

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
September 9, 2007
Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle

Closed Session: no

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:36 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Councilor Yellowbank

Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Gerald V. Chingwa, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Shirley Oldman.

Absent: Councilor Marvin Mulholland, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima.

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 Atkinson, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Child Welfare Commission Chairperson Deborah DeLeon, Child Welfare Commissioner Rochelle Ettawageshik, Child Welfare Commissioner Bill Denemy Jr.

Guests: Harvey Gibson, Roger Emery.

9:47 a.m. Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima arrives.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to adopt the agenda for September 9, 2007 in honor of Arlene Naganashe who introduced Family Olympics to our Tribe that encourages fun, family fitness and healthy activities in a family setting.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve the minutes of August 19, 2007 as corrected.

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

Motion carried.

Discussion regarding, Child Welfare Commission duties and authority.

10:12 a.m. Recess called.

10:24 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Discussion continued with Child Welfare Commission.

11:22 a.m. Recess called.
11:28 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Discussion continued regarding Child Welfare Commission.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Harvey Gibson asked Councilor McNamara about the adoption of the agenda. Mr. Gibson also talked of Tribal Member's complaints that come to Tribal Council regarding mistreatment of the Tribal Member's own employment issues; Deborah DeLeon supported Rochelle Ettawageshik for re-appointment to the Child Welfare Commission.

11:53 a.m. Public Comment closed.

12:03 p.m. Lunch recess called.
1:36 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

No Elder's comments.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution Honoring Mary Kline Eldest Employee as Grand Marshall for the 2007 Sovereignty Day Celebration.

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

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Honoring Ray Kiogima as Grand Marshall for Sovereignty Day 2007.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-absent, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Odawa Enterprise Management and Department of Commerce Authorization.

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

2:43 p.m. Recess called.
2:49 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorization to Sign United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty.

Motion on hold in consideration of Public Comment.

3:03 p.m. Public Comment Opened: Roger Emery talked of the Election Board not having a link on the Tribal website.

3:07 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Discussion continues regarding previous motion.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-absent, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Harrington to adopt Tribal Resolution The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Acknowledges Nungo-Kwe's (Dorothy Sagataw's) Life-Long Commitment to the Odawa Culture, Use of Anishinaabemowin, and Personal Contributions to the Men and Women of the Armed Forces and bestows upon her our Greatest Accolades and Gratitude for Her Unselfish Actions and Example She Sets for All to Follow.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-absent, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept Enrollment List A - Eligible for Citizenship dated August 21, 2007 for a total of 14.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept Enrollment List B – Declination (Ineligible) dated August 21, 2007 for a total of 2.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Harrington), 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Oldman to postpone the nominations for Commission, Boards and Committees.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Kiogima, Councilor McNamara), 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Restating the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Opposition to the Kennecott Eagle Project for a Proposed Mine on the Yellow Dog Plains in Marquette County on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Ceded Territory.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept Legislative Leader Law's report with confidential items contained therein.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept the Tribal Secretary's verbal report.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept the Tribal Treasurer's verbal and written report.

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

Motion carried.

Councilor Shirley Oldman presented the Waganakising Odawak video.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept the Tribal Council member's reports (Councilor McNamara, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Oldman).

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

Motion carried.

5:37 p.m. Councilor Shirley Oldman departs.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor McNamara to allow Tribal Council travel to (1). October 5, 2007 Tribal Council Special Work Session regarding Economic Development & Enterprise Management Statute in the Tribal Court room. (2). Native American Finance and Economic Development Conference-in Nevada. (3). SMART/Adam Walsh Conference in Harbor Springs, Michigan and (4). 7th Annual Native American Finance Conference in Connecticut. All travel is in October 2007.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland, Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

5:55 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor McNamara to adjourn.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland, Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary

Date