

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

Closed Session: Yes

Call to Order: 4:10 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; Executive Assistant Rebecca Atkinson

Guests present: Jeff Gasco; Mary Gasco; Margaret Gasco

Opening Prayer: Ray Kiogima

Motion made by Ray Kiogima and supported by Larry Stead to approve the agenda for the June 4th, 2012 meeting.

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

Motion Carried

Motion made by Ray Kiogima and supported by Larry Stead to accept the minutes as written from the May 7th, 2012 meeting.

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

Motion Carried

Housing Director Report:

Water System: On Thursday May 31st, 2012 at approximately 8:30 P.M., we were informed that a water test performed on the system at the Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke Village showed a positive result for bacteria. At that time I had Richard Wemigwase notify all of the residents in person of the results and inform them that all water that is used for drinking, cooking, or oral care should be boiled first before being used. The water was re-sampled and the results that were received on Friday June 1st, 2012 although better, still showed a positive bacteria so the boil water notice remains in effect. The LTBB Water System Operator, William McMillan is the person taking the samples and coordinating efforts with the **E.P.A.** and **I.H.S.** to try and correct this issue. The system is being chlorinated and being flushed to the best of our ability and we hope to have a clean working system very soon.

Housing Board Training: Attached is the notice of an upcoming training for Housing Boards and Commissions. The training is offered by NAIHC and there is a possibility for any commission members who might be interested in attending.

Motion made by Larry Stead and supported by Patrick Wemigwase to accept the Housing Director's verbal and written report.

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

Motion Carried

Elders Coordinator Report:

Residential and Independent: are elders who still live in their own home and are able to take care of their selves, but would like to have access to the services provided by a nurse or other caregiver. Services like medication reminders, laundry, putting away groceries, and transportation. This would allow them to age in a place that is familiar to them instead of a nursing home or group home.

Assisted living: provides medication reminders up to 4x a day, bathing reminders 2x a week, meal and activity reminders daily, 24 hour emergency response, wake up/turndown service, room checks every 2 hours, grooming, hygiene, and escorting via wheelchair.

Elders Day Care: provides everything that assisted living provide plus residential and independent also. It is also the easiest way to go if you are going to set up your own facility.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Larry Stead to support the Elders Coordinator verbal report.

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

Motion Carried

Closed Session: 4:55 p.m.

Closed Session Ends: 5:30 p.m.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by to allow Margaret Gasco thirty days to find suitable housing for herself, her daughter, and pets. According to the Housing Department Tribal Code of Regulations, **Section C Part 2** that she should have had at least 15 days written notice, not the seven days she got in the letters she received.

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

Motion Carried

FYI:

Patrick Wemigwase was letting the commission know that he was thinking about starting a community meeting at both of the tribal villages. The commission thinks it is a very good idea. The reason for this is to bring any of the complaints, or ideas to improve the housing program or the villages in any way.

Public Comment Opens: 5:40 p.m.

Rebecca set a date for the block party out at the Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke Village; it is August 25th, 2012.

Public Comment Closes: 5:45 p.m.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Larry Stead to adjourn at 5:50 P.M.

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

Motion Carried

Next meeting is on July 9th, 2012 in Conference Room 312, at the LTBB Government Complex.

Patrick Wemigwase, Secretary

Minutes approve on July 9th, 2012.