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WAYLAND TOWNSHIP — The elephant in the casino Wednesday is something that employees are saying off the record that they know more about from the media than from their bosses.

Will the Gun Lake Casino be forced to shut down sometime in the near future if a former Wayland Township

trustee is successful in his lawsuit against the tribe?

On Jan. 21, the day the tribe announced their grand opening day, <u>a federal appellate court</u> reinstated a 2008 lawsuit

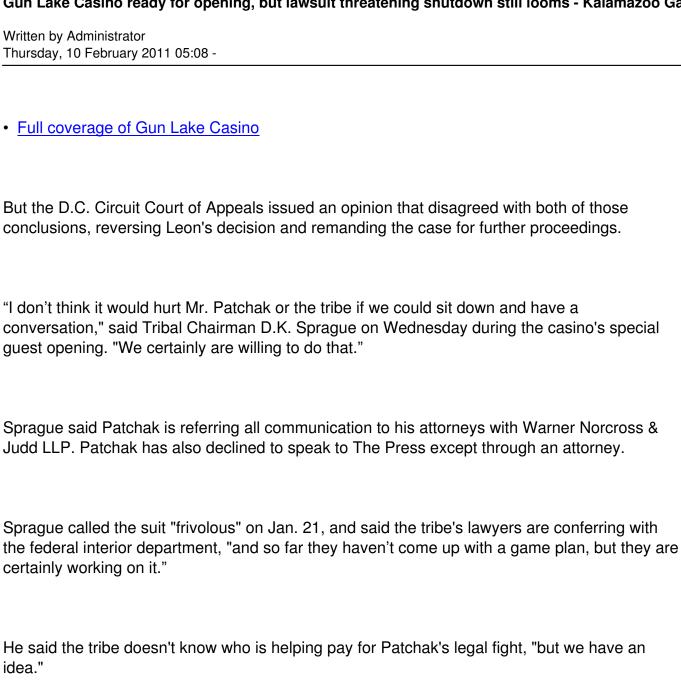
being brought against the Gun Lake Tribe by David Patchak.

Patchak alleges the government's decision to take the land near U.S. 131 where the casino is being built into trust was illegal under the federal statute governing land-in-trust decisions.

Federal District Judge Richard Leon in Washington, D.C., dismissed the lawsuit in 2009 on the grounds Patchak did not have legal standing to bring the case and was barred by the Quiet Title Act.

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