

Waganakising Odawa
Tribal Council
Appropriations and Finance Committee
Tribal Court Room
May 21, 2011
9:00 a.m.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Mel Kiogima, Treasurer John Bott.
Quorum established.

Tribal Council & Legislative Staff Present: Julie Shananaquet, Legislative Leader; Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Secretary; Gerald Chingwa, Tribal Councilor; Marvin Mulholland, Tribal Councilor; Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick

Guests: Tribal Chairperson Ken Harrington; Tribal Vice Chairperson Dexter McNamara; Elders Program Coordinator Tamela Okuly; Elders Program Assistant Kathy McGraw; Sarah Vandecar; Rose Smalley; Bea Law; Richard Wemigwase, Elder Spokesperson; Yvonne McShane

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima, seconded by Treasurer Bott, to adopt the amended agenda.

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

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima, seconded by Councilor Otto, to approve the minutes as drafted for April 30, 2011.

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

Motion carries.

New Business

The completed LTBB audited FY2010 Annual Financial Report was presented and reviewed by Doug Deeter, Rehman. There were five non-compliance items that were found in the limited review of the grants programs. All matters have been addressed by LTBB.

Several Tribal Elders, including Elder Spokesperson Richard Wemigwase, came before the Committee and requested supplemental funding in the amount of \$17,944 to cover the expenses of hosting the Michigan Indian Elders Association quarterly meeting at the Odawa Casino Resort. After much discussion, it was decided that the Elders Program would cover the cost of the meeting from their normal budget and would return after October 1, 2011, with a Supplemental Funding Request to cover the budgets projected shortfall.

10:11 a.m. Break.

10:25 a.m. Meeting resumes.

The Committee discussed the need for a Special Meeting to review the draft Annual Report. Treasurer Bott will contact Accounting Department to check on the status of the Annual Report and will then schedule a meeting.

Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet provided an overview of Tribal Council possibly utilizing the vacant offices at LTBB's 911 Spring Street offices. Attorney Budnick and Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount will be meeting with Planning Director Bryan Gillett later this week to discuss options to handle the need for more office space. Tribal Council will be touring the 911 Street offices later today.

The administration of the Enjinaaknegeng budget was discussed and resolved during the Legal and Legislative Committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011.

The Elders Dental Program, which was to have been a temporary emergency program, was reviewed and discussed. The Committee was given a copy of the Elder's Dental Program Policy.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott, seconded by Councilor Otto, to recommend that the Elders Dental Program be put on the Tribal Council Work Session for full discussion and review.

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

Motion carries.

Legislative Leader Shananaquet informs the Committee that Matt Davis is requesting \$300 to cover the costs of filing for a 501(3)(c). The Committee recommends that Davis check with the Executive about utilizing the Donation line item to cover the costs, and if unable to utilize, to submit a supplemental funding request to the 'Finance' Committee for consideration.

Old Business

Due to the absence of Tribal Chairperson Harrington, the RFP for Hotel was tabled.

The Bell's Fishery line of credit was discussed. Treasurer Bott will request a financial statement from the Accounting Department and a list of the assets remaining at Bell's Fishery.

Attorney Budnick led the discussion on the job description for the anticipated Treasury Director.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott, seconded by Councilor Kiogima, to recommend that Tribal Council approve the Office of Treasury Director job description contingent upon the outcome of the Office of Treasury.

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

Motion carries.

Attorney Budnick notifies the Committee that the approval of the ANA grant application will be made in late August or early September 2011.

Treasurer Bott informs the Committee that the Budget Process Policy is an on-going project.

Action Item

Motion made by Treasurer Bott, seconded by Councilor Kiogima, to recommend that the Regulations for the Michele Chingwa Education Assistance statute be added to the Tribal Council Work Session agenda.

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

Motion carries.

12:37 p.m. Public Comment opened. No comments received.

12:38 p.m. Public Comment closed.

There were no Closed Sessions held.

The next Committee meeting will be tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 3, 2011, from 4pm – 5pm in the Tribal Court Room.

Motion made by Councilor Otto, seconded by Councilor Kiogima, to adjourn.

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

Motion carries.

(Meeting is adjourned at 12:46 p.m.)