

This report is for the benefit of Kickapoo Tribal Members and addresses the current financial status of the Kickapoo Tribe. We have accomplished our goals in keeping our programs functioning to benefit our membership.

We are, by no means, in the clear on losses attributed to mismanagement of tribal funds by the past administrations. The wheels of justice are very slow in getting convictions on these issues. We are still finding where tribal funds were taken from tribal assets and diverted to unbudgeted sources in the tribe.

We are up to date on gaming per capita payments and interest to eligible members. We discovered that the 2012 treaty payment had not been made to minors since the first payment was made. The bank account where the funds were was zeroed out. We were able to find funds to make up-to-date payments.

Last month, the CORE 1st Bank informed us that there was a drawdown of \$200,000 was taken from the ineligible adults and estates account in 2012. We have yet to find out whose accounts were addressed in this action. The fund is presently \$36,000 short of what is necessary to pay eligible members.

The tribe currently owe the Sonosky Law Firm in Washington DC \$75,000 for legal services on Treaty Boundary issues. We owe the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) \$150,000 for water litigation. We owe Brien Law Services \$15,000 for Child Welfare legal services. These bills are over three years old.

The Burial Fund is being covered by the General Fund account. We are unable to access the treaty claims funds for this program. Only interest funds can be used for this service. Last year the BIA investment amounted to \$6500. To date, we have appropriated \$50,000 from the General Fund for this service. We have had 14 funerals this year and have a balance of \$14,000 for the rest of this year.

On the better side, our 2015 audits are completed and we were given a good "No Opinion" determination. All prior questionable findings have been addressed and have not reoccurred.

Our new administration building is completed and is a facility that we can be proud of. The project was built with funds from outside the tribes resource's.

The tribe has signed a cigarette tax compact which will provide the Tribe with \$200,000 a year. This agreement became necessary for the State of Kansas major law suit against major tobacco companies settlement.

Last week, the Kickapoo Tribe signed a water quantification agreement with the State of Kansas which provides for protecting the tribe's water rites. Federal Law, under the Winter's Doctrine, gives the tribe primary ownership of all water on the reservation. We have identified our annual allocation of 4700 acres feet of water. This is 10 times the amount that we need. We can proceed to plan for our own future storage measures for the future.

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