

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

Closed Session: No

Call to Order: 3:45 pm

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

Staff present: John Givens, Housing Dept. Director

Guests present: Rebecca Atkinson (4:15 pm to 5:10 pm)

Opening Prayer: Ray Kiogima

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Motion made by Pat Wemigwase and supported by Mike Lyons to approve the agenda for the March 2nd, 2009 meeting.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 2 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Pat Wemigwase and supported by Mike Lyons to approve the minutes as corrected for the February 2nd, 2009 Meeting.

Vote: 3– Yes, 0 – No, 2 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - vacant

Motion Carried

Ken Harrington arrives 3:55 pm

John Givens gave his Executive Housing Director Report

We now have three applicants for the housing at Mill St. The Housing Department will work with these applicants to make them credit ready to obtain mortgage funding through Wells Fargo. The Housing Department is currently working on a scoring system to decide who should be given first opportunity to obtain the housing

An inspection was completed at the Elder's Housing of the Hot Water Tanks. No problems were found

Stimulus Funding: Housing has been researching this subject. Several Meetings have been completed. Every Tribe will receive more funds from its annual grant funding from

HUD, i.e. NAHASDA funding. The Housing Department is currently researching the various details of acquiring this funding and the parameters of the use of this money.

The commission discussed various uses for this money depending on the various requirements. One option may possibly be to build another house at the Wah Was Noos De Ke Tribal Village.

The Housing Department has placed the Pump House at Wah Was Noos Da Ke Tribal Village for consideration for funding from IHS with a matching portion to be paid by the Tribe. The Housing Department expects to hear something on this within the next month.

The Housing Department will be investigating any other potential funding opportunities arising from the Economic Stimulus package that pertains to the Housing of our Tribal Citizens.

The BIA home improvement program will have money available, but the income guidelines are very low. Most people who would qualify do not own their own home.

Rebecca Atkinson attends 4:15 pm

The reason the statute regarding the abolishment of the Housing Commission has been withdrawn from the Legislative Calendar because of a requirement that a Housing Commission is required under the agreements dealing with the Elder's Housing Complex. There may still be adjustments to the Commission's function schedule.

The commission discussed the potential for Tax Exempt bonds being issued by the Tribe to fund the building of a Housing complex at Murray Rd. The Commission also discussed whether the tax credit program is being restructured under the economic stimulus plans? The commission will research these topics further.

The Commission also discussed the Mill Street Property. The Pellston School Vocational Class is requesting assistance to hang the drywall; because of the number of hours it will take to hang and finish this portion of the project, and the amount of time left in the school year to complete the entire project. Currently, there was a small allocation allowed for assistance in finishing the drywall professionally.

There is now a sign at the Mill St Property which designates LTBB as a partner with the Pellston Public Schools in this project.

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

Vote: 4– Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - vacant

Motion Carried

Public Comment opens 5:20 pm.

Ken Harrington reported that he entertained 8 students from the Vocational Trades Class in Pellston at his residence, and that all went well.

Public Comment closed at 5:25 pm.

A meeting shall be scheduled for April 6th, 2009.

Motion made by Mike Lyons and supported by Pat Wemigwase to adjourn at 5:26 pm.

Vote: 4– Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - vacant

Motion Carried

Date: 04/6/09

Mike Lyons, Secretary/Treasurer