

# Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Election Board

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Chairman: Merle Carson (2015)  
Vice-Chairman: Alice Hughes (2017)  
Secretary: Carol Quinones (2017)

Member: Jon Shawa (2017)  
Member: Christine Shomin (2015)

## Minutes FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 2015

Call To Order: 4:40 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman, Merle Carson Present  
Vice-Chairman, Alice Hughes Present  
Secretary, Carol Quinones Present  
Member: Jon Shawa Present  
Member: Christine Shomin Present  
5 - Present 0 - Absent/Excused Quorum – Yes

Guest: Andrew Stitch

### Agenda

Motion made by member Shomin, supported by Vice-Chairman Hughes, to approve the agenda for this meeting as written and presented. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

### Minutes

Motion made by member Shomin, supported by member Shawa, to approve the minutes of Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 as written and presented. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

### Public Comment (Recommended 3 minutes per comment)

Tribal Citizen Andrew Stitch asked why the list of the potential candidates for Tribal Council is a secret document. Chairman Carson explained that the list is not a secret document but it has been the practice not to release the names pending the background checks. He was given a copy of the list with the understanding that is only a preliminary list pending the results of the background checks. Andrew asked what the cost would be for the special election for the Tribal-Chair and Tribal Vice-Chair. The cost will be about \$25,758.00 and the call to Election will be sent only to registered voters. He asked if the location for the Lansing forum has been selected yet. Member Shawa informed him that it has not been secured as of this date.

Public Comment closed

**OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**CHAIRMAN CARSON**

**Discussion Items**

- New Computer Installation
- Old Computer Issues
- Initiative from Judy Feathers
- Action Item

Motion made by member Shawa, supported by Chairman Carson that we send the Initiative received from Judy Feathers to our Attorney, Carlos Alverado for review. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

Motion made by member Shawa, supported by Vice-Chairman Hughes to accept the verbal report of Chairman Carson. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

**VICE- CHAIRMAN HUGHES**

**Discussion items**

- Registered Voters Address Verifications

Motion made by member Shomin, supported by Secretary Quinones, to accept the verbal and written report of the Vice- Chairman. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5 – Yes 0- No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

**SECRETARY/TREASURER QUINONES**

- Candidate Packs
- Special Election Costs
- 22 New Voters
- Computer Issues

Motion made by member Shomin, supported by Vice- Chairman Hughes, to accept the verbal and written report of Secretary/Treasurer Quinones. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5 – Yes 0 - No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Voter Registration up-date  
1,763 Registered Voters as of 02/13/2015

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 5:45 p.m. Closed Session - Legal

Motion made by member Shawa, supported by Chairman Carson, to return to open session at 6:30 p.m. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by member Shawa, supported by member Shomin to adjourn this meeting at 6:50 p.m.

5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015**

APPROVED