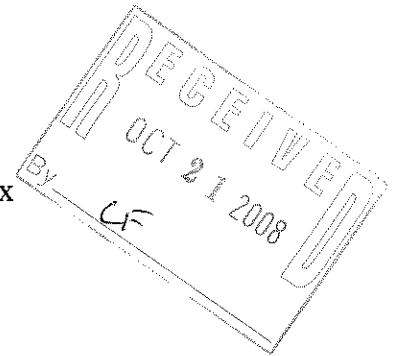


Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
6 October, 2008
3:30 p.m.
Conference Room 312, LTBB Government Complex



Closed Session: No

Call to Order: 3:50 pm

Roll call: Chairman Ray Kiogima – absent, Vice Chairperson – Ken Harrington, -present;
Secretary Mike Lyons – present, Commissioner Arlene Naganashe – present,

Staff present: John Givens, Housing Director

Guests present:

Opening Prayer: Arlene Naganashe

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Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Mike Lyons to approve the agenda as amended for the October 6th, meeting.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 1 - Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Mike Lyons and supported by Arlene Naganashe to approve the minutes for the August 18th, 2008 Meeting.

Vote: 3– Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 1 - vacant

Motion Carried

Housing Director Report:

Rental Properties: of 6 homes being rented, we have two vacancies- they have been showing them and expect to have them rented within the week. Rent amounts are 500 to 600 hundred dollars or 30% of income. Utilities are not included. There are currently 7 people on the waitlist, priority will be given to the persons with the greatest need as demonstrated by income. Unfortunately, the lack of available housing means needy people will always get turned down.

Tim buck trail home: This home will be reverted back to the Dept of Agriculture. The housing department is unable to afford the renovations needed to this home, and is unable to purchase this home.

Back up community well: Cluff well drilling was the lowest bid to complete this project. Work should begin at anytime on this project. The specs. for the pump house are being finalized.

Bids for electricians' for mill street property. Tower electric has submitted the lowest bid, and is a local contractor willing to work with the Pellston area vocational school class.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Mike Lyons to Accept the Housing Director's verbal and written report.

Vote: 3- Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Absent, 0 - Abstained 1 - vacant

Motion Carried

The Murray rd property project is under construction and the contractor portion should be completed this month that were available from the Hud grant. Further work will continue in the spring.

The commission expressed concern about where we could get any funds to build the actual housing on Murray Rd. John Givens is attending a conference in Traverse City this month which discusses potential leveraging strategies.

Maple Leaf Property: The optimistic approach towards pursuing this project would be to obtain this through the tax credit housing program. The commission is trying to develop proposals that would allow the tribe to alleviate any negative concerns regarding the intricate details of engaging in a tax credit partnership. The commission is contacting Great Lakes Capital to determine if they would be willing to meet with the commission to discuss what options may be available.

Mill Street Property: the permits are completed.

Consumer's power will be providing the service soon. The HVAC portion of the project has been sent out to bid. The back up system to the geothermal heating pump will be electric. The commission expressed concerns over which back up would be least expensive to run. Further research will be conducted into whether a natural gas back up would be better suited; although, electrical back up has been recommended.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Ken Harrington to approve stipend and mileage for commissioner Mike Lyons to travel to Pellston on a weekly basis once construction begins on the Mill St. Property to take photos that will be donated to the Tribe's Archives and Records Department to document the building of this property.

Vote: 3- Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Absent, 0 - Abstained 1 - vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Mike Lyons to approve stipend and mileage for any commissioner who would like to travel to the Pellston Mill St property to conduct a meeting and ceremony with the Pellston Schools Vocational Class on Friday afternoon at 1:30 pm.

Vote: 3- Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Absent, 0 - Abstained 1 - vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Mike Lyons to approve stipend and mileage for commissioner Ken Harrington to travel to the Pellston Mill St property to serve as a project manager on an as needed basis until the project is completed.

Vote: 3– Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 1 - vacant

Motion Carried

Public Comment open 5:15 pm.

Arlene is continued to be impressed with the excellent job that John Givens is doing as Housing Director.

Public Comment closed at 5:16 pm.

A meeting shall be scheduled for October 20th, 2008.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Mike Lyons to adjourn at 5:20 pm.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 1 - vacant

Motion Carried

Date: 10/20/08

Mike Lyons, Secretary/Treasurer