

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

Closed Session: No

Call to Order: 3:40 pm

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

Staff present:

Guests present:

Opening Prayer: Ray Kiogima

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Motion made by Ken Harrington and supported by Mike Lyons to approve the agenda as amended for the November 3rd, meeting.

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

Motion Carried

The commission spoke about an update from the Housing Dept Dir. on the sign for the Wah Was Noo De Ka Housing development sign. There are a few aesthetic concerns concerning the new sign. The Housing Dept is looking into getting solar lighting for the sign.

The commission has been informed that the Murray Rd project roads have been completed.

Motion made by Ken Harrington and supported by Mike Lyons to approve the minutes as corrected for the November 3rd, 2008 Meeting.

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

Motion Carried

No Housing Director Report available

Mill St: The Floor is built, the insulation and windows have been ordered and are expected to arrive shortly; the exterior wall are up and 90 percent of the interior walls are built; trusses have arrived and expect to be started this Thursday; a deck will be started tomorrow. Ken Harrington has been spending a lot of time helping the students at the Pellston Mill St Property to insure the work meets a high standard of quality.

Maple Leaf: The commission has found out some unfortunate news regarding the Maple Leaf tax credit project. The low income tax credit program has changed 180 degrees in 2009 from the way it was in 2007 and 2008. The way the program is being set up now would require more of a substantial contribution from other funding sources that are unfeasible. The program was set up for a limited time to provide tax credit funding; the program as it existed no longer exists.

There is a possibility of other grants that may be available; but the commission is of the opinion that we will not be able to pursue any projects that require a substantial contribution on the part of the Tribe because of the current cost cutting and spending measures that are currently in place to reduce spending.

Motion made by Ken Harrington and supported by Mike Lyons for any commissioner to ride out to the Murray Rd project with Ken Harrington for an inspection of the property on Thursday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 10:00 am, and to cover stipend and mileage.

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

Motion Carried

The commission was informed that Pat Wemigwase was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Housing Commission. It is believed that he will be sworn in any day.

The commission discussed that it may be a good idea to take preliminary steps to have the housing department begins a list of eligible persons who may want to purchase the Mill St. House. It is the hope of the commission that these funds can be used to develop another house.

Public Comment open 4:35 pm.

The commission discussed potential cost saving measures and meeting schedules for this next month. While the commission approved stipend and mileage for Mike Lyons to make occasional trips up to the Pellston Mill St Property for assistance, support and photography of the events and progress at this location, Mike Lyons will decline doing so to contribute to the Tribes cost cutting measures.

Public Comment closed at 4:45 pm.

A meeting shall be scheduled for November 17th, 2008.

Motion made by Ken Harrington and supported by Mike Lyons to adjourn at 4:45 pm.

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

Motion Carried

Date: 12/08/08

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Mike Lyons, Secretary/Treasurer