

LTBB Election Board Nonimination Application Form - SECTION 3
CANDIDATE STATEMENT (Limit to 1 page)
(This Section of Form Will Be Published on LTBB Website)



I am proud to be Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa (LTBB) and have always been proud of our community and its achievements. The LTBB has been instrumental in leadership within MI, the Great Lakes Region and on the national level from before contact through Treaty negotiations, the Northern Michigan Ottawa Association, reaffirmation of LTBB, numerous negotiated Memorandum of Understanding/Agreements, and Federal Court Ordered Decrees. Our community is comprised of many talented individuals. We have much to offer and much to fight for in such endeavors. I have been a part of working through intense and challenging federal and state negotiations in addition to having built relationships in Washington DC. I will get LTBB re-engaged at these levels and will work cooperatively with our allies, to fight for our interests and to protect our rights in accordance with the ambassadorial duties of the Tribal Chairperson.

My administration will seek to work towards the common good. Emphasizing conversations around that which unites us as opposed to that which divides us. There are many that would like to see us fail. We don't need to help them in that regard. My administration will seek to hear and listen to the needs of Tribal Citizens and then engage and work with Tribal Council on addressing those issues of importance to our tribal community in accordance with Tribal Council's constitutional duties.

We will seek to promote advances in diversifying Tribal revenue sources, recognizing that there are other opportunities beyond gaming and cannabis. We will continue to demand that the Federal Government fulfill its Treaty obligations via proper funding and I will put in work needed on Capitol Hill. The instability of the federal government and uncertainty of federal funding highlights the importance of strengthening LTBB revenue sources. There are opportunities. Let's draw upon the strength of our successful Tribal business leaders. Let's be bold.

We will seek to increase our inter-tribal relationships with other Tribes. There are common interests and relations amongst LTBB and other similar Tribal communities. I will reach out to other Odawa/Ottawa Tribes within the United States and Canada regarding the development of an Odawa Alliance. Within the Odawa Alliance we can work cooperatively together and support each other in similar areas of interest including economic development, treaty rights, language, elders and youth.

My love and appreciation for our community combined with my 24 years of tribal government experience will allow me to entertain tough conversations and make the right decisions.

**LTBB Election Board Nomination Application Form - SECTION 2
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Douglas Craven

Petitioner's Name As It Should Appear On The Ballot

Pellston, Michigan

City & State of Residency

1. Work Experience:

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY
BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS JAN. 2002 PRESENT

- Budget Management-responsible for annual budget of \$3.5 million
- Staff Development- supervises a department of over 30 individuals
- Policy Creation- Instrumental in the development and change to State, Regional and National Policy
- Complex Multi-party Agreement tested. Involved and lead several Tribal Federal, State, NGO Consent Decree/MOU/MOA's negotiations
- Program Development

2. Educational Background:

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE APRIL 1998 WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Double Major in Natural Resource Management and Environmental Studies

3. Traditional Cultural Experience/Knowledge, and/or Other Training, Certificates:

- Treaty Right Hunter/Fisher/Gatherer
- Big Drum/Hand Drum Singer
- Arena Director
- Family Maple Syrup/Sugar (20 years plus)
- Host Annual Family Ghost Supper (20 years plus)
- Anishinaabemowin Beginner
- Great lakes Leadership Academy- Leadership Advancement Program Graduate 2010
- MSU Environmental and Natural Resource Governance Fellow-2009
- Leadership Little Traverse Graduate 2008

4. Volunteer Experience, Special Skills and Abilities:

- Youth Sports Coach-Baseball, wrestling, lacrosse

5. Awards, Honors Received (cultural/colonial):

2006 LTBB Circle of Excellence

6. Describe Current and/or Previous Elected or Appointed Positions Held at LTBB or in Any Other Capacity, Government, or Organization (dates, titles, etc):

- Great Lakes Fishery Trust Board Member-2002-Present
- Pellston Planning Commission Chairperson-2016-Present
- EPA Region 5 Tribal Operations Committee-MI Representative- 2021-Present
- Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Great Lakes Region- Alternate 2018-Present
- Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation Board Member 2025-Preseent
- Odawa Economic Development Management Incorporated Treasurer 2021-2023
- Great Lakes Leadership Academy Board Member 2010-2016
- Getting Kids Out Doors Emmet County Board Member 2012- 2016

7. If applicable, describe anticipated Campaign Information in Detail (Campaign Address, Email, Website, Social Media, Campaign Plan, Any Endorsements, etc):