

Appropriations and Finance Committee
LTBB Governmental Administration Building
Tribal Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Regular Meeting
October 16, 2018

Call to Order: 9:08 a.m.

Committee Member Roll Call: Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Shanna Wemigwase, Treasurer Marcella R. Reyes

Absent: none

Tribal Councilors present:

Legislative Staff: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee

Executive Staff/Official Present: Vice-Chair Stella Kay, Executive Assistant Rebecca Fisher, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson, Grant Writers Amber Holt and Alison Simon

Tribal Court: Tribal Court Administrator Michael Wolf

Public: Fred Harrington Jr.

Invited Guests: none

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adopt the Agenda of October 16, 2018 as presented.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve the minutes of September 18, 2018 as corrected.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent

Motion carried.

Phone Polls:

-10/09/18 Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion Ziibimijwang, Inc. Request for Funding through the Michigan Good Food Fund.

Committee Comments: none

Phone Poll Vote: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

New Business:

Discussion: Executive's Budget "Donation" Line-item.

- Is Governor Candidate Gretchen Whitmer available?
- Executive Assistant Rebecca Fisher contacted her campaign office directly and her calendar is completely full. She will contact the Tribes Michigan Lobbyist Noel LaPorte to see if he can assist.
- It is illegal for Michigan Tribes to donate directly to a campaign; however, they can donate to non-profit organizations and/or causes.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor McNamara to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$21,000.00 for the Executive's Budget, "Donation" Line-item.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent

Motion carried.

Discussion: Indian Health Service (IHS) 2018 Annual Funding Agreement Award Increase.

- Additional funding from IHS in the total amount of \$133,794.
- Mod 18-2 is to pay for cost, PRC inflation, M&I and Equipment totaling \$122,561
- Mod 18-5 is for FY 2018 inflation totaling \$6,018
- Mod 18-6 is from the Year End Emergency Fund totaling \$5,215
- The Tribe should expect one more Mod for reconciliation. This amount is unknown at this time.
- Total funds received to date from 01/01/2018-12/31/18 is \$5.2 million.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion #102718-01 Funding renewal from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2018 Annual Funding Agreement, Mod 18-2, Mod 18-5 & Mod 18-6 Funding Increase.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent

Motion carried.

Discussion: Office on violence Against Women (OVW) Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking FY 2018 48-Month Project.

- Increase in project period and award from 10/01/2018-09/30/2018 to 10/01/2018-09/30/2022.
- Funding increase total amount is \$165,243

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor McNamara to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion #102718-02 Acceptance of Funding from the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking FY 2018 48-Month Project.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent

Motion carried.

Discussion: Indian Health Service (IHS) Sanitation Program, Well & Septic Systems Contract FY 2019.

- Anticipating award to be in the amount of \$250,000.
- A match is not required, however indirect costs are not covered in full which will require a match of uncovered indirect costs.

- The service area for this grant has expanded to cover the Tribes 27 County Service Area.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor McNamara to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion #102718-03 Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service-Sanitation Program, Well & Septic Systems Contract FY 2019.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent
Motion carried.

Discussion: Indian Housing Block Grant

- These are funds the Housing Department receives annually.
- FY 2019 funds is estimated at \$627,016 and will be the departments 2020 budget. This pays for staffing and projections for all categories of assistance such as Down Payment, Short Term Rental, Foreclosure Prevention, Home Improvement, Transitional/Emergency Housing, Mortgage Application, and Land Contract Assistance.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion #102718-04 Request for Funding from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), Indian Housing Block Grant Program FY 2019.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent
Motion carried.

Discussion: Stone Circle property on Beaver Island Michigan as presented by Fred Harrington Jr.

- Evidence of agricultural activity 2000 years ago.
- Summer Solstice ceremonies held here, as well as, other cultural activities.
- Odawas brought the British armies to show their strength prior/during the War of 1812.
- Midewin Lodge Leader Eddie Benton Benay was impressed with the spiritual presence at the circle.
- Both the Stone Circle and Garden Island Cemetery are beyond value.
- The Tribe would bring in an archaeology team to clean the area.
- This property will remain undeveloped.
- This parcel is 80 acres.
- The Land Management can develop a plan for a cultural resource to include restrictions

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor McNamara to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$180,000 for the Legislative Branch FY18 Budget for purchase of "Stone Circle" property on Beaver Island, Michigan.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent
Motion carried.

10:29 a.m. Break

10:53 a.m. Meeting resumes

Discussion: Review of the 2019 Gaming Authority Board Budget.

- Expenditures of the Gaming Authority Board include:

- Dues for the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) is taken out of the Gaming Authority Board's Budget, who is covered under this?
- Outside lawyers
- Travel and mileage
- Laptops are needed by the Board Members and their intent is to complete a budget modification.
- Possible position for an administrative assistant.
- Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee is to send an email to the Gaming Authority Board requesting their attendance at the next Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting on November 13, 2018 for discussion on laptops and the administrative assistant position.

Discussion: Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting dates for 2019 is **tabled** until Tribal Council Work Sessions and Meeting dates have been finalized.

Discussion: Sr. Financial Analyst Report

- 2019 Budget
 - Has not seen any budget modifications,
 - All branches of Tribal Government need to be included
- General Fund Balance Allocations as of 09/30/18
 - Possibly keep x amount of dollars for economic development,
 - Add \$100,000 for Program Support
 - Monies to be allocated through Tribal Resolution for 2019,
 - Allocate General Fund Balance by Waganakising Odawak Statute similar to the operations of Fiscal Year budgets,
 - No update from MIS Director Mark Tracy regarding Harbor Springs Public Schools and sharing of their fiber optics.
 - Odawa Casino Resort principal payment is \$333,000
- Capital Expenditures
 - Add Capital Expenditures discussion, the Land Ad-hoc's Final Recommendation to Tribal Council and the Executive, and the master plan to the next Land and Reservation Committee Agenda.
 - Differentiate the difference between Repair versus Capital Expenditures

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to acknowledge receipt of Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal and written report for October 16, 2018.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent

Motion carried.

Closed Session- none

Public Comment

11:33 a.m. Public Comment Opened

- No public comment

11:33 a.m. Public Comment Closed

Discussion: Biindigen Gas Certificates

- Does not issue difference or cash back,
- Some grants do not allow "gas cards",

- Accounting encourages small increments on certificates.

Discussion: Children's Christmas Party in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

- Limited budget of \$700
- Successfully done by community donations and volunteerism of Tribal Citizens and departments.

Adjournment

11:43 a.m. Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adjourn.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent

Motion carried.

Next meeting date: November 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVED