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APPROVED
4-8-00

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, March 27, 2000

I. PRAYER

Carol Bennett offered the Prayer

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:08 P.M. – Joan Spalding, Speaker

B. ROLL CALL: Carol Bennett, Kathy Berentsen, Charles Fisher, Lisa McCatty, Elaine Porter, Joan Spalding, Janine Szpliet, Connie Waitner. (Don Koon absent)

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

* Charles Fisher stated that he had four contract issues that he was proposing to add to the agenda under New Business: Dr. Schmoke, Dr. Kittle, Raymond Robson and Julie Carr.

* Joan Spalding proposed that the Tribal Council vote on each separate proposed agenda item (additional items).

* **Motion: Kathy Berentsen – “That we table the agenda until Wednesday, reason being is I didn’t receive my packet until 4:30 – 4:45, call an Emergency Meeting for 6:00 p.m.”**

* **Support: Carol Bennett – “Because I didn’t receive my packet either until 4:35 today, so I haven’t been able to read anything.”**

* Janine Szpliet asked whether there was a time proposed for Wednesday.

* Kathy Berentsen responded by saying “6:00 p.m.”

* Janine Szpliet asked whether the Tribal Council could meet earlier on Wednesday, proposed 2:00 p.m.

*** Motion: Janine Szpliet – “To amend the motion, that the Council Meeting be postponed until Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.”**

*** Support: Lisa McCatty**

Roll Call:	C. Fisher – Yes	L. McCatty – Yes
	E. Porter – Yes	J. Spalding – Yes
	J. Szpliet – Yes	C. Waitner – Yes
	C. Bennett – Yes	K. Berentsen – Yes
	D. Koon – Absent	

Motion passes: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.

*** Vote on Motion as amended: Rescheduling the meeting to Wednesday, March 29 at 2:00 p.m.**

Roll Call:	L. McCatty – Yes	E. Porter – Yes
	J. Spalding – Yes	J. Szpliet – Yes
	C. Waitner – Yes	C. Bennett – Yes
	K. Berentsen – Yes	C. Fisher – Yes
	D. Koon – Absent	

Motion passes: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.

* Kathy Berentsen gave a personal apology to those in attendance, stating that she didn't feel it appropriate to act on something that she has not had ample opportunity to read.

* Joan Spalding mentioned that she thought the Council could still go forward and have Public Comment.

Public Comment:

➤ Question: When is the Newsletter going out ?

* Joan Spalding responded by saying that she understood the deadline to be the first Friday of the Month. Joan mentioned that she did not know what the status specifically was and that there was no one present to answer the question.

➤ Question: Do we get a grant to pay for the Newsletter ?

* Joan Spalding stated that it was funded with BIA dollars.

* Dan Broton said that the BIA grant allows the Tribe to spend the money in many ways, it can be supplemented with Tribal dollars and allocated however the Tribe chooses. If the Tribe spends \$100,000 on the newsletter or whatever, we can have all of that come from BIA money or none of it.

➤ Comment: Because the Newsletter is for tribal people, it was felt that there should be more in the paper than job postings, would like to see recipes, etc.

- Question: How much money was spent on renovations and leases on the Sears building and when is the Tribe going to consider building their own buildings ?
- * Joan Spalding responded by saying that dollars spent to remodel the Career Center was figured into the lease and the Tribe got a much lower rate to lease the building than what it would have been without remodeling.
- Question: Is the Tribe going to expand the Casino or build the new one ?
- * Joan Spalding responded by saying that the Tribe is not adding on to the temporary.
- Question: How much is the price of the Vet Property ?
- * Bill Brooks mentioned that the purchase price is \$160,000.
- Question: What is the agenda item regarding final work for Casino addition ?
- * Joan Spalding mentioned that was the last bill associated with the addition on the temporary Casino.
- Question: Who ultimately has the say on what goes in the Newsletter ?
- * Joan Spalding responded by saying that at this time, Candace Chapman is responsible for that, there is suppose to be a policy developed for the Council to look at.
- Question: What is the total price for the addition on the Casino ?
- * Joan Spalding stated that she thought it was \$5.2 Million for the addition, which included the additional machines.
- Comment: The Tribe should train a tribal member to take care of the orchard property the Tribe owns.
- * John Koon asked if it would be possible to get a contract with someone to do the up-keep on the orchard properties, as well as marketing of the product.
- * Joan Spalding asked John Koon if he would be willing to have some preliminary discussions with Dontz and bring the information back to the Tribal Council at the next meeting (April 8).
- Pam Medahko gave presentation on the development of a comprehensive orientation process/program, which includes incorporating different cultural aspects and components into the process. She is working on this program for tribal member employees at the Casino.

- Question: Who maintains the houses that the Tribe owns, because the one in Cadillac needs to be cleaned up.
- * Joan Spalding responded by saying the Housing Department.
- Question: Do people who stay there pay rent and where does the money go ?
- * Joan Spalding mentioned that they do pay rent and the money goes in the Housing Department budget.
- Question: Is there any way a member can be disenrolled ?
- * Janine Szpliet responded by saying that if a member was to join another Tribe, dual enrollment they could be disenrolled.
- Question: Where can a person get a list of the enrolled people ?
- * Joan Spalding responded by saying that the only list for publication that is available is the Tribal Directory, other than the members names, it is confidential.
- Comment: Sacred Fires should be kept for all Tribal Members ?
- * Joan Spalding mentioned that she made a note to talk to the Cultural Preservation Committee about the matter.

III. ADJOURNMENT.

* ***Motion: Janine Szpliet – “To adjourn”***

* ***Support: Connie Waitner***

<i>Roll Call:</i>	<i>L. McCatty – Yes</i>	<i>E. Porter – Yes</i>
	<i>J. Spalding – Yes</i>	<i>J. Szpliet – Yes</i>
	<i>C. Waitner – Yes</i>	<i>C. Bennett – Yes</i>
	<i>K. Berentsen – Yes</i>	<i>C. Fisher – Yes</i>
	<i>D. Koon – Absent</i>	

Motion passes: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.

* ***Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.***