

TO: Bad River Tribal Council
FROM: Sandra Deragon, Tribal Member
DATE: February 3, 2010
RE: Request for March agenda item

I am requesting that the Tribal Attorney be scheduled on the agenda for the March Tribal Council meeting to address the issue of what constitutes confidential information to be withheld from the Membership. It is apparent that some Tribal Council Members are struggling with not only the transparency issue, but also with understanding our CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

For over a decade, the Beloit Casino Project was discussed only in Executive Session. Elected officials refused to answer questions or give Membership any information about the Project. The first informational meeting was finally held last month. At this meeting we were finally allowed to view a spreadsheet of the expenditures. We were told the total amount expended was just under \$2,000,000. Of this amount, \$880,701 was expended under "miscellaneous." There were no explanations given for any of these costs, except that a huge amount was for Council travel & Council stipends. Travel & Council meetings revealed amounts of \$223,035 & \$21,800 respectively, so why were these costs also lumped into "miscellaneous"? Contrary to the notion that we needed Kurt Carlson, (Developer) for his money, included was a cost of \$329,500 as payment to Kurt Carlson. What was this payment for, as we expended \$131,953 for contractual? Can we assume this was not for the payments on the lease to own option on the land Kurt Carlson had with the City of Beloit, as there is already a line item for "Land Option? \$11,915 on Indirect Cost? Total transfers from the casino in the amount of \$1,406,667.34? I am one of the approximately 7,500 Shareholders to this Casino Enterprise. According to the Charter, an annual financial report & audit is to be submitted to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Certainly, I, as a Shareholder should have legal access to this information. We heard at this first & only public meeting that some of the Council Members did not understand the detrimental agreements they made. Some Members accessed information via the internet & attempted to inform the Membership of the dealings. We understood the written word. I know for a fact that certain Council Members were given a simplified interpretation of those agreements. They chose to NOT listen to the people. Instead, our people were further subjected to a hostile government that publicly ridiculed & physically threatened Tribal

Elders. Our constitutional rights were further violated with the “State of Emergency Declaration”, which, according to Susan Aasen, previous Tribal Attorney, was sanctioned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. They took great measures to conceal their actions in the Beloit Casino Project. This is a prime example of why the Tribal Council needs to hear, from a legal standpoint, the issues concerning “Executive Session” material as it relates to our Constitution & Charter.

Respectfully,

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