

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS
OF ODAWA INDIANS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2004

GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX
HARBOR SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

Meeting called to order by Chair Kishigo at 9:58 am.

Smudging by Chair Kishigo and invocation by Theresa Keshick, Economic Development Research Assistant.

Roll call:

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

Quorum established.

Staff: Jaime Barrientoz, Economic Development Director
Susan A. Swadling, Economic Development Assistant
Theresa Keshick, Economic Development Research Assistant

Guest: Don Portman, General Manager Biindigen

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

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

Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Bott to adopt the minutes of February 14, 2004 as presented and amended, supported by Vice-Chair Singel.

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

Motion passed.

10:29 am opened public comment.

Patricia Dyer-Deckrow, Theresa Keshick, Susan A. Swadling, Cheryl Kishigo, Michael Givens, John Bott, Wenona Singel, Jaime Barrientoz, Don Portman.

Closed public comment at 10:37 am

Council Feedback

Commissioner Bott reported on his conversation with Tribal Chairman, Frank Ettawageshik, regarding a construction company for the Tribe. The Commission thought this would be a great opportunity to train or mentor young tribal members in the building trades.

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Tribal Council voted to retain Vice-Chair Singel as a consultant to work with the Legal Department.

Closed Council Feedback at 10:45 am.

Chair Kishigo invited Don Portman, Biindigen General Manager, to the meeting to discuss issues concerning the store.

Break at 10:50 am

Reconvened at 11:13 am

Discussion continued concerning tobacco products and fuel. Discussed software for the registers to use the product codes on packaging.

Break at 12:50 pm, Theresa Keshick, Economic Development Research Assistant left. Reconvene meeting at 1:50 pm, Chair Kishigo and Commissioner Bott left during the break.

Economic Development Director report

Jaime Barrientoz, Economic Development Director, submitted a written and verbal report.

Commissioner Bott came in at 1:58 pm.

Biindigen issues were discussed with Don Portman, General Manager Biindigen. A grand opening of Biindigen is being planned for the weekend of the Tribal Community Meeting.

Susan A. Swadling, Economic Development Assistant, reported on the Tribal Business Resource Center. There are not a lot of clients but there are some repeat visitors. The center has been open for five months and is still a new resource for people.

Kings Inn will be opening on May 1st. Marty VanDeCar, Victories Hotel Manager, has agreed to assist in any way with the opening of the motel. Policy and procedures for the front desk are being written and will be available before the Resident Manager is hired.

Trap Net Fishery will start in May. Contracts for the fishermen are being negotiated.

Discussed Land Parcel #8 and the importance of the land deal.

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

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

Motion passed.

Chair's report

No report, absent

Vice-Chair's report

Vice-Chair Singel gave a verbal report on the Finance Summit held in Palm Springs, California. The summit highlighted Tribal access to finance and capital, bond issuance, tax-exempt status, solid financial records and bond insurance.

2:50 pm Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow left

Conference issued a compact disc of the sessions

Motion made by Commissioner Givens to accept the Vice-Chair's verbal report, supported by Commissioner Bott

Vote taken: 2 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Vice-Chair Singel), 2 absent (Chair Kishigo, Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow).

Motion passed

Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow returned at 2:53 pm

Treasurer's report

Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow reviewed the R/E report for the commission.

Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow left at 2:56 pm

Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow returned at 2:57 pm

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

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow), 1 absent (Chair Kishigo)

Motion passed.

Secretary report – no report

Strategic plan

Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow will research how to proceed with the strategic plan.

Open public comment at 3:08 pm

John Bott, Wenona Singel, Patricia Dyer-Deckrow, Jamie Barrientoz, Susan A. Swadling, Michael Givens

3:21 pm Chair Kishigo returned

3:22 pm Vice-Chair Singel left

Closed public comment at 3:29 pm

3:31 pm Vice-Chair Singel returned

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Motion made by Commissioner Bott to change the next meeting to Saturday, April 3, 2004 to start at 9:30 am, supported by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow.

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

Motion passed

Motion made by Commissioner Bott to authorize travel for any commissioner to go to the NCAI mid year session June 2004, supported by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow

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

Motion passed

Motion made by Commissioner Bott to go into closed session, supported by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow

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

Motion passed

Went into closed session at 3:40 pm

Reopened meeting at 4:03 pm

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

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

Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm

_____ Michael Givens, Secretary

Attachment