

THE GUN LAKE TRIBE



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Gun Lake Tribe's Third State and Local Revenue Sharing Payments Exceed \$8 Million

Tribal Government Shares Funds under its State Compact

(Bradley, Mich.) – Today, the Gun Lake Tribe announced details of its third revenue sharing payments to the state and local governments. The State of Michigan received \$6,477,398 while the local revenue sharing board received \$1,599,231. The revenue sharing payments are distributed semi-annually under terms of the tribal-state gaming compact. The figures are calculated on electronic gaming revenues reported from October 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012.

“We continue to enjoy strong operating results thanks to the dedication of our team members and the leadership of our management team,” said D.K. Sprague, chairman of the Gun Lake Tribe. “We are thankful for the benefits our gaming enterprise has brought to the Tribe and our neighbors in West Michigan.”

State Rep. Bob Genetski accepted a ceremonial check on behalf of the State of Michigan. The State payments are dependent on the continued preservation of exclusive gaming rights within the Tribe's competitive market area, as defined by the gaming compact, which includes the cities of Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Lansing, as well as the entire counties of Kent, Kalamazoo and Ingham, among others.

“The Tribe has made tremendous contributions to the history and culture of Allegan County,” said Genetski. “It's very rewarding to see it develop economically into one of the region's top job providers. I thank the Tribe for delivering on the promises it made to our community.”

The Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Wayland Township Area Local Revenue Sharing Board was formed to receive and administer local revenue sharing payments. Pursuant to the gaming compact the board

is comprised of three representatives of the Tribe and three representatives of local governments/communities. The Board consists of the following individuals:

- Lorraine “Punkin” Shananaquet (Gun Lake Tribe, Tribal Council)
- Phyllis Davis (Gun Lake Tribe, Tribal Council)
- Rebecca Baker (Gun Lake Tribe, Tribal Council)
- Roger VanVolkinburg (Wayland Township, supervisor and LRSB chairman)
- Mark DeYoung (Allegan County Board of Commissioners, chairman)
- Linden Anderson (former mayor, City of Wayland)

The compact prescribes mandatory funding to local municipalities for: costs incurred due to the operation of the casino; public safety services; and replacement of tax revenue. The Board has established bylaws that govern the local distribution process. Other possible uses for local revenue sharing money include funding for schools and civic organizations.

Under the gaming compact the Tribe agreed to share a percentage of electronic gaming revenues with the state and local governments. The local revenue share equals 2 percent of net win from electronic gaming devices, while the state payment is calculated on a sliding scale between 8 and 12 percent, depending on revenue. A portion of this state distribution was based on 10 percent of net win from electronic gaming revenue.

Gun Lake Casino opened in February 2011 and now employs more than 800 team members. The Gun Lake Tribe has now shared a total of \$18,454,190 with state and local governments.

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About Gun Lake Tribe

The Gun Lake Tribe has a rich history in West Michigan and close connection to the lands near Gun Lake Casino. The Bradley Indian Mission, located less than 3 miles from the Casino site, is the historic residential and cultural center point of the tribal community. The Tribe’s ancestors, and political predecessors, signed treaties with the United States government dating back to 1795. The Tribe was re-affirmed to federal recognition in 1999. Gun Lake Casino provided badly needed jobs and economic development to the tribal community and people of West Michigan. For more information about the Tribe visit www.mbp.org.

About Gun Lake Casino

Gun Lake Casino is located off Exit 61 on U.S. 131, halfway between Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. The Casino features 1,505 slot machines, 28 table games, and a food court that includes: Tim Hortons; Johnny Rockets; Cold Stone Creamery; and Villa Pizza. Sandhill Café is a 225-seat restaurant signature restaurant. The Casino has bars, lounges, and live entertainment at Stage 131.

Gun Lake Casino is owned by the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians and is operated by the Tribe’s management partner, MPM Enterprises, LLC, owned by an affiliate of Station Casinos, Inc. and private investors from Michigan. For more information about the Casino visit www.gunlakecasino.com.