

Appropriations & Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2007

Call to order at 1:45 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, Legislative Leader Beatrice Law, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Vice-Chairman Bill Denemy

Discussion on Substance Abuse 3rd party billing, and language term verification of budget sheets regarding, "TBD -vs- "no budget submitted".

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt the Agenda as amended.

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

Motion carried

Discussion regarding, Wednesday March 14, 2007 as the schedule of the next meeting date for this committee.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to approve the Minutes as corrected for March 7, 2007.

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

Motion carried

Discussion regarding, Gaming Board of Directors budget for 2007 having enough money for tall of the meetings they seem to be in need of, based on current expenditures.

Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie handed out copy of Gaming Board of Directors actual expenditures compared to budget statement.

Public Comment opened at 2:30 p.m., no Public Comment.

Public Comment closed at 2:31 p.m.

Continued discussion regarding, the Gaming Board of Directors budget with review of content.

Discussion continued regarding, a Tribal citizen discount change from 50% off to a 10% off buffet only allowance bringing a total savings of \$44,248.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to recommend to Tribal Council a total 10% discount to Tribal citizens at the Waasnode Buffet, upon the opening of Odawa Casino Resort with no discount at the other food venues.

Vote 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent
Motion Carried

Review for possible \$25,000.00 cut of support of Indirect programs.

Discussion regarding, funding cut to the Emergency Assistance Fund.

3:30 p.m. Recess called

3:45 p.m. Meeting reconvened

Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie indicated \$6,412 was over looked in the Tribal Court budget request, but will be included and paid from the \$25,000.00 cuts adjustment.

Discussion again, regarding 3rd party billing with Substance Abuse and when it will start.

Discussion regarding, the development of a Tribal Resolution for the FY 2008 Budget. Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie will develop and bring back to the Committee for review.

Human Services' Social Services budget review.

Discussion regarding, Budget Hearings with an overview of the agenda criteria and how responses will be delivered by the Tribal Treasurer.

Time frames were discussed for FY 2008 Budget during the Budget Hearings for March 17, 2007. Appropriations and Finance Committee to finalize budget and bring forth to Tribal Council on March 24, 2007 work session for approval at the March 25, 2007 Tribal Council meeting as per the Budget Formulation Process it needs to be approved by May 1, 2008.

5:01 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adjourn.

Vote 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent
Motion Carried