

Special Meeting of Bois blanc Island Planning Commission July 28 2021

Called to order 2:01 pm

Adjunda accepted

Minutes of June 14 2021 accepted

Roll call; present Jess LaPort

Louise Sullivan

Cindy Polom

Rob attending by zoom

Introduction of guests:

Stacy Tchorzynski ,State of Michigan archaeologist with state DNR

Paula Carric ,Historian Bay Mills

Veronica Pasfield , Historian Bay Mills

Matthew Bussler

Savanna Hook

Douglas Taylor, certified city planner

Rick Duell consultant to PC

Al White Bois Blanc Island Historian

Conversation:

The guests spoke to the issues surrounding archaeologically sensitive sites on Bois Blanc Island. They expressed their appreciation of the Island Board of trustees and the PC . They expressed the opinion that the sites on Bois Blanc Island were significant and should be preserved. There was a discussion of the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

The historians from the tribes Referred to the Island as " rich in archeological sites and culturally dense".

The members of all tribes present agreed that although the tower is to be temporary the impact on nearby archaeological sites would be permanent. Paula Carric historian from the Bay Mills tribe recommended that an archeologist be on site during the project's development.

It was suggested that the Bois Blanc Island Planning Commission incorporate archaeological considerations in the Master Plan that is now being compiled.

Public Comment:

Al White spoke to the issue of multiple sites on the island and presented a report to the PC.

Francie Miller questioned whose name is on the FCC application for the tower.

It was suggested that the historical museum remove the Jutinin site from its self guided map.

Meeting adjourned :3:13 pm