

**Budget & Finance Committee  
Regular Meeting  
April 21, 2005 – 9:00 a.m.  
Tribal Office Board Room**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chairperson Ann Marie Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Those present: Stephanie Awonohopay, Kathy Kaquatosh, Dan Maine, Jeremy Weso and Jamie Loudbear-Wayka. Laurie Reiter and Harold Wilkes were absent. Also present for the meeting was Devin Wynos, Annette Warrington and Marlin Waupoose.

**2. Moment of Silence-**A moment of silence was observed.

**3. Review Minutes Dated March 24, 2005-**

**Motion made by Stephanie Awonohopay to approve the minutes dated March 24, 2005. Motion was seconded by Dan Maine. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-abstentions (Kathy Kaquatosh and Jamie Loudbear Wayka), 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**4. Election of Officers-**

Chairperson Johnson opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

**Motion made by Jeremy Weso to nominate Kathy Kaquatosh for Vice-Chairman. Motion was seconded by Dan Maine. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to nominate Stephanie Awonohopay for Vice-Chairman. Motion was seconded by Jamie Loudbear-Wayka. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Stephanie Awonohopay to close nominations. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**All those in favor of Kathy Kaquatosh for Vice-Chairman signify by raising your hand, 1-vote for Kathy. All those in favor of Stephanie Awonohopay for Vice-Chairman signify by raising your hand, 5-votes for Stephanie (including Chairperson Johnson).**

**Stephanie Awonohopay is the Budget & Finance Committee Vice-Chairperson.**

Chairperson Johnson opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

**Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to nominate Jeremy Weso for Secretary. Jeremy Weso declined. No second, motion died.**

**Motion made by Dan Maine to nominate Jamie Loudbear Wayka for Secretary. Motion was seconded by Jeremy Weso. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Stephanie Awonohopay to close nominations. Motion was seconded by Jeremy Weso. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**Jamie Loudbear-Wayka is Budget & Finance Committee Secretary.**

**5. Update on IDC budget-**

Committee briefly discussed the Indirect Cost budget and discussed the new Employee Advocate position and feel it should be supervised by the Insurance Department.

**Motion made by Jeremy Weso to have the Employee Advocate position supervised by the Insurance Department. Motion was seconded by Jamie Loudbear-Wayka. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-abstention (Dan Maine), 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**6. Burial Fund-**

No discussion, no action was taken.

**7. Burial RFP Update-**

Dan Maine informed the committee that the proposals are due May 16, 2005 and maybe the committee should have a special meeting to go over them.

Chairperson Johnson asked Dan if any were turned in yet and Dan stated that nobody turned in any proposals yet but some companies have shown an interest.

**8. Budget Process Policy-**

Jeremy developed the policy and will email a copy of it to all the committee members and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

**9. FY 06 Revenue Projection/Budget Process Update-**

Committee briefly discussed the revenue and would like all the programs with restricted revenue to have a plan of how that money is going to be spent.

**10. Tribal Courts Maintenance Budget-**

Marlin Waupoose was present and explained to the committee that there is no money left in the budget to cover maintenance expenses for the new courts building.

Jeremy informed the committee that currently there is \$116,300 left in the courthouse settlement funds. Out of that money \$15,000 goes for repairs, \$62,000 for a sprinkler system and \$5,000 for miscellaneous which leaves a balance of \$34,300.00

**Motion made by Jeremy Weso to recommend that the Menominee Tribal Legislature obligate \$34,000 out of the Courthouse Settlement funds for facility management. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**11. Tribal Daycare Budget Shortfall-**

**Jamie Loudbear-Wayka was excused at 10:00 a.m.**

Penny Escalante was present and informed the committee that with the \$5 increase that the Menominee Tribal Legislature approved and with all the layoffs and one resignation she should have a shortfall of \$53,040 which will be covered by her 626 budget and by the end of the fiscal year she shouldn't be showing a shortfall.

Chairperson Johnson stated that the committee will keep monitoring her budget and if she sees any problems she should come back to the committee.

**12. Other Business-**

At the next meeting committee would like to discuss accounts receivable, endowment/contingency and re-organizing the Loan Fund department.

Committee discussed how all the fines and fees have not kept up with inflation and that there could possibly be a special joint meeting between Budget & Finance and Enforcement & Resource Protection committees. Jeremy will bring information to the next meeting on fines and fees.

**13. Adjournment-**

**Motion made by Jeremy Weso to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services