

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Housing Commission  
Regular Meeting  
December 3rd, 2012  
4:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 312, LTBB Government Complex

Closed Session: None

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.

Roll call: Chairman Ray Kiogima – Present, Vice Chairperson Arlene Naganashe – Present, Secretary Patrick Wemigwase – Present, Commissioner Larry Stead – Present, Commissioner – Vacant

Staff present: Executive Housing Director John Givens; Elders Coordinator Tammy Okuly; Jim Bransky – Legal Department (via phone)

Guests present: None

Opening Prayer: Ray Kiogima

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Motion made by Patrick Wemigwase and supported by Arlene Naganashe to accept the agenda as amended and written.

Vote: 4 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Larry Stead to accept the minutes from the last meeting on November 5th, 2012 as amended and written.

Vote: 4 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Vacant

**Housing Director Report:**

**Vacant Unit:** A two bedroom elders unit will be available in the coming month.

This unit is designated for tribal elders or disabled tribal citizens. We will be contacting the next appropriate applicant from our waiting list. The units are also “barrier free” and such must be offered to the first applicant that has a need for the amenities offered by the unit.

**Vacancy:** We have a vacancy at the Washington Street unit in the Village of Pellston. We are waiting to take possession of the home and should know its general condition by the end of the week.

**Utility Allowance:** In our annual Rural Development budget we calculate the average monthly gas and electric bills of all 12 our elder tenants’ at the Wah

**Wahs Noo Da Ke Village:** This year’s average is \$1 less than in 2011 which will prompt a \$1 increase in the monthly rent.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Larry Stead to accept the Housing Director's report.

Vote: 4 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Vacant

Motion Carried

**Elders Coordinator Report:**

Nothing new to report on the assisted living front, just waiting on the Executive Office to approve it. Arlene was asking Tammy what she needs to get started now; like how many units to get started and etc. Tammy told her that she can start with 20 units now, and that she has drawn up a budget for an assisted living facility. Arlene was also asking about what if they wanted to stay in their own homes and get the assisted living benefits. Tammy told her that she has worked that into her budget for those elders who want to age in place (that is in their own homes and not in a retirement community).

Motion made by Patrick Wemigwase and supported by Arlene Naganashe to accept the verbal report of the Elders Coordinator.

Vote: 4 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Vacant

Motion Carried

**FYI:**

The Housing Commission and the Housing Department is working on the **NAHASDA** Rental Operations Policy. Jim Bransky is on the phone for some legal advice on some of the legal matters.

Jim was letting the commission know that they can go with no felonies in the past seven years after they are done with their probation. That means that the seven years starts after they are done with their probation not their jail time. Plus the commission can also exclude people with sex crimes against kids, and also we can also exclude other sex crimes.

John thinks we should combine policy's bullets #'s 8, 9, and 10 into one No felony is the past seven years until you have complete your court order (This will be the new # 8). No crimes of a sexual nature ever (This will be the new # 9). (This will be the new # 10). John will email Pat the changes for #'s 13 and 22.

**Public Comment Opens: 5:30 p.m.**

Pat was letting the rest of the commissioners know what time the villages meetings are Harbors is Thursday December 6th, @ 6 p.m. and Murray roads is Wednesday December 12, @ 6p.m.

The transitional housing program (the Coach House) that the Housing Department has is 30 days only, and it is a one-time only program per family.

The Housing Commission and Housing Department Christmas party is on December 17th, 2012 @ 4 p.m. There will be a \$10 gift exchange also.

**Public Comment Closes: 5:50 p.m.**

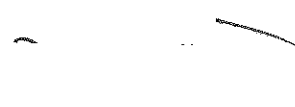
Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Larry Stead to adjourn at 6:00 P.M.

Vote: 4 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Vacant

Motion Carried

Next meeting is on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 4 p.m. in Conference Room 312 at the LTBB Government Complex.

Date: 12/03/12

  
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Patrick Wernigwase, Secretary

Minutes approve on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.