

Tuluksak Activity Report

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General Information:

The Tribal organization still has a part-time Tribal Administrator hired through a contract. An assistant is being trained in-conjunction with the situation. The community has a new interim lagoon in the vicinity of the dump site. The container haul system is operating as planned despite the low number of bins. The community is slated to receive nine more bins to add to the fifteen bins in existence. A new accountant is being trained on the new accounting system that should be transferred late next quarter. The Tribe initiated a container haul system user rate, but the collection rate at 38%, which is not enough to cover the operation and maintenance of the newly installed system. The Administrator is planning to subsidize the sanitation services through gaming operations.

Observations and Recommendations:

Finances — With the new container haul system in place, the residential customers are not paying the required \$30.00 a month fee. The amount of user fees collected are not covering the expenses incurred by the sanitation services. If the services are not subsidized, Johnny does not know how this will continue to operate.

Accounting Systems — Accounting is still contracted out to a private accounting firm outside of the community. Transactions are recorded daily, weekly, and monthly. The organization is training an individual with the private accounting firm. They are planning to take over the accounting functions sometime in May or June 2001.

Tax Problems — They are current with their tax liabilities and still have to negotiate with IRS on the past tax liabilities.

Personnel System — The organization is training an Assistant Tribal Administrator that will take over the duties and responsibilities once the contract for the new Administrator expires. At the same time, they are training an individual with the private accounting firm that is restructuring their accounting system. The Tribe has hired a clerk to handle the miscellaneous office requirements.

Organizational Management — The organization is reorganized with a new Administrator and has added new departments.

Leadership/Governance — The Tribal Council is actively involved in all aspects of the planning process. They have drafted a five year infrastructure plan that would improve all the capital projects in the community. The council met with the Moravian Parsonage to transfer the land to the Tribal community.

Operation of Utility — With the new container haul system in place, the residential customers are not paying the required \$30.00 a month fee. If this is not subsidized, Johnny does not know how it will continue to operate, unless it is subsidized through other revenues.

Ranking

1 = Inadequate

4 = Adequate to meet minimum requirements

7 = Exceeds requirements

Category	1	4	7
Finances		X	
Accounting Systems		X	
Tax Problems			X
Personnel System		X	
Organizational Management			X
Leadership/Governance			X
Operation of Utility	X		

Anticipated Activity:

Once the accounting system is transferred to the community, a new RUBA work plan will be negotiated.