Nancy Skenandore
Brandon Lee Stevens does the minutes contain details of who was responsible?
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Brandon Lee Stevens
This is where I have to correct your language, it was an investment and it flopped. You can't recover your investment when it flops unless there was fraudulent action, we sent it to the AG and they reported that it would cost more money to get what we would have gotten and that we were like 20th in line if a judgment would have been given. His name is Ron Vanden Huevel.
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Brandon Lee Stevens
It was maybe decent idea at the time but not enough due diligence. I have no clue why Gina is bringing it up though, this was a deal that happened in the early 2000's. Definitely is gonna stir someone's else pot. Lol
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Gina Buenrostro
I will tell you why I asked, because I didn't know it had been resolved, I remember the administration really trying to sell GTC the idea, like they discovered GOLD, and it was ass wipe, which if it bellied up we would own the patent...... Turned out to belly up, all the equipment stolen or sold but at the end of the day what did the tribe receive?????

Ronald Goodeagle
Ron Vanden Huevel is looking at some serious time I heard... For other crimes... I use to work for one of his companies
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Gina Buenrostro
Nothing but a fraudulent rip off that used Artley as a front guy and walked away with 4 million dollars!!!! Bamboozled for 4 millions!!!!!!
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Brandon Lee Stevens
Lol, "Bamboozled" we did though.
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Don Lilly
I was at the meeting when the money was approved. The Treasurer Mrs. Danforth demanded from Mr Skenandore to release the company financial reports. He refused and she made a statement if he's got something to hide, the OBC shouldn't approve the investment. Of course, we know the end result. Ironically, he started to lay-off Tribal members a few months later. I always felt there must have been some money exchanged for the yes votes, but that can never be substantiated.

Brandon Lee Stevens
It was a sh*t show for sure but that wasn't my circus.

Gina Buenrostro
I thought Brian Doxtator really pushed that hard.....

Ralph Powless
This little investment is TOTAL BULLSHIT!!! How about us losing $60 million in cash to Airdigham and NOBODY was held accountable for that?!!! I would think somebody would have served prison time for that one!!! If all of you so called GTC members remembered this one...where are you know? Genskow, Debrasko, Metiviou??! Show me the money!!!!

Ralph Powless
If you can't show the proof, stfup!!!
Brandon Lee Stevens
In 2008 we held a GTC meeting to report the loss and that we referred the possible fraudulent actions of the business partners to the State's Attorney General. The AG said there wasn't sufficient evidence to bring forward charges, this was all reported to GTC. Want me to point you to the GTC minutes?

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John Orie
So are you saying Brandon the tribe can't do anything without the State Attorney General? Why does the main principal involved in the possible fraud still have a position within the tribe? NO garnishment of per capita or tribal liens on other property? The tribe could launch its own investigation, the OBC could bring all this information to the GTC.

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Brandon Lee Stevens
We did, this was almost 10 years ago when we brought this forward and 15 years when it happened. The GTC accepted the report. Remember it was an investment, not a loan.

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John Orie
ok thanks for the response, however we know just because it's an investment doesn't preclude the possibility of fraud. Bernie Madoff was dealing with people's investments. I think tribal members are looking for better accountability and protection of tribal assets perhaps the OBC
protection of tribal assets perhaps the OBC could look into other internal means of accountability and sanctions, including clawback provisions initiated by the OBC.

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Brandon Lee Stevens
For sure, the AG didn't say it was all peachy, they only said we were pumping a dry well. I agree that our diligence was faulty and that before we engage another proposal we consider risk, allocation and return as well as put safeguards in place to protect our investment.

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John Orie
That sounds good and I can appreciate that; tribal members are still looking for accountability and sanctions, which is completely within the OBC's authority to impose. The OBC has a duty to do all these things, including not reward potential fraudsters jobs within the tribe and especially not in our schools.

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John Orie
And if nothing is done, which really there has not been in terms of any sort of accountability or sanctions, then we really can blame people for being upset, and suspicious with various parties and actors, including the OBC, who tribal members should be able to look to and especially if the OBC is admittedly at some fault.

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