

# Unit IV 2% funding requests to be reviewed



**DENISE CHASE, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT IV**

Director Morrow and I will be reviewing the fall 2 percent funding requests and applications in the near future and will let you know once the review is completed. Applications needed to be in by Sept. 30. Remember, under the current agreement with the state of Michigan for gaming revenue sharing, 2 percent of the tribe's gaming revenue is set aside and made available to local units of government as determined by the Sault Tribe. There are two distribution cycles,

one in the fall and again in the spring. Unfortunately, there is always more need than 2 percent funding available. The 2 percent projects we review and award are based on a number of factors. Each unit's board representatives review the applications received in their units and decide which projects receive funding.

## **BOARD NEWS**

The board attended an open house for the new Advocacy Resource Center, which provides assistance to victims of crimes, especially children and women in abusive situations.

Last week, the tribal board attended a workshop on leadership roles and responsibilities and Robert's Rules of Order. This was a good training for the new board members and a refresher course for the old board members.

The board amended Chapter 21: Inland Fishing and Hunting Turkey Season Rules. The starting date of the tribe's fall turkey season was moved to Sept. 15 from Oct. 1; the Inland Conservation Committee recommended this change.

## **HEALTH**

On **Oct. 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**, area veterans and their families are invited to a Rural Health town hall meeting at the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Health Clinic, 2864 Ashmun St. Bring your issues and concerns to get addressed. On **Oct. 10, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**, Michigan VA, IHS and tribal joint meeting will be held at Kewadin Casino in the Sault and all veterans are welcome to attend.

Rural Health Director Marlene Glaesman reported the Manistique Tribal Center Health Clinic has an active user population of over 5,717 patients. Hearing First audiologists will soon provide audiology services locally in Manistique at the clinic. Dr. Mel Golden has been providing dental services since Sept. 4, and Dr. Ian Liskiewicz has accepted the full time dentist supervisor position with a November start date.

Unit IV flu shot schedule:

Marquette Salvation Army,  
Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Escanaba Salvation Army, Oct.  
19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Manistique Tribal Center, Oct.  
18, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m.;

Oct. 24, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Oct. 31,  
1-3 p.m.

## **OCTOBER OFFICE HOURS**

Unit IV board reps office hours for this month are scheduled for Oct. 17 at the Manistique Tribal Center, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.; and Oct. 18, 3-5 p.m. at the Willow Creek Building in Escanaba. Our schedules change every week, but we are available any time to meet with you. Just call our contact numbers to make an appointment.

## **PROPOSED NEW AMENDED CONSTITUTION**

At a workshop earlier this month, the board heard a presentation on the new amended constitution. The new board members had not seen the document and four board members asked that the 22-page document be put on the following week's agenda with financial and legal staff available to discuss the document. Four years ago it was estimated implementing the proposed constitution would cost \$4-5 million, maybe more.

At the Sugar Island board meeting, the board motioned to set up an ad hoc implementation committee for the amended con-

stitution. The committee will be formed of the 29 former committee members, board members and community members working within a 90-day time frame. I feel the timeline is too aggressive, especially with the other issues that need to be addressed in the tribe. I voted no against forming the committee at that time for the simple reason that when board members ask for items to be put on a workshop agenda to get updated and they are not given the opportunity of having staff attend and answer their questions, how can they be expected to vote on it? We needed to schedule time for a thorough board discussion on the subject.

Former constitutional committee members spoke up at the workshop and board meeting and stated there are issues with the document as written. There will be community meetings set up to review the documents throughout the tribe's service area. Make sure to attend one in your area to review a copy of the document and give your input.

Thank you. If you need to reach me, call (906) 322-3819 or 341-6783.