

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
June 24, 2007
Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle

Closed session: yes

Call to order: meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Opening ceremony: Dexter McNamara

Council present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Mary Roberts, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley
Absent: Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Rita Shananaquet

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Executive Assistant Rebecca Fisher

Guests: Denise Petoskey, Eleanor Barber, Carol Quinones, Richard Wemigwase, Patrick Wemigwase, Winnay Wemigwase, Sarah VanDeCar, Annette VanDeCar

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Oldman to adopt the agenda, as amended, for June 24, 2007.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Harrington)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to approve the minutes of June 10, 2007, as corrected.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Shananaquet, Councilor Harrington)

Motion carried.

Tribal Elder Comment: Eleanor Barber expressed concern about the lack of Tribal Members being hired at the Odawa Casino Resort, especially in management positions. She also expressed concerns about the high salaries of administrative personnel; she felt more of that money ought to be used to provide services to our people. Councilor Roberts led discussion on advancement opportunities available at the Odawa Casino Resort.

9:52 a.m. Councilor Shananaquet arrived.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Roberts to accept the Elders comments as presented by Eleanor Barber.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington)

Motion carried.

10:19 a.m. Recess called.

10:31 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

The Commission, Boards, and Committees and subsequent statutes were tabled until the end of the meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorization for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Election Board to Negotiate a Contract and Approval to Employ Legal Counsel and not to Exceed Eight-Thousand Dollars.

Roll call vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley=yes, Councilor Harrington-absent, Councilor McNamara=yes, Councilor Roberts=yes, Councilor Shananaquet=yes, Councilor Yellowbank=yes, Treasurer Oldman=yes, Secretary Kiogima=no, Legislative Leader Law=yes

Motion carried.

The Odawa Labor Management Relations Act was not presented at this meeting and will be brought back on the next Tribal Council regular meeting agenda.

Brief discussion held on the proposed changes to the Citizenship Statute Regulations.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Harvey Gibson expressed concern that land purchases were held in a Closed Session. Brief discussion held. Harvey Gibson also advised Tribal Council/Executive that he had not yet received reimbursement from the State of Michigan pursuant to the 'tax agreement'. It was recommended that he contact LTBB's Dept. of Commerce. Patrick Wemigwase inquired about 'space costs'. Explanation given by Legislative Leader Law and Chairman Ettawageshik. Richard Wemigwase inquired about the hiring of Tribal Members during the construction of the Community Center at Wah-Wahs-Noo-Da-Ke. Discussion held; contract not yet signed.

12:08 p.m. Public Comment closed.

12:08 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:49 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorization for Execution of Amendments to Tax Agreement.

Roll call vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley=yes, Councilor Harrington-absent, Councilor McNamara=yes, Councilor Roberts=yes, Councilor Shananaquet=no,

Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes,
Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Proposed attorney contract for Enjinaaknegeng was discussed. It was decided to return it to the Executive for the position to be posted.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Oldman to accept the Legislative Leader's written and verbal report for June 24, 2007.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)
Motion carried.

2:53 p.m. Recess called.

3:03 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

3:09 p.m. Public Comment opened: Sarah VanDeCar spoke in favor of the Powwow Committee's request for additional funding for the 2007 Odawa Homecoming Jiingtaamok.

3:11 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorizing an Additional Appropriation of \$15,000 to the 2007 Odawa Homecoming Jiingtaamok Pow-Wow Committee to come from prior period funds.

Roll call vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-absent, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Tribal Treasurer's verbal and written report for June 24, 2007.
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington)
Motion carried.

3:43 p.m. Recess called.

3:49 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Councilor Gasco Bentley led discussion on the Tribal Preference Statute. A Tribal Resolution will be drawn up for consideration at the next Tribal Council Regular Meeting. A revision of the statute may be brought forth for placement on the Legislative Calendar.

Councilor Shananaquet led discussion concerning additional Tribal Citizen distribution. A financial impact statement has been requested of LTBB CFO Val Tweedie.

Councilor McNamara led discussion about Housing and Short Term Rental Assistance for Tribal Citizens wishing to return to the area for jobs.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Roberts to accept the verbal and written reports from Councilor Gasco Bentley, Councilor McNamara, and Councilor Shananaquet.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington)

Motion carried.

4:49 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor McNamara to go into closed session for 'land' purposes.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent (Councilor Harrington)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor McNamara to go out of closed session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Yellowbank for Tribal Council attendance at the August 10, 2007, Legislative Office open house.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank for Tribal Council attendance at the Grand Traverse Band Tribute to Veterans on July 15, 2007.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 2 – No (Councilor Shananaquet, Legislative Leader Law) 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington)

5:00 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adjourn.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington)

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved:

Melvin L. Kiogima, Tribal Council Secretary

Date