

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS  
OF ODAWA INDIANS  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2005

GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX  
HARBOR SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

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

Bkwenenjige by Chair Kishigo and invocation by Vice-Chair Bott.

Roll call:

Present: Cheryl Kishigo, John Bott, Laura Blumberg and Patricia Dyer-Deckrow  
Absent: Michael Givens, excused.

Quorum established.

Staff: Susan A. Swadling, Economic Development Assistant  
Carrie Carlson, Enterprise Accountant  
Theresa Keshick, Economic Development Research Assistant

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

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

Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to adopt the minutes of August 13, 2005  
as presented and amended, supported by Vice-Chair Bott.

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

Motion passed.

Opened public comment at 10:23 am.

Susan A. Swadling, John Bott, Patricia Dyer-Deckrow, Laura Blumberg, Carrie Carlson  
and Cheryl Kishigo.

Closed public comment at 10:35 am.

Theresa Keshick, Economic Development Research Assistant, arrived at 10:10 am.

Council feedback

- Discussed the updates concerning stipends and travel for the commissions.
- Economic Development, Planning and GIS departments will be moving to the 1345 US 31 N building to accommodate the offices for the new council, executive branch and administration.

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- Swearing in of the Tribal Council, Tribal Chair and Vice-Chair will be held on September 11, 2005, a potluck luncheon is planned.
- Discussed the trust status of the enterprises.

Economic Development staff report

Kings Inn

- Scheduled to close on October 15<sup>th</sup>
- October 19<sup>th</sup> – building shut down for the winter
- The pool will be closed in September.
- Manager will switch phone to her home and will take reservations over the winter.

Bells

- Discussion was held on how well Bells operation is doing.

Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow left at 10:53 am.

- Discussed hiring a manager for all the enterprises.

Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow returned at 10:55 am.

- Discussed posting of the enterprise manager position.
- Salary and benefits offered at the enterprises was discussed.

Biindigen

- Don Portman, General Manager, has resigned
- Carrie Carlson, Enterprise Accountant, has been put in charge of Biindigen
- Discussion was held regarding staffing at Biindigen.

11:16 am. Vice-Chair Bott left.

- Gas contract with Derrer was discussed.

11:18 am Vice-Chair Bott returned.

- Discussed Pacific Pride card for gas purchases for the enterprises

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

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

Motion passed.

Break at 11:42 am.

Reconvene at 1:00 pm.

Chair's report

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- Discussed the work session schedule for the Odawa Enterprises business plan.
- Discussed the information received from Stewart Sarkozy-Banoczy, Director of Training and Technical Assistance, First Nations Oweesta Corporation.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to authorize Chair Kishigo to enter into contract negotiations with First Nations Oweesta Corporation to conduct an in-depth market and product development study not to exceed seventeen thousand four hundred thirty-five dollars (\$17,435.00), supported by Commissioner Blumberg.

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

Motion passed.

Chair Kishigo left at 1:24 pm.

Chair Kishigo returned at 1:33 pm.

Discussion was held on the possibility of the Economic Development Department to partner with the Economic Development Commission to share the cost of the First Nations Oweesta Corporation market study.

Decision was made to have a work session on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> to work on the Odawa Enterprise business plan.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Bott to authorize travel, per diem and stipends for the commissioners to finish the Odawa Enterprise business plan at the work session on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, supported by Commissioner Blumberg.

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

Motion passed.

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

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

Motion passed.

Vice-Chair report – no report

Treasurer report

Reviewed the Economic Development Commission revenue and expense report received for the month of August.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Bott to accept the treasurer's written and verbal report, supported by Commissioner Blumberg.

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

Motion passed.

Secretary report – no report.

Opened public comment at 2:02 pm.

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Cheryl Kishigo Susan A. Swadling, Laura Blumberg, Patricia Dyer-Deckrow, John Bott  
and Theresa Keshick.

Closed public comment at 2:05 pm.

No closed session.

Next meeting will be on October 8, 2005.

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

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

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_, Michael Givens, Secretary