

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Elder's Commission
Regular Meeting
July 1, 2015**

Meeting called at 5:06 p.m. by Richard Wemigwase, Chairman;

Roll Call Commission: Richard Wemigwase, Chairman; Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman; Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; Janice Shackelford, Treasurer; JoAnn Carey, Commissioner.

Absent: None

Elder Department Staff: Arlene Naganashe, Elder Department Director

Absent: None

Guest: Virginia Lewis, LTBB Tribal Elder; Francis Holdorph LTBB Tribal Elder; John Kawegoma, LTBB Tribal Elder.

Opening Prayer: Arlene Naganashe

Public Comment opened at 5:18 p.m. – Comments provided by John Kawegoma, concerns over the Waganakising Odawak Statute Elders Commission regarding the commission meeting notices getting to Elders and the elder luncheons at the Hotel, on May 21st Tribal Councilor stated in the meeting to provide additional funds to move back to the governmental building, lunches were moved to the breakfast area on 3 separate occasions; Virginia Lewis and Francis Holdorph commented that the traffic is very bad to get out of the hotel and would rather the elder luncheons be held at the LTBB Governmental Building;
Public Comment Closed at 5:37 p.m.

Commission review of the Agenda.

Motion made by Debra Smithkey-Browne; to approve the agenda as amended; JoAnn Carey; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Elder's Commission reviewed the minutes of June 3, 2015

Motion made by JoAnn Carey; to approve the Minutes of June 03, 2015 as presented; Lisa Flynn; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Elder Director Report – Arlene Naganashe, Director

- Dental program is out of funding and until the budget is approved and dollars received from Title VI funding source so that line items can be established.
- Elder buses are getting older and they do not have enough room for the elders that utilize the services on the busses. This year alone the compressors have

both had to be replaced at a total cost of \$4,400; and the brakes need replacing on one of the buses and the lift needed to be serviced. The Elder Department buses are both in need of repairs and new buses need to be purchased.

- Elder luncheon has posed some problems with having to close the Elder Department on Tuesdays and Thursday for staff to attend the luncheons at the hotel. Elders need to conduct business in the governmental building for such things as paying their rent, utilizing educational department, and it would be a good idea to hold a "friendship center" day once a month for elders to attend and have access to all of the governmental departments and have various workshop tables set up.
- Cheri Dominic stated that she would be willing to conduct a workshop on legal issues that would help out families regarding:
 - Wills
 - Home care
 - Condensing assets
- Fuel – propane has been moved up to 25% rather 10% left in the tank for propane before it will be considered an emergency to fill the tank. The concern was that it took more fuel, thus more money to dill on the limited amount of money received for utility reimbursement.

Motion made by JoAnn Carey; to approve the Elder Directors verbal report as presented by Arlene Naganashe, Director; Janice Shackelford; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Commissioner Report – Commissioners

- None

Nomination of Officers:

Nomination of Richard Wemigwase, by Lisa Flynn; second by JoAnn Carey for the Elder's Chairman; Richard Wemigwase accepted nomination; having no other nominations; approved by unanimous consent.

Nomination of Lisa Flynn, by JoAnn Carey; second by Debra Smithkey-Browne for the Elder's Vice-Chairman; Lisa Flynn accepted nomination; having no other nominations; approved by unanimous consent.

Nomination of Debra Smithkey-Browne, by JoAnn Carey; second by Lisa Flynn for the Elder's Commission Secretary; Debra Smithkey-Browne accepted nomination; having no other nominations; approved by unanimous consent.

Nomination of Janice Shackelford, by JoAnn Carey; second by Richard Wemigwase for the Elder's Commission Treasurer; Janice Shackelford accepted nomination; JoAnn Carey was nominated for Treasurer and declined; approved by unanimous consent.

Discussion was held on the LTBB Tribal Resolution #062313-01

- Each of the 12 tribes contribute \$200 each year to the host tribe
- Meetings are held on a quarterly basis

Discussion was held on the computer or tablet purchase and a printer.

Motion made by Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman to purchase micro soft surface tablets and a printer for commission usage; Janice Shackelford, Treasurer, supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the Elder Luncheons being held at the LTBB Governmental Building instead of the Odawa Hotel.

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner, to request Arlene Naganashe, Elder Department Director to submit a letter to the chairman regarding the Elder Luncheons requesting they be moved back to the government building and how the present contract could be modified to reflect the move; Debra Smithkey Browne, Secretary; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Public Comment opened at 6:44 p.m. John Kawegoma spoke regarding elders being put in a commercial care facility and long term care for our elders. Virginia Lewis requested the Commission to sponsor the Elders Sovereignty day float.

Public Comment closed at 6:53 p.m.

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.; Janice Shackelford, Treasurer; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Next scheduled meeting will be held on August 5, 2015

Approved:

Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary

Date