

Appropriations & Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2007

Call to order at 1:40 PM

Roll Call: Tribal Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Tribal Councilor Alice Yellowbank.

Attendance: Tribal Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie

Motion made by Tribal Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Alice Yellowbank to adopt the Agenda.

Vote 3-yes 0-no 0-abstained 0-absent.

Motion carried

Motion made by Tribal Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Alice Yellowbank to approve the minutes of February 14, 2007 with corrections.

Vote 3-yes 0-no 0-abstained 0-absent.

Motion carried

Discussion regarding the taking of minutes at the meeting to include only motions and actions of the committee and summary description of discussions.

The Committee reviewed the Tribal Court and Appellate Court changes from the last meeting, noted several corrections to back up documents need to be made. Val will correct these and bring to the next meeting.

Public Comment opened at 2:45 pm

No Public Comment

Public Comment closed at 2:46 pm

Reviewed Tribal Prosecutors budget. Cut travel by \$8,000 and computers and equipment lease reduced to zero and FFE reduced to \$2000. Noted that actual travel for the prosecutor was \$21,000 for 2006. Treasurer Oldman and Councilor Yellowbank agreed Councilor Shananaquet disagreed. Change will be made based on majority agreement of committee.

Question was asked why the Council no longer receives quarterly reports from the Prosecutor's office. They will follow up on this.

Reviewed Tribal Council Indirect and General Fund Budget. Noted that no Travel was included in the budget submission for 2008. In 2006 total travel for Tribal Council and related staff was \$55,046. In 2007 only \$25,000 is budgeted for travel in both budgets. Realigned the budget, verified fringe amounts, space cost was understated. The following changes were made:

Indirect budget:

Fringe was reduced to \$15,000
Space cost increased to \$18500
Travel Added for \$15000

General fund budget:

Travel Added for \$10,000
Dues and subs reduced to \$2000
Space cost increased to \$18500
FFE reduced to \$2000
Computers deleted, funds in IDC budget.

Given changes today, budgets are still in the deficit by approximately \$132,000 to \$135000, more cuts will be needed. This week committee members will review individual budgets of the executive before the next meeting and bring questions and changes to the next meeting March 7, 2007.

Val will calculate savings from deleting the proposed new court clerk and the policy analyst position for discussion.

Motion made by Tribal Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Alice Yellowbank to adjourn at 4:44 pm.
Vote 3-yes 0-no 0-abstained 0-absent.
Motion carried