

Bouschor Admits He Did Not Have the Authority...

After this Resolution was revoked, **Defendant Bouschor** acknowledged that the Board had taken away his authority and he accepted that decision. In fact, he sent out an e-mail to Tribal members which stated:

Quote from Bernard Bouschor: *At the Board meeting in Munising the next day, August 20, [2002] [Director] Mike [Lumsden] spearheaded an effort to strip me of my authority to enter into "key employee" contracts – a type of contract Mike himself has. The Board had previously authorized employee contracts as a measure to ensure structural stability irrespective of the political process. He took this action in my absence, without my knowledge, and without informing the Board of what I believe were his true motives. Apparently, Mike believed that taking this action would prevent me from hiring a chief of staff. The Board voted to rescind my authority.*

Let me make something perfectly clear: I have no quarrel with the action the Board took. The Board adopted the resolution that gave me authority to enter into key employee contracts, and the Board can take that authority away. They did so and I accept and respect their action.

It is important to note that the Tribal Board of Directors had previously enacted a resolution which limited the Chairperson from spending more than \$50,000 unless specifically authorized by the Board. Resolution No. 1997-63.