

SHANNON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION 2010

The Shannon Board of County Commissioners met for Equalization and Special Meeting purposes on April 23, 2010. Present Connie Whirlwind Horse, Lyla Hutchison, Deloris Hagman, Sue Ganje, County Auditor, and Julie Graham, Clerk. Absent Frances Pumpkin Seed and Wendell Yellow Bull.

The meeting was called to order as the Board of Equalization for 2010, time being 11:22.

Agenda reviewed for conflict, none were found.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Hagman to approve the agenda as written. The Oath of Office were taken and placed on file.

Terri Halls, Director of Equalization, met with the Board and presented the 2010 Exempt listing for approval.

Francis Pumpkin Seed present at this time, time being 11:34 a.m. Oath of Office taken and placed on file.

Wendell Yellow Bull, present 12:02 p.m. Oath of Office taken and placed on file.

Motion by Pumpkin Seed, seconded by Hagman to deny exempt status for Makasan Presbyterian Church and the Porcupine Presbyterian Church as no application was received. A letter will be written of their status and if they can provide information to the Director of Equalization of exempt status by the next meeting, exemption will be given. Also, to approve exempt status for 5 acres only for the Lakota Baptist Church if proof is provided to Director of Equalization that the 5 acres are used for Church purposes by the next meeting, and to deny Wakanyeja Pawicayaoi and the Wings of Eagles Ministries and Red Cloud's two parcels of bare land unless proof of exemption is provided to the Director of Equalization by the next meeting. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Pumpkin Seed, seconded by Hagman to adjourn as the Board of Equalization and convene as Board of County Commissioners. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hutchison to enter into executive session for personnel purposes at 12:15 p.m. (Interviews)

Pumpkin Seed recused himself at this time as he has filed an application for the position.

Came out at 1:16 p.m.

Motion by Hagman, seconded by Yellow Bull to go into executive session for personnel, time being 1:17 p.m. All voting yes, the carried.

Came out at 2:24 p.m.

Break

Reconvened at 2:42 p.m.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Pumpkin Seed to approve travel for Julie Graham to attend Spring Workshop in Pierre on May 12th, 13th and 14th, 2010. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hutchison to approve travel for Hutchison, Yellow Bull and Pumpkin Seed to attend Homeland Security Conference in June in Sioux Falls. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Brief discussion was held on Census forms. The reason most people had not received the forms was due to the use of Post Office numbers, and that forms were not mailed to Post Office boxes. The phone number to call to request a form is 1-866-872-6868. The Census has advised that they will be going door to door.

Sara Beth Donovan and Tim Mellett, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, met with the Board to discuss a proposed Memorandum of Agreement to provide language assistance with the Election process to elderly American Indian voters.

Francis Pumpkin Seed left meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Motion by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hutchison to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States of America for a Shannon County Election Information Program with a Voting Rights Coordinator (VRC), and further authorize the Chairwoman of the Board and Auditor to sign the Agreement. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Yellow Bull to enter executive session for personnel at 3:47 p.m. All voting yes, the motion carried.

Came out at 4:15 p.m.

Motion by Yellow Bull, seconded to Hagman to hire Francis Pumpkin Seed, part time, as the Election Information Program Voting Rights Coordinator (VRC) at \$10.00 per hour, effective immediately. All voting yes, the motion carried

Motion by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hagman to adjourn meeting, time being 4:20 p.m. All voting yes, the motion carried.

**Connie Whirlwind Horse, Chairwoman
Board of County Commissioners
Shannon County**

ATTEST:

**Sue Ganje, County Auditor
Shannon County**