

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS  
OF ODAWA INDIANS  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 14, 2006

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Meeting called to order by Chair Kishigo at 10:00 am.

Bkwenenjige by Chair Kishigo and invocation by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow.

Roll call:

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

Quorum established.

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

Guest: Don Bush

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

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

Motion passed.

Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow left at 10:08 am.

Motion made by Commissioner Givens and supported by Commissioner Blumberg to  
adopt the minutes of December 10, 2005 as presented and amended.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow)

Motion passed.

Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow returned at 10:10 am.

Presentation of a joint venture by Don Bush.

Vice-Chair Bott left at 10:31 am.

Vice-Chair Bott returned at 10:33 am.

Discussion held regarding the presentation by Don Bush.

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Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow supported by Commissioner Givens to have Secretary Givens send a letter to Don Bush regarding the Joint Venture Proposal that he presented to inform him that we are unable to take advantage of this opportunity at this time.

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

Motion passed.

Opened public comment at 10:58 am.

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

Closed public comment at 11:09 am.

Council feedback

Information is being sent via email to the commissioners from the Tribal Chairman's office.

Economic Development Staff report

- Tribal Chairman Ettawageshik informed staff that there will not be an Economic Development Department director for the department until after Odawa Enterprises is up and running.
- Tax agreement discussion – the next summit will be in either June or July.

Chair Kishigo left at 11:18 am.

Chair Kishigo returned at 11:20 am.

- Biindigen – discussed the surveillance system, sales tax on fuel purchases.
- The Dean of Students at Northwood University wants to do the Odawa Enterprises business plan and wants input from the Economic Development Commission and Economic Development Department. Meeting scheduled on January 25 at 11:00 am in room 312.
- Kings Inn – meeting in February to prepare plan for 2006 season.

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

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

Motion passed.

Break at 12:09 pm.

Reconvened at 1:11 pm.

Chair report

- Contract regarding Odawa Enterprises business plan.
- CDFI grant
- Tax issue at Biindigen

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Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow supported by Vice-Chair Bott to authorize mileage, per diem and stipend for those commissioners to attend the Michigan Petroleum Association conference on March 22 and 23, 2006 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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

Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow supported by Commissioner Blumberg to authorize stipend and mileage for commissioners to attend the meetings for the Odawa Enterprises business plan.

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

Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow supported by Commissioner Givens to have the Economic Development Commission Chair request from the Tribal Chairman a prioritized list of non-gaming economic development tasks for 2006.

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

Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow supported by Commissioner Givens to cancel the work session on January 15, 2006.

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

Motion passed.

Discussion held regarding an application for a second CDFI grant for operating expenses.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow supported by Commissioner Givens to change the May meeting and work session to May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

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

Motion passed.

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

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

Motion passed.

Vice-Chair report

Information received from National Community Capital Association for the conference held in Los Angeles.

Discussed CDFI training in New Mexico.

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

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

Motion passed.

Treasurer report

Discussed expenses for 2005 budget.

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

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow), 0 absent.

Motion passed.

Secretary report – no report.

CDFI

CDFI interviews for the market study will be conducted on January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> with  
William Guevara, Oweesta Corporation.

Odawa Enterprises business plan

Reviewed work that has been done.

Strategic plan – tabled.

Opened public comment at 2:30 pm.

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

Closed public comment at 2:33 pm.

Closed session – no session.

Next meeting will be on February 11, 2006.

Commissioner Blumberg will arrange refreshments for the next meeting.

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

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

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.

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Michael Givens, Secretary.