

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Regular Meeting
Tribal Court Room
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, Michigan
July 22, 2007

Closed session: yes

Call to order: meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

Opening ceremony: Beatrice A. Law

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

Absent: none

Legislative Office staff present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Administrative Assistant Michael Smith

Executive Branch officials and staff present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Executive Assistant Rebecca Atkins

Guests: John Liebgott, Gerald Chingwa, Meredith Henry

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and seconded by Councilor Shananaquet to adopt the agenda, as amended, for July 22, 2007.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and seconded by Treasurer Oldman to approve the minutes of July 8, 2007, as presented.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Tribal Elder Comments: none

Carry-over Agenda items: tabled and moved to last item on today's agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and seconded by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt "Tribal Policy for Citizens Requesting Tribal Council, Commissions, Boards, and Committees Recorded Minutes of Meetings".

Vote: 7 - Yes, 2 - No (Secretary Kiogima, Councilor Harrington), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Legislative Leader Law led discussion on the draft Tribal Council Meeting Policy.

10:38 a.m. Recess called.

10:48 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Councilor Harrington introduced the draft "Odawa Labor Management Relations Act".

(Break for Public Comment)

11:45 a.m. Public Comment: Meredith Henry expressed appreciation for the posting of the minutes of the Tribal Council meetings. Henry also commented on the proposed revision of the Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act and expressed some concerns. Henry's concerns were addressed by Legislative Leader Law and Chairman Ettawageshik.

11:52 a.m. Public Comment closed.

(Discussion continued on the draft "Odawa Labor Management Relations Act".)

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and seconded by Councilor Roberts to place the "Odawa Labor Management Relations Act" on the legislative calendar.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and seconded by Councilor Roberts to place the "Waganakising Odawak Tribal Notary Public Statute" on the legislative calendar.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

12:03 p.m. Lunch recess.

1:32 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and seconded by Councilor Roberts to adopt Tribal Resolution "Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. Application for Funding U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Community Services Community Services Block Grant Emergency Assistance Program".

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-absent, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and seconded by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution "Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. application for funding U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Community Services Low Income Energy Assistance Program".

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes,

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

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and seconded by Councilor Roberts to adopt Tribal Resolution "Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2007 Tribal Transit Planning Project".

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, 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 Gasco Bentley and seconded by Councilor Yellowbanks to adopt Tribal Resolution "Funding from the United States Department of Agricultural (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)".

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, 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 seconded by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution "Funding Renewal from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians 2008 Annual Funding Agreement".

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-no, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Legislative Leader Law led discussion on a proposed amendment to the Enjinaaknegeng (Legal Department) Statute. Law will have placed on the Legislative Calendar in August.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and seconded by Councilor Roberts to accept the Legislative Leader's verbal and written report for July 22, 2007.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

No Secretary's report.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and seconded by Councilor Roberts to accept the Treasurer Oldman's verbal and written report for July 22, 2007.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

Tribal Council Member report: Councilor Harrington notified the Council of the limited print maps for sale as a fundraiser by the Odawa Institute.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and seconded by Councilor Shananaquet to accept Councilor Harrington's verbal report.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

Tribal Chairman Ettawageshik led discussion on several topics: 1) LTBB to host a visit by U.S. Attorney General Gonzales on August 14, 2007; 2) Odawa Casino Resort grand opening event; 3) updated Tribal Council on the US v. MI Inland Rights case; 4) the status of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver; 5) Actress Kateri Walker's request to address the Tribal Council and to recommend they pass a resolution to request a stay of the demolition of the Holy Childhood school in Harbor Springs for one year; 6) and, Councilor Harrington's offer to settle his outstanding court cases versus Tribal Council.
(Break for Public Comment)

3:00 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.
3:01 p.m. Public Comment closed.

(Discussion led by Chairman Ettawageshik continued.)
7) Wycamp Lake property and LTBB's notice of interest to concerned parties.

3:11 p.m. Recess called.
3:19 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and seconded by Councilor Yellowbank to accept the Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report for July 22, 2007.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and seconded by Councilor Shananaquet to go into Closed Session for personnel and legal matters.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and seconded by Treasurer Oldman to return to Open Session.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and seconded by Councilor Gasco Bentley to approve Tribal Council attendance for two days at the Grand Opening of Pokagon Band's Four Winds Casino Resort in August 2007.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

4:25 p.m. Treasurer Oldman departs from meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet to pass the revised Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act. Motion was withdrawn due to lack of support.

4:29 p.m. Councilor Shananaquet departs from meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and seconded by Councilor McNamara to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved:

Melvin L. Kiogima, Tribal Council Secretary

Date