

Board completes leadership and responsibility training



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The board has just completed a training called *Leadership Roles and Responsibilities*. We also had a session on rules of parliamentary procedures. This information is always helpful in keeping focus on what the board must do to keep it moving in a productive manner. Often a board can lose its way in a complex discussion and these rules help contain the debate to a reasonable time and pertinent information. The trainer did an excellent job and it was a great refresher for most of the board

and a true education for the new board members.

The board accepted the 2013 housing plan. The federal government requires a yearly plan in place so it can dispense the grant dollars. Some of the highlights are off reservation home owner rehabilitation, emergency housing financial assistance, first-time home buyer down payment assistance, owner occupied energy efficient improvements (new heating and water heaters) and a 12 to 24-unit apartment building complex in St. Ignace

possibly done by the end of 2014 and situated where the old casino building now sits.

These assistance programs are for low income families and are intended to keep those families in safe and healthy living spaces. Any questions can be answered by calling the tribal administration offices, (906) 635-6050, and asking to be connected to tribal housing.

The tribal board was served individually with a lawsuit by the State of Michigan to try and stop the application for land

into trust in Lansing. This is not entirely unexpected and is only the first shot in an extensive round of litigation that will follow. The litigation is being paid for through the development agreement with the investors and no current tribal dollars will be expended on these lawsuits.

Thank you for your calls and messages.

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