

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Elder's Commission
Regular Meeting
August 5, 2015**

Meeting called at 5:14 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; Judy Field, LTBB Tribal Elder; Tami Oakley-Smith, LTBB Tribal Elder; John Kawegoma, LTBB Tribal Elder.

Opening Prayer: None

Public Comment opened at 5:18 p.m. No Comments
Public Comment Closed at 5:19 p.m.

Commission review of the Agenda.

**Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the agenda as amended; Janice Shackelford, Treasurer; supports.
5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Elder's Commission reviewed the minutes of July 1, 2015

**Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the Minutes of July 1, 2015 as presented; Janice Shackelford, Treasurer; supports.
5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Elder Director Report – Arlene Naganashe, Director

- Copy of the Title V1-A Budget was distributed for review.
 - Concern was raised regarding the lactose intolerant issues and suggested getting milk through the soup and yogurt.
 - Housekeeping varies 13 – 17 elders receive this service –
 - Income guidelines (NAHASDA)
 - Doctor Statements
- Youth or Elder Activities (For culturally competent social activities)
 - Elders address Youth on specialized topics
 - History of the tribe
 - Crafts using natural items harvested

- Title V1-C Grant – Emmet County Residents only
 - Caregivers are available to receive these funds – such as if your family member was taking care of an elderly parent (etc.) these funds would be available to provide funds to a caregiver a couple of hours relief.
- Discussion was held to invite Amanda Swiss, Mobility Administrator to the next Elders Commission meeting to be held in September.
- Discussion was held on non-tribal members (not married to a tribal member or native American) participating in the Elder’s Luncheon program and not signing in or making a donation.

5:37 p.m. John Kawegoma, LTBB Tribal Elder arrived.

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the Elder Directors verbal and written report as presented by Arlene Naganashe, Director; Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; supports. 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant Motion Carried

Commissioner Report – Commissioners

- None

Discussion was held on the meeting format presented for review.

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to table the meeting format until the next meeting to be held on September 2, 2015; Janice Shackelford, Treasurer; supports. 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant Motion Carried

Public Comment opened at 6:26 p.m. John kawegoma – Elder Commissioners have the ability to put together where the elder department needs to go in the future and for the commission to develop policies and procedures to enhance the elders department – such as home care visits and pay for supplies used on the call and mileage paid and not state that the services were not approved in advance and cannot be paid or reimbursed. Survey to elders was conducted in 2013 and the elders department is planning on sending a survey out to all tribal elders to determine what services are being requested and what are the issues facing elders.

Judy Field inquired if the survey is being sent to the 3 county area to 371 elders why is the cost so much? It was explained that the survey will be mailed to all tribal elders not just the service area.

Virginia Lewis stated that there are many different communities that office luncheons for \$2.50 a day instead of the larger fee paid by the tribe to hold the lunches at the Hotel or the Government Center.

Public Comment closed at 6:55 p.m.

6:40 p.m. Arlene Naganashe departs meeting.

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.; Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; supports. 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant Motion Carried

Next scheduled meeting will be held on September 2, 2015

Approved:

Debra Smithkey-Browne
Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary

9-3-15
Date