

Appropriations and Finance Committee
LTBB Governmental Administration Building
Tribal Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Regular Meeting
March 12, 2019

Call to Order: 9:05 a.m.

Committee Member Roll Call: Councilor Dexter McNamara, Secretary Tamara Kiogima

Absent: Treasurer Marcella R. Reyes

Tribal Councilors present:

Legislative Staff: Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount

Corporate Charters/Boards Present: none

Executive Staff/Official Present:

Tribal Court Staff/Official Present:

Public: none

Invited Guests: none

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Kiogima to adopt the Agenda of March 12, 2019 as presented.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Kiogima to table the minutes of February 12, 2019.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Phone Polls: none

New Business:

Discussion: Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. Operating Budget and Victories Square

- Legislative Leader Fred Harrington Jr. requested meeting with AFC.
- Boston's Bar & Grill on schedule
- Sovereign Finance discussions taking place. Feasibility study in looking at additional property to increase land base.
- No money needed.
- Starbucks is doing well.
- Phase II to begin in 2020. Phase I is on schedule according to plans.
- Both Boston's and hotel have liquor licenses. Looking at obtaining 1-2 more.
- Looking at possibly hiring a part-time employee as there is lots of day to day items to attend to.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Kiogima to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.'s Operating Budget and Victories Square.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Discussion: Odawa Casino Resort Auditor Selection

- Odawa Casino Resort sends out RFP's
- Communicates with Tribal Council regarding interviews
- Tribal Council interviews and selects

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Kiogima to recommend to Tribal Council to approve a 1-year extension for BDO to audit Odawa Casino Resort FY 2019.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Discussion: Odawa Casino Resort CAP EX/Waterfall Option 1 or 2

- The CAP EX part use is to finish up Mackinaw (upgrades). May need to consider refinancing as the upgrades are needed now.
- May not have enough space for RV Park.
- Hotel not in original plan. Need to look at more tools before a decision can be made.
- Option 2 is preferred by Odawa Casino Resort to stay in line with original plan.
- Odawa Casino Resort to report to Tribal Council on March 28, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. to give an update on Options 1 and 2.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Kiogima to recommend to Tribal Council to review the Odawa Casino Resort-Mackinaw Option 1 and 2 Plans and the 2019 Cap Ex Budget for Tribal Council approval.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

10:17 a.m. Break

10:29 a.m. Resume

Discussion: Youth Jiimaan Build

- These funds will be used to build and document a traditional Jiimaan.
- Zero (\$\$) match required
- The financial impact to the Tribe is \$0

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Kiogima to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion # 032819-01 Request for Funding from First Nations Development Institute, Native Youth & Culture Fund FY 2019, Youth Jiimaan Build.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Discussion: Gill Road Crossing Improvement Project

- Both grants are identical projects with different funding sources and the Tribe can only accept one award.
- These funds will be used to address water quality and aquatic organism passage and habitat in an effort to protect a multi-tribal fishery.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Kiogima to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion # 032819-02 Request for Funding from U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, FY 2019 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Gill Road Crossing Improvement Project.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Kiogima to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion # 032819-03 Request for Funding from U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, FY 2019 Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Gill Road Crossing Improvement Project.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

10:54 a.m. Opened

- No public comments

10:55 a.m. Closed

Sr. Financial Analyst Report:

- Working on budgets
- Business as usual

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Kiogima to acknowledge Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal report for March 12, 2019.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Old Business: none

Closed Session: no

Adjourn:

10:58 a.m. Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Kiogima to adjourn.

Vote: 2 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 1 -absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Next Special Meeting dates: April 1-2 at 9:00 a.m. for the Executive Branch Budget Hearings;

April 3-4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. for the Remaining Branches and Charters Budget Hearings.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.