

1 **LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS**

2 **TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD**

3 **SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2014**

4 **MINUTES**

5 **CALL TO ORDER**

6 **Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Merle Carson at**  
7 **12:10 p.m.**

8 **ROLL CALL**

9 **Merle Carson, Chairperson Present**

10 **Alice Hughes, Vice-Chairperson Present**

11 **Carol Quinones, Secretary/Treasurer Present**

12 **Jon Shawa, Board Member Present**

13 **Christine A. Shomin, Board Member Present**

14 **Guest: Andrew Stitch, Tribal Member**

15 **PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minutes per comment)**

16 **Andrew had questions about the activities of the Election Board during**  
17 **a non-election year. Merle explained to him that we are always looking**  
18 **for ways to get the Tribal Citizens involved in the election process. We**  
19 **are planning a mailing to all those who are not registered to vote. We**  
20 **have been discussing ways to improve the “Meet the Candidates”**  
21 **forums. We have also been discussing the areas to hold the forum prior**  
22 **to the Primary Election. Merle thanked Andrew for attending and**  
23 **expressing his concerns about our activities.**

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1 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

2 **Motion made by Christine, supported by Alice, to approve the agenda**  
3 **for this meeting as corrected. Motion read back by the Secretary. 5**  
4 **yeas Motion carried.**

5 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

6 **Motion made by Jon, supported by Christine, to approve the minutes of**  
7 **Saturday, April 5, 2014 as amended and corrected. Motion read back**  
8 **by the Secretary. 5 yeas Motion carried.**

9 **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

10 **CHAIRPERSON**

11 **Merle spoke with Mark Tracy about the scanner that we would like and**  
12 **the new system that we need. Merle sent an e-mail to Sue Gasco**  
13 **requesting cleaning services for our building. Copies of the article for**  
14 **the Odawa trails were presented. The article has been submitted to**  
15 **Annette and will run in the June issue of the newsletter.**

16 **Motion made by Alice, supported by Jon to accept the verbal and**  
17 **written report of the Chairperson. Motion read back by the Secretary. 4**  
18 **yeas 1 abstained (Merle) Motion carried.**

19 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

20 **Alice reported that there are 4,569 living Tribal Citizens. Deaths from**  
21 **January to March 14, 2014 total 8. Relinquished records from July 30,**  
22 **1995 to April 6, 2014 total 135.**

23 **Motion made by Carol, supported by Merle, to accept the verbal and**  
24 **written report of the Vice-Chairperson. Motion read back by the**  
25 **Secretary. 4 yeas 1 abstained (Alice) motion carried.**

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1 **OFFICERS' REPORTS CONT.**

2 **SECRETARY/TREASURER**

3 **Carol reported that she is continuing to work on the files. A copy of the**  
4 **tentative dates for the 2015 Elections were e-mailed to everyone. She**  
5 **prepared the information for this meeting.**

6 **Motion made by Jon, supported by Merle, to accept the verbal and**  
7 **written report of the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion read back by the**  
8 **Secretary. 4 yeas 1 abstained (Carol) motion carried.**

9 **OLD BUSINESS**

10 **1. VOTER REGISTRATION UP-DATE**

11 **1,698 as of 04/18/2014**

12 **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS---- NO ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

13 **ANNOUNCE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING/WORK SESSION**

14 **Work Session—Friday, May 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in Detroit**

15 **Special Meeting with NRD—Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 3-7 p.m. in**  
16 **Detroit**

17 **ADJOURNMENT**

18 **Motion made by Carol, supported by Merle to adjourn this meeting at**  
19 **1:45 p.m. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.**

20 **These minutes have been approved as written and presented on**  
21 **Saturday, May 17, 2014**

22 **Carol Quinones, Secretary/Treasurer, LTBB Election Board**