

Appropriations and Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 5, 2007

Call to order at 1:40 p.m.

Roll Call: Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Shirley Oldman, Treasurer Gerald V. Chingwa.

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

Guests: Vice-Chair William Denemy, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Oldman to adopt the agenda as amended for September 5, 2007.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to approve the minutes of August 16, 2007 as presented.

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

Motion Carried

Update regarding the Budget Formulation Process being added to the Legislative Calendar.

Discussion, regarding prior anyone submitting financial requests to Tribal Council, the request needs to be reviewed by the Appropriations and Finance Committee.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to request that the Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick draft an Additional Appropriations Policy.

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

Motion Carried

Review of 2009 Budget Performance measures.

Discussion regarding Tribal Council mandates and how the Legislative Leader Law takes them to the Executive.

2:41 p.m. Public Comment opened: Vice-Chairman Denemy talked about the employee appreciation day and language between the Tribal Chairman and Tribal Council through the Legislative Leader Law. Councilor McNamara talked regarding snow days and the closing of programs especially the clinic. Treasurer Chingwa agreed with Councilor McNamara as did Councilor Oldman.

2:46 p.m. Public comment closed.

Councilor Kiogima would like to see Budget Survey done again.

Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie said it may be able to be done on the website but will only affect the people who use the web.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to recommend to Tribal Council that a budget survey be done for the budget cycle of FY 2010.

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

Motion Carried.

3:07 p.m. Recess called.

3:16 p.m. meeting reconvened.

Discussion led by Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick regarding the Tribal Constitution Powers and Duties, appropriations, revenue and budgets.

The Casino General Manager's contract was discussed. Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie will request a copy of all employee contracts to be provided at the next Appropriations and Finance Committee meeting.

The Gaming Board of Directors expenses for stipends, and travel was discussed. The Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie will break out the board members travel away from staff and provide the figures at the next Appropriations and Finance Committee meeting.

Councilor Oldman discussed Tribal 1099's and Pow Wow honorariums. Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie stated that the IRS mandates tax ID numbers and names from individuals who will receive checks for drum, dance, etc. and that if only name is given; it is up to the person named on the check to recover the information of the other money recipients so accounting can do an adjustment to the 1099.

Councilor Oldman talked of informing Tribal Citizen Employees regarding Residential Tribal Member status and benefits when filling out their beginning employee paper work.

The Committee asked Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie to bring the Pow Wow Revenue & Expenditures report to the next Appropriations and Finance Committee meeting.

Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie discussed the Revenue Recognition Policy and indicated unspent money reduces the Tribal allocation but Tribal Council passed a resolution that says the Pow Wow gets to keep the carry over money.

Councilor Oldman talked about hotel discounts for Pow wow participants and how they should falling under the government rate. Blocks of rooms were also discussed.

Discussion by Councilor McNamara regarding the Tribal Health Clinic and its future financial situation was talked about. Michele LaCount talked of 3<sup>rd</sup> party revenue regarding the possibility of using the back entrance and section of the clinic as a separate facility open to all of our employees and their families so the Tribe can bring the money it pays out in insurance premiums back into the facility as it would be another form of a non-gaming enterprise. The Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie said it may be a possibility and will check with Indian Health Service.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Oldman to adjourn at 5:03 p.m.

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

Motion Carried.

The next Appropriations and Finance Committee meeting will be held on October 3, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved:

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Gerald V. Chingwa, Tribal Council Treasurer

Date: