

Waganakising Odawa
Tribal Council
Appropriations and Finance Committee
Court Room
January 9, 2010
9:00 a.m.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order 9:17 a.m.

Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Treasurer John Bott; Councilor Aaron Otto; Councilor Mel Kiogima

Quorum established.

Tribal Council Present: Councilor Gerald V. Chingwa

Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick; Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Staff Present: Natural Resources Commission Commissionier John Keshik; Dr. Terry Samuels; Health Department Director Sharon Szierputowski; Marcia Sutton, Michele (?); Gaming Regulatory Commission (GRC) Chairperson Beverly Wemigwase; GRC Commissioner Marilyn Hume.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima, seconded by Councilor Otto, to adopt the agenda as presented.

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

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima, seconded by Councilor Otto, to table the approval of the minutes of November 7, 2009, and December 5, 2009, until the next scheduled Regular Meeting.

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

Motion carries.

Business, New

1. Natural Resources Department (NRD) Budget

Commissioner Keshik met with the Committee to discuss various aspects of the NRD's and the Natural Resouce Commission's (NRC) budgets. After discussion, the Committee would provide copies of the NRD's and NRC's approved 2011 budgets. Commissioner Keshik would also like to return at a later date to discuss NRD/NRC 2010 budgets.

9:50 a.m. Break.

10:05 a.m. Meeting resumes.

2. Health Department Budget

Handout: The Bemidji Area Health Services Master Plan (Pre-Final Master Plan) of March 1, 2005.

Dr. Terry Samuels and various Health Department staff met with the Committee to discuss the need for increased funding to cover services to Tribal Citizens for Fiscal Year 2010. It was noted that there is \$1,500,000 in a third party billing account. After discussion and clarification, it was pointed out that because the \$1,500,000 was derived due to Federal funds, the fund could be accessed by the Health Department to cover projected shortfalls. They would have to submit budget modification requests through the appropriate channels to access.

11:50 a.m. Break.

11:52 a.m. Meeting resumes.

3. Gaming Regulatory Budget Presentation

Handout: 2011 Budget concerns.

GRC Chairperson Wemigwase brought forth concerns pertaining to the GRC's budget, including inequity in the amount of stipend payments between the GRC and the Gaming Board of Directors. It was decided by the Committee to take a closer look at GRC's budget while considering the proposed 2011 budget.

4. Judicial Budget Presentation

Treasurer Bott had heard from the Judicial Branch and has requested they be present at the 'Finance' meeting of February 6, 2010.

5. LTBB Finance Director

Interim CFO Kishigo-Lesky passed out the budget 'sticks' and reviewed with the Committee. Treasurer Bott and Interim CFO Kishigo-Lesky would set up a tentative budget review schedule, including the scheduling of a Public Hearing for the 2011 Budget.

Business, Old

1. Powwow Committee Budget

It was decided to continue to table this item until the March Committee Regular Meeting of March 6, 2010.

2. Grant Research

Attorney Budnick continues to work with Councilor Otto in putting together a proposal and securing a grant to cover the upgrade of IT equipment in the Tribal Court Room.

There were no Action Items that needed to be addressed.

12:44 p.m. Public Comment opened. No comments received.

12:44 p.m. Public Comment closed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010.

12:45 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Kiogima, seconded by Councilor Otto, to adjourn.

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

Motion carries.