

9/30/10 Spokane Tribal Business Council Update

6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Spokane TANF Site

AGENDA

- 1) Meeting Purpose
- 2) Action Items from prior meeting
- 3) Finances (Budgets 2010-2011)
- 4) New informational items (TBC)
- 5) Open Questions
- 6) Action item review (for next meeting)
- 7) Adjournment

Spokane Tribal Business Council Members in attendance;

Wellpinit August Meeting:

TBC: Vice Chairman Michael Spencer, Secretary Elect Rudy Peone, Councilmember
Rodney Abrahamson

27 total individuals in attendance

Spokane September Meeting:

TBC: Vice Chairman Michael Spencer, Secretary Elect Rudy Peone

28 total individuals in attendance

- Rudy Peone-Discussed & explained the purpose of these monthly meetings: To update the membership on a regular basis on TBC issues, this is NOT to replace the General Council Meetings

Opening Prayer-Michael Spencer

- Administrators – Executive Director Bob Brisbois & Chief Financial Officer Carol Evans
- Two Separate issues:
 - 1) Furloughs (FY 2010)
 - 2) Current TBC took furloughs (FY 2010)
 - 3) TBC following 4 x 10 (FY 2011), need constitutional clarification of TBC Hours

Action Items from prior meeting:

- 1) Grand Coulee Settlement-hard copy of the language of the settlement proposal handed out to everyone in attendance
 - a) Explanation of the process that the Bill still has to go through and why George Nethercutt was hired by the Spokane Tribe. The savings to the tribe in doing so.
 - b) Rudy Peone answered questions, it doesn't matter where a Spokane Tribal Member resides (on or off Spokane Reservation) all STOI membership will receive any distributed funds equally. Settlement bills in both the House and Senate mandate what percentages of the monies can be used for specific programs, restricted allocations.
 - c) Michael Spencer explained about the fact that this Bill is a moral obligation and Is not a legal obligation due to BIA not filing for the Spokane Tribe for damages due to the Grand Coulee Dam.
- 2) Administration Update
 - A) Executive Director Bob Brisbois detailed the major changes that had to occur in order for the Spokane Tribe to balance the General Fund (GF) Budget.
 - 1) General Fund Employees cut 40% of earned income
 - 2) Services were cut
 - 3) 32 hour work week or 22 day furlough to GF Employees

- 4) GF not privy to grants and indirect cost
- 5) Push more business application with managers (do more with less)
- 6) 21% reduction in paper use
- 7) All TANF dollars have been spent-work now the monies that are coming in
- 8) Change to a 4 day 10 hour work week, savings in shutting the Administration Building down on Fridays (utilities). Some departments are exempt from the 4/10
- 9) Complete inventory on all vehicles done by the 14th
- 10) Looking for new medical brokers
- 11) Recommendation – reduce cost to tribe on new 401K
- 12) Planning Department-Grant writing-Economic Development
- 13) 20 year Fiscal Management Plan with Carol Evans
- B) Chief Financial Officer Carol Evans
 - 1) GF budget review
 - 2) Elimination of programs
 - 3) No additional funding for Education
 - 4) No Per-Capitas for August
 - 5) The Spokane Tribe not spending more than it is bringing in
 - 6) FY 11-Made more cuts, need to build a cash reserve
 - 7) Council approved GF, Enterprise, and EBod
 - 8) 13.8 estimated revenue for FY 11, General fund only
 - a) Casino
 - b) Avista
 - c) Columbia River revenue
 - d) Fuel Tax
 - e) Cigarette Tax
 - f) Sales/program revenue
 - g) Timber
- 3) Rudy Peone
 - A) Monthly budget reports
 - 1) 1st meeting @ Wellpinit attendees reviewed pre-approved budgets
 - 2) 2nd meeting @ Spokane attendees reviewed approved budgets
 - 3) Next meeting will address current budget spending status
 - B) New information from TBC
 - 1) Airway Heights
 - a) Annexation complete
 - b) NIGC approved Warner Gaming Contract
 - c) Parking lot improvement at SPOKO sites and the Airway Heights Casino site
 - 2) Culture Center-Bosh Lot update and explanation
 - 3) Indiana Property discussions
- 4) Michael Spencer
 - A) Planning Department, Construction Projects, Grant Writing
 - B) Creative ways of balancing budget-Projected revenue
 - C) Meetings with Department of Transportation
 - 1) Airway Heights Site
 - a) Modification to the two main entrances to Casino and SPOKO Fuel
 - D) Time frame for construction of Casino
- 5) Open Questions/Discussion from community:
 - a) Granting process-review process on how the tribe is going after grants
 - b) Where the Fuel Tax is appropriated

- c) **MIS/IT program budget**
- d) **Public Relations Program**
- e) **Auto Repair Program**
- f) **ARRA/Parking**
- g) **Education Funding**
- h) **Marketing Analysis**
- i) **Bosh Lot/Culture Center sketch need of Tribal attributes**
- j) **Moyer Gravel Pit; over largest aquifer, approval process and reclamation**

ACTION ITEMS for next meeting:

- 1) **Draft E-Mails for Spokane Tribal Members to contact State Representative for Grand Coulee support**
- 2) **Publish Membership Update Meeting notes on the Rawhide Press Facebook page @ Facebook/The Rawhide Press & in the hard copy of the Rawhide Press**
- 3) **Gaming Issue/Ron Samuels**
- 4) **Money spent on the architecture design/sketch for the Culture Center**
- 5) **Next Meeting Tuesday October 26th 6:00 p.m. @ West End Community Center**