

Appropriations & Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2007

Call to order at 1:40 p.m.

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

Attendance: Legislative Leader Beatrice Law, Tribal Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie, Indian Child Welfare Commission Heidi Bosma, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Margaret Gasco, Elders Coordinator Tootsie (Marie Miller), Vice-Chairman Bill Denemy, Legislative Services Attorney Donna L. Budnick.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to adopt the agenda for March 21, 2007 as presented
Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent
Motion Carried

Discussion to have the Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick draft a motion and resolution for food venue change.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to approve the minutes of March 14, 2007 as amended.
Vote: 3-yes, 0-No, 0-abstained, 0-absent
Motion Carried

Treasurer Oldman read written Public Comments received from the FY 2008 Budget Hearings.

2:30 p.m. Public Comment opened: Marie (Tootsie) Miller, Margaret Gasco, Beatrice A. Law, Rochelle Ettawageshik
2:58 p.m. Public Comment closed

Treasurer Oldman continued to read written Public Comments received.

Councilor Yellowbank indicated the Appropriations and Finance Committee needs to meet with Tribal Council and work out priorities.

Discussion regarding Public Comments

3:37 p.m. recess called
3:50 p.m. meeting reconvened

Treasurer Oldman indicated that she will recommend performance measures and priorities and submit them for Tribal Council within the memo for the FY 2008 Budget.

Treasurer Oldman indicated she will compose a response memo to Tribal Citizens regarding their Public Comments from the Public Budget Hearings that were at the Appropriations and Finance Committee meeting held today.

Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie read last year's memo to Tribal Council from the Appropriations and Finance Committee regarding the FY 2006 Budget Review.

The Appropriations and Finance Committee agreed to have Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie submit the FY 2008 Budget Review to Tribal Council memo using the same format as for the FY 2007 Budget memo.

The Prosecutor budget was discussed, bringing that proposed budget to \$179,481.

Indian Child Welfare Commission budget is recommended to remain at \$24,000, keeping a total number of five (5) on the Commission. The Appropriations and Finance Committee indicated that if Title IV E money is established, it will support some of their budgetary costs.

Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick indicated information regarding possible restructure of Commission Boards and Committees statutes.

Appropriations and Finance Committee agreed the FY 2008 draft budgets are complete and ready to submit to Tribal Council for approval.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to submit the recommendations of the proposed operations budget to Tribal Council for review and approval.
Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent
Motion Carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adjourn at 5:03 p.m.
Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent
Motion Carried.