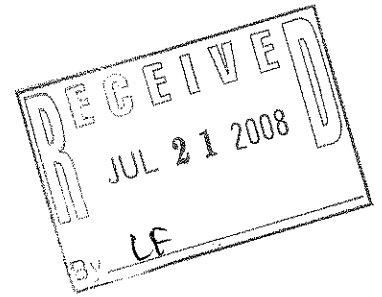


Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
2 June, 2008
3:30 p.m.
Conference Room 312, LTBB Government Complex



Closed Session: No

Call to Order: 3:55 p.m.

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

Staff present: John Givens, Housing Director

Guests present:

Opening Prayer: Ray Kiogima

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Answer to inquiry regarding previously allocated money to build a basement on Mill street property; \$10,000 dollars. John Givens informed the commission that the money was taken back and put in the general fund. Ray noted that the commission assured the Pellston School Board that we would be able to have the foundation built by the beginning of the school year.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Mike Lyons to approve the agenda for the June 2nd meeting.

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 the minutes for the May 5th Meeting. Vote: 3– Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 1 - vacant

Motion Carried

New Employee in Housing- housing program specialist; Linda Kay Rowland, she brings a lot of experience to the Department. Ext. 1545.

Housing proposals: Three proposals to tribal council = Mill St \$89.350; Includes use of geothermal heating. Two Modular homes = similar to homes already present at tribal housing; but built by a different builder. (Note; a duplex would not save any money when they are modular homes). Ray noted that we have previously voted that no modular homes be built at tribal housing because of the problems with the last modular home. John Givens noted that the current Commission and Housing Department is not the current one that previously decided against modular homes. John noted that the reason

there was water damage to the last modular homes was due to the subcontractor heating the attic in February. It will cost \$183,420 for two modular homes. This is the only way we can make housing affordable for our Tribal Citizens. The commission discussed various precautionary methods that must be taken while building homes. The Housing Department is concerned that if we ask for more money to build stick built homes then our proposal will be denied for lack of funds like our previous proposals.

There is an appropriation meeting on the 18th where the Finance Committee will discuss the ability to fund our housing proposals.

Housing Development Sign. The proposal includes a color sign that will state: Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke "Land of the Northern Lights" Village. A sign is required by the federal requirements.

The commission discussed the current need for handicap assessable housing. John noted that there is not currently an overwhelming need for handicap housing at the current time. John did note that there is currently two handicap assessable rental currently; one of which is housed by a non handicapped person; he noted that it would be within the housing departments right to require the non handicapped person to move into regular housing if a need for the handicapped unit is required. As time goes on the need may increase.

Indian Housing Plan: an annual and five year plan has to be submitted to HUD regarding how the money is spent. It has not changed from year to year or been updated. The Housing Department is going to reformulate in detail the Housing Plan to reflect our continually growing need for Housing. The funds received by NAHASDA is barely enough to run current programs; The Housing Department noted that it is unfair that HUD only considers our service area as three counties when we service 27 counties; this is currently being researched to determine whether it can be challenged.

The Housing Department is going to build a playground at Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke as soon as possible; this will give the younger residents something to do. The Housing Department will continue to fine tune the plans for this project.

Murry Road Workgroup Update: The wetland permit appeal review board will be considering the permit request at the Murray Rd. June 4th, 2008. The initial request for the permit to build the Road leading into the Murray Road site was denied because there will be an impact on a small wetland area. This is being appealed because the alternate site for the entrance road would create an unacceptable safety risk, because there is no visibility at this area. It is inevitable that an entrance would cause severe and potentially fatal accidents.

The commission discussed various alternatives to deal with the potential wetland concerns.

Recess for 5 min. 5:15 pm to 5:20 pm

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

Discussion was made about the methods to conduct a new needs survey. There was a great concern that mail surveys have a poor return response rate. The alternative of hiring temps for summer employment to conduct phone surveys will be considered. This could also provide summer jobs for youth.

Motion made by Mike Lyons and supported by Arlene Naganashe to allow stipend and mileage for any commissioner who would like to attend the Finance and Appropriations Committee Meeting on June the 18th at the LTBB Governmental Building where the current financial considerations regarding the Housing proposals will be considered.

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

Motion Carried

Some discussions were made regarding alternate methods to acquire housing; there was some suggestions to look into the possibility of looking into how to acquire foreclosures.

Public Comment open 6:00 pm.

Public comment closed at 6:10 pm.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Mike Lyons to adjourn at 6:10 pm.

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

Motion Carried

Date: 7/14/08

Mike Lyons, Secretary/Treasurer