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TRIBAL COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1998

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I. PRAYER.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Guenthardt at approximately 1:00 p.m. at the ninth street office.
- B. ROLL CALL. The roll was taken by Chuck Fisher. Present. Bob Guenthardt, Kathy Berentsen, Kim Kequom, Don Koon, and Bill Memberto. Absent. Steve Parsons.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. APPOINTMENT OF THREE TRIBAL MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR LITTLE RIVER BAND MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. Jim Wabindato said that he would like to have this tabled at this time. The reason for this is because it would be premature to just appoint people without giving it the due diligence it needs. Moved by Bill M., to table this at this time seconded by Kim, all in favor, (6), (0) opposed, (1) absent. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM THE TRIBAL COUNCIL REGARDING A GRANT SUBMISSION FROM THE CENTER OF AMERICAN INDIAN & MINORITY HEALTH FOR THE INMED PROGRAM (Indians into Medicine). Chuck said that this is just a request for our support for the Inmed Program. The organization that is submitting the proposal is contacting a number of Tribes and a number of Tribes are in support of this and all it calls for is a resolution of support. Moved by Bill M., to support Resolution # 98-0515-01 (Supporting Submission for Grant Application from the Center of American Indian & Minority Health for the Inmed Program), seconded by Kim, all in favor, (6), (0) opposed, (1) absent. Motion carried.
- B. DISCUSSION OF BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH GAMING DEVELOPMENT. Bill B. said that he wanted to make sure there was Council discussion about where we are at in terms of the budgets on the gaming development. Under the construction development agreement with North American, what had been contemplated is that as the project proceeds and we get a handle on what the different costs are going to be for that project. There are going to be budgets proposed to the Tribal Council and these have to be approved by the Council. When we negotiated the Development and Management Agreement, we were operating under the assumption that the minimum project costs would be around twelve million dollars and the maximum costs would be thirty five million dollars. The different categories of costs that we are going to be looking at are the cost of acquiring the land, the expenses that were incurred under the pre-development loan agreement,

which are kind of pre-construction costs and then there are the construction costs which include the architectural design, some of the engineering work, the cost of furnishing these buildings and there are also other development costs that are going to be budgeted. These include; advertising, getting employees on staff and trained, and having money in the bank because we have to have a certain amount in the bank when we open the doors. These are the kinds of budgets that we are working with. Bill said that we have already gone through the pre-development budget, most of which was approved awhile ago, which is the \$500,000 loan. We are going to work on getting an up to date account of where we are on that loan and how much money is left to be spent, and then council will be asked to make some decisions in terms of what we spend the rest of that money on. One of the things Bill will be spending time on is working with the Gaming Commission to put together a budget that will help them get up and running, so they have the ability to do all the licensing work and they can contract with any necessary people to do a review of accounting procedures and that sort of thing. It looks like we will have some money under that budget to do that. On the Land Acquisition, there was a loan agreement for up to \$550,000 that was approved. We have spent about \$530,000 of that and we do have some expenses that are still going to come in for the completion of the environmental stuff to get the environmental sign off's from the NIGC and we also have some legal fees that were incurred with the law firm in Traverse City that drafted a lot of the documents for the property that linked back to Manistee Orchards. He has asked them to submit a final bill. Those expenses will bring the total amount under that budget up to about \$538,000. In terms of the other expenses, the Construction Management team has recommended not proceeding with the Worthgroup architects and to work with the Cunningham /Limp group. What they are proposing to do is actually design and build both the projects. They are looking at a construction cost of about Twenty Five Million Dollars. Chris explained much of this. Discussion followed. Bill said that they are going to be doing the revisions to the Management Agreement sometime in the next week and it may be on the Tribal Council agenda for approval and we will want to schedule a work session to go over where we are at with the revisions to the agreement.

V. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

A. ADJOURNMENT.

- B. CLOSED SESSION. Moved by Bill M., to move into closed session, seconded by Kathy, all in favor, (6), (0) opposed, and (1) absent. Motion carried

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