

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Appropriations and Finance Committee  
Minutes  
February 4, 2009

Meeting called to Order: 1:35 p.m.

Roll Call:

Committee members present. Committee Person Alice Yellowbank, Committee Chairman Gerald Chingwa. Committee Person Shirley Oldman.

Guests and Staff present: Val Tweedie, CFO.

Agenda:

Motion to adopt Agenda with additions by Committee Person Shirley Oldman. Second by Committee Chairperson Alice Yellowbank. Motion Passes.

Minutes:

Motion to table Minutes January 21, 2009. Motion passes.

Old Business:

Discussion about 2009 Budget issues.

Committee Person Alice Yellowbank states that a notice needs to be sent to citizens that Per Capita distributions may not be available for 2009.

Discussions about availability of Michelle Chingwa Education Funds and Val Tweedie, CFO states that funds cannot be taken out of Michelle Chingwa Education Fund.

Committee Person Alice Yellowbank asked if we still have a Basketball team and remarked that funding is better spent on activities for a group of Youth rather than travel for a few to a conference.

Committee Person Alice Yellowbank asked if the Food and Utilities funds are still available for 2009. Val Tweedie, CFO answered that at this time, the funds remain in the budget.

Public Comment: 2:55 p.m. Public Comment by Gerald Chingwa. A follow-up on a comment from Committee Person Alice Yellowbank regarding Tribal Council and Tribal Council committees absence of accommodations available for Council and Committee meetings. Mr. Chingwa states that he is in agreement that the significance and consequence of Tribal Council or Tribal Council Committees meetings should be considered as meeting scheduling and placement is prepared. Tribal Council and Tribal Council Committee meetings should not be

considered as dispensable and accommodations should not be provided as last available. Public comment closed at 2:59 p.m.

The A&FC states that the Committee Chairman should check to see if a room other than the NRD room is available for the next meetings.

Continue Old business:

Discussion continued about the value of attending various National or Regional Organization's meetings.

The A&FC reviewed the Legislative Branch proposed 2009 Budget. Draft reduction proposals were reviewed with Indirect and Direct funding source Budget Worksheets provided. Proposed reductions against the original 2009 budget was reviewed by the CFO with percentage and approximate savings concluded.

A motion by Committee Person Alice Yellowbank to recommend to the Tribal Council that we approve a proposed 2009 reduction plan, in the amount of \$413,308.00 from General Fund and \$166,628.00 in Indirect Cost for a Total of \$579,936.00. Second by Committee Person Shirley Oldman. Motion passes.

The approximate savings from the original approved 2009 budget is \$82,164.00

New Business:

2010 Budget. It is determined that not much can be accomplished until the Executive is able to provide Department budget reductions.

Next Meeting Date:

The scheduled February 18, 2009 rescheduled for February 25, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. (location will be announced at a later date.)

The scheduled Budget Hearing for February 28, 2009 is rescheduled to March 14, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. (location will be announced at a later date.).

Adjourn: Motion by Committeeperson Alice Yellowbank to Adjourn at 4:35 p.m. Second by Committeeperson Shirley Oldman. Motion passes.