

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
Tribal Court Room
7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740
September 21, 2008

Closed Session: none

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:33 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A. Law

Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Gerald Chingwa, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Marvin Mulholland,
Absent: Councilor Shirley Oldman

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

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik

Guests: Fred Kiogima, Andrew Stich, Gordon Shomin

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to adopt the agenda for September 21, 2008 with additions in honor of the anniversary of our 14th Sovereignty Day celebration regarding the Tribes reaffirmation.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Mulholland to approve the minutes of September 7, 2008 with corrections.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 – No (Councilor Kiogima), 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Oldman)

Motion carried.

No Elder Comments at this time.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to support Legislative Leader Law's verbal report.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept Treasurer Chingwa's verbal report for September 21, 2008.

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

Motion carried.

10:29 a.m. recess called.

10:39 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Mulholland to hold the James McClurken e-mail letter dated September 3, 2008 sent to James Bransky-General Counsel in confidence until further notice.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Appropriations and Finance Committee Chairperson Chingwa's verbal report.

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

Motion carried.

11:46 a.m. Public Comment opened: Gerald Chingwa spoke regarding a letter he was given by an Elder to be passed on to a Tribal Citizen Marine so the letter was given to Fred Kiogima who was present at the meeting.

11:48 a.m. Public comment closed.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr., to accept the Land and Reservation Committee Chairperson Kiogima's verbal report.

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

Motion carried.

11:57 a.m. Lunch recess called.

1:30 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept Tribal Council Member reports for Councilor Kiogima and Treasurer Chingwa for September 21, 2008.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept the Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick's verbal and written report for September 21, 2008.

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

Motion carried.

Elder's Comments: Gordon Shomin talked about his father.

3:01 p.m. Public Comment opened: Andrew Stich asked what places on land owned by the Tribe is feasible for Tribal housing.

3:09 p.m. Public Comment closed.

3:09 p.m. Recess called.

3:21 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Mulholland and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Fair Employment.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Mulholland to approve Michigan Indian Elders Association appointments, Alice Liebgott and Sarah VandeCar are appointed as delegates, and Virginia Lewis as an alternate delegate.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr. to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected.

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary

Date