

Appropriations & Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2007

Call to order at 1:37 p.m.

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

Staff Attendance: Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie, Legislative Services Attorney Donna L. Budnick.

Guests: Legislative Leader Beatrice Law, NRD Director Doug Craven, NRD Officer Kevin Willis, Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Council Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt the agenda for June 27, 2007 as amended.

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

Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to approve the minutes of May 2, 2007 as amended.

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

Motion Carried

Budget Formulation Process Draft Statute was reviewed and worked on.

The Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie indicated the 2006 last known budget did not contain performance measures and the Executive Department cannot do measures by the time 2009 is ready to go to Tribal Council and need to wait until the 2010 budget allocation.

Councilor Shananaquet stated programs should have been collecting data all along to measure performance.

Councilor Yellowbank wants an example of job analysis report.

Donna L. Budnick, Legislative Services Attorney explained process.

Treasurer Oldman asked if we can add by September 15, 2007 performance measures and report. The Treasurer wants data for departments that already have data, to submit the same from 2006 to the present budget. Said departments need to start doing this.

Councilor Shananaquet indicated the budget can always change.

The Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie talked regarding each department needing to provide proposed data with their budget reports. This would prove a measurement.

Treasurer Oldman asked Donna L. Budnick, Legislative Services Attorney to incorporate information into draft statute.

2:30 p.m. Public comment opened: no comments.

2:30 p.m. Public Comment closed

Councilor Yellowbank asked if a financial impact statement is needed.

Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie said she needs a formal request from the Appropriations and Finance Committee to the Tribal Chairman.

Treasurer Oldman wants the Executive to supply copies of all contracts.

Councilor Shananaquet said all contracts need to be renegotiated.

Tribal Council Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima indicated the request for contracts was done by resolution and the tribal Chairman vetoed it. Tribal Council did not override the veto.

Councilor Shananaquet would like to bring up the resolution again at the next Tribal Council meeting.

Treasurer Oldman will ask Tribal Council to add it to the agenda.

The Committee reviewed the Tribal Council budget for 2005 – 2007.

Treasurer Oldman asked the Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie if there where any Ethics Point reports. The Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie indicated nothing in the past 2-months.

Treasurer Oldman asked the Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie for the list of foreclosure and emergency assistance recipients.

The Tribal Chairman explained the list, and that the disclosure of the list needs to be kept confidential as indicated by the Legal Department.

Treasurer Oldman indicated she would return the list to the Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie.

Legislative Leader Law read a section of the Tribal Treasurer Statute that said all information the Tribal Treasurer receives needs to be forwarded to all of Tribal Council.

Treasurer Oldman indicated that the law does not say copies need to be supplied, and she would show Tribal Council, but then return it as to keep the privacy of the Tribal citizen.

The Tribal Chairman talked about the Michelle Chingwa Statute and how much money is left. He indicated the Resolution that was established never set priority spending and there is approximately \$168,000 left of the \$1,000,000. The Tribal Chairman indicated up to approximately \$2,500,000 is needed to maintain the program and prioritizing is needed by way of a new resolution.

The Committee discussed ways to prioritize funding.

The Tribal Chairman indicated he will be bringing Regulations regarding specific times or dates when money can be disbursed.

Treasurer Oldman said the Committee will look at all avenues including needs-based to be established, regarding the Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act.

Treasurer Oldman and dbi asked the Tribal Chairman if any demographics have been done on this.

It was indicated the next Appropriations and Finance Committee meeting will be on July 5, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the Tribal courtroom.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to table the rest of the agenda to the July 5, 2007 meeting.

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

Motion Carried

Treasurer Oldman talked about the Pow wow grounds septic and asked if the facilities budget should cover this cost as others use the facility.

The Appropriations and Finance Committee discussed recommendations for the Pow wow grounds.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adjourn at 3:59 p.m.