

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
June 1st, 2009
3:30 p.m.
Conference Room 312, LTBB Government Complex

Closed Session: No

Call to Order: 3:35 pm

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

Staff present: John Givens, Housing Dept. Director

Guests present:

Opening Prayer: Ray Kiogima

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Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Pat Wemigwase to approve the agenda for the June 1st, 2009 meeting.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Ken Harrington to approve the minutes as corrected for the May 4th, 2009 Meeting.

Vote: 5– Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - vacant

Motion Carried

John Givens gave his Executive Housing Director Report

HUD has released information on the competitive grant that tribes are eligible to apply for this summer. As expected, they are looking for shovel ready projects. The Housing Dept will apply for this grant to work on the Murray Rd Project.

The Murray Rd Project work group has chosen Elain Keiser Architect Inc as our architect for the structures to be built at our housing development. We are currently in price negotiations. She will initially complete some Schematics and conceptual drawings that will be used in the grant application.

The Housing Dept would like to build a playground/park at Wah Was Noos Da Ke Tribal Village. We will be pursuing an Indian Community Development Block Grant to

accomplish this; we will be holding a community meeting on 06/08/2009 to get input from our tribal citizens, specifically the inhabitants of the development.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Pat Wemigwase to accept Housing Director John Givens Verbal and Written Report.

Vote: 5– Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - vacant

Motion Carried

Mill St Project Update

The carpet went in this week; the Pellston School building trades class has completed its school year. There are a few finish items that need to be done.

Ken discussed an email sent to the Housing Director on April 26th, 2009 regarding a schedule. Ken discussed a phone conversation with the Housing Department Director regarding the work on the Mill St Project.

The drain field and septic for the Mill St Project is currently pending approval; we will be utilizing the available IHS funds to accomplish this phase of the project.

It is anticipated that the house will be ready for occupancy at the end of June.

The Housing Department is still looking for a qualified buyer for the Mill St Project.

The Commission inquired into whether any progress was made regarding the costs of Community Center. The Commission discussed the possibility of writing a letter of support in favor of reconsidering the source of funding used to run the Community Center. The Housing Department has suggested that the costs of upkeep should be allocated to the Tribe's indirect funds allocation. The Housing Director informed the Commission that the annual cost of upkeep for this building is \$3,600 dollars.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Ken Harrington to send a letter to the Administrator, Chairman, and Tribal Council regarding the costs of utilities of the Community Building; the funding source for these costs, and that the rents for this building should be more reflective of the actual costs of maintaining this building.

Vote: 5– Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - vacant

Motion Carried

Public Comment opens 5:25 pm.

A discussion was made regarding the letter to be written should be presented at the next meeting.

Chairman Ray Kiogima mentioned that the Housing Director and Ken Harrington should continue to strive to resolve any conflicts they may have in regards to the inner workings of any projects.

Public Comment closed at 5:30 pm.

The next meeting will be held July 6th, 2009; Room 312 @ 3:30 pm

Motion made by Ken Harrington and supported by Pat Wemigwase to adjourn at 5:30 pm.

Vote: 5– Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - vacant

Motion Carried

Date: 7/6/2009

Mike Lyons, Secretary/Treasurer