

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS  
OF ODAWA INDIANS  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
JUNE 12, 2004

GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX  
HARBOR SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

Meeting called to order by Chair Kishigo at 10:05 am.

Smudging by Chair Kishigo and invocation by Commissioner Bott.

Roll call:

Present: Cheryl Kishigo, Patricia Dyer-Deckrow, Michael Givens and John Bott.

Absent: Wenona Singel, excused

Quorum established.

Staff: Christian Holz, Enterprise Accountant  
Susan A. Swadling, Economic Development Assistant  
Theresa Keshick, Economic Development Research Assistant

Guest: Tom Jannausch, Owner and President Aquasition  
Pat Jannausch, Aquasition  
Jay Hughes, Aquasition Accountant

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to adopt the agenda as presented and amended, supported by Commissioner Bott.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Vice-Chair Singel)

Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to adopt the minutes of May 8, 2004 as presented and amended, supported by Commissioner Bott.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Vice-Chair Singel)

Motion passed.

Opened public comment at 10:30 am

Susan A. Swadling, Michael Givens, Cheryl Kishigo, John Bott and Patricia Dyer-Deckrow.

Closed public comment at 10:34 am

Council feedback

Discussion was held regarding the Tribe's purchase of the Health Park, this parcel is just behind Victories Casino.

Discussion was held on the renovations planned for Victories Casino.

The Economic Development Commission is part of Group A and the quarterly report will be due at the first Tribal Council meeting in July.

Chair Kishigo introduced Christian Holz, Enterprise Accountant; he will be handling the accounting needs for the various enterprises owned by the Tribe.

Economic Development Director's report

In Jaime Barrientoz, Economic Development Director absence, Susan A. Swadling, Economic Development Assistant, submitted a written and verbal report to the Commission. The following items were presented:

- Bell's fishery – repairs and clean up continues, Thursday is the projected day for the inspection, with approval Bell's can be up and running soon.
- Kings Inn – there have been several unforeseen issues causing problems at the motel. Two washing machines had to be replaced, the ice machine needed some repairs, there was a leaking pipe causing seven rooms to be unavailable, in two rooms the carpeting has to be replaced due to water, the pool needed to have some parts replaced before it could be used, the sidewalks need to be replaced and a new mower is needed. The above issues have caused a financial shortfall; Christian Holz indicated that the proposed budget did not reflect these issues. Commission directive to Economic Development Director Jaime Barrientoz with Christian Holz, Enterprise Accountant, assistance to do a forecasted budget for Kings Inn to be submitted to the next Tribal Council meeting dated June 27<sup>th</sup> and report by the July Economic Development Commission meeting. Chair Kishigo commended Lauree Kirchoff, General Manager of Kings Inn for her commitment to the motel.

Vice-Chair Singel came in at 11:25 am.

- Business Resource Center – it was reported before that Dorothy Perry accepted a different position and she will be unable to continue at the Center. Hal Dorf has expressed interest in filling the position. Mr. Dorf teaches the Business class in the WOBTT program. Rent for the Center has been paid from the Consultant line item of the Economic Development Department budget. Chair Kishigo indicated that this expense should be coming from a separate line of the budget.

Pause the Economic Development Director's report at 11:30 am for the guest presentation.

Tom Jannausch, owner and president of Aquasition, Pat Jannausch and Jay Hughes, Aquasition Accountant, received the request for financial information. This presentation reviewed the information from the last meeting. Mr. Hughes distributed information with the requested data.

Discussion was held after Mr. Jannausch, Mrs. Jannausch and Mr. Hughes left. Secretary Givens was directed to write a letter to Mr. Jannausch thanking him for coming and declining this business venture.

Commissioner Dyer Deckrow left at 12:11 pm

Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow returned at 12:14 pm.

Lunch recess at 12:15 pm.

Reconvene at 1:05 pm.

Continued with the Economic Development Director's report

Theresa Keshick, Economic Development Research Assistant, reported on the Biindigen grand opening and the gas promotion. Both events were very successful and a huge Miigwetch went to all who assisted.

Theresa Keshick and Jaime Barrientoz attended the State tax summit held at the Little River Band in May. Discussion at the summit included:

- holding time for purchases
- new construction versus old construction.

1:16 pm Commissioner Givens left

- establishing a catalog center to use the tax agreement.

Commissioner Givens returned at 1:28 pm.

Discussed shortage of tobacco products and the possibility of rationing until the end of this year. Theresa was asked to write a memo concerning the purchase of large amounts of tobacco products to be displayed in the store.

Discussed the swipe card system, Theresa will be meeting with Verifon representative regarding this system.

Motion made by Commissioner Bott to accept the Economic Development Department staff written and verbal report, supported by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow.

Vote taken: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent.

Motion passed.

Chair's report

Chair Kishigo reported on her conversation with Allen Duffy of Reliant Development regarding cell towers.

Discussion was held on wind energy and coordinating our efforts with the Natural Resources Department. It was decided to invite the Natural Resources Department to the next meeting for coordinating energy efforts.

Discussed the Economic Development Assistance Program grant and the benefits of the program.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to approve Chair Kishigo to sign the Request for Tribal Council Action approval for the Economic Development Assistance Program grant, supported by Commissioner Givens.

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Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow left at 2:40 pm  
Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow returned at 2:42 pm.

Vote taken: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent  
Motion passed.

Discussion was held on issues, procedures and policies for the businesses.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to accept the verbal Chair's report,  
supported by Commissioner Bott.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Chair Kishigo), 0 absent.  
Motion passed.

Vice-Chair's report – no report.

Commissioner Bott left at 3:00 pm.

Treasurer's report  
Reviewed the revenue and expenditure report.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to have an Economic Development  
Commission work session on July 11<sup>th</sup> to work on the organizational structure and to  
authorize travel, per diem and stipend for those commissioners in attendance, supported  
by Commissioner Givens.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Bott).  
Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Givens to accept the Treasurer's verbal and written  
report, supported by Vice-Chair Singel.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Bott).  
Motion passed.

Secretary's report  
Commissioner Givens and Commissioner Bott will be attending the mid-session of the  
National Congress of American Indians on June 20 through June 24.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to accept the verbal secretary report,  
supported by Vice-Chair Singel.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Commissioner Givens), 1 absent (Commissioner Bott).  
Motion passed.

By-Laws – tabled until the next meeting

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Discussion was held regarding the presentation from Tom Jannausch, Aquasition. It was decided not to recommend this business venture to Tribal Council. Secretary Givens will write a letter to Mr. Tom Jannausch.

Open public comment at 3:38 pm  
Closed public comment at 3:39 pm no comment.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to go into closed session, supported by Vice-Chair Singel.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Bott).

Motion passed.

Reopen meeting at 3:50 pm

Work session on June 13, 2004 will start at 9:30 am.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to adjourn the meeting, supported by Commissioner Givens.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Bott).

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.

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Michael Givens, Secretary.

Attachments