I am sad that our campsites are contaminated with human wastes because the campsites were very beautiful. We never had many wastes. The only wastes we had were our left over food and human wastes.

Molly Charlie

We are the first teachers of our children. We could start talking to while they are young because even though they seem like they aren't listening they do listen. Even if they are small talk to them. My mother use to talk to me when I was young and I learned from her. Whenever I went out I would recall what my mother had told me and I would pick up the trash that was lying around and I also would tell my friends not to litter. If we tell our children not to litter than they will tell their friends not to litter and that will pass the message on.