

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Housing Commission  
Regular Meeting  
September 10th, 2012  
4:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 312, LTBB Government Complex

Closed Session: None

Call to Order: 3:50 p.m.

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

Staff present: Executive Housing Director John Givens; Elders Coordinator Tammy Okuly

Guests present: Winnay Wemigwase Tribal Council

Opening Prayer: Ray Kiogima

Motion made by Ray Kiogima and supported by Patrick Wemigwase to accept the agenda for the September 10, 2012 meeting.

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

Motion Carried

Motion made by Larry Stead and supported by Patrick Wemigwase to accept the minutes the for the August 6th, 2012 meeting.

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

Motion Carried

**Housing Director Report:**

**Staff Training:** Kay Rowland will be out on training the week of September 10, 2012. She is attending a Native Housing Conference in New Orleans. She will prepare a full report on her return.

**A/C Units:** Ballard's Plumbing & Heating is currently installing the Air Conditioning units in the 12 Elder Rental units at the Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke Village. Work is expected to be completed by 9-17-12.

**Vacant Home:** We have one vacant home at the Wah Wahs Noo Ke Village. We are currently remodeling this home and expect that process to be complete by the end of September. The home is for sale if any tribal citizen is interested in purchasing it. They would have to submit an offer in writing to the Housing Department. If no offers are received and/or approved by tribal council, the home will be rented out.

Motion made by Larry Stead and supported by Ray Kiogima to accept the written and verbal report of the housing director.

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

Motion Carried

### **Elders Coordinator Report:**

Went on a tour of some of the assisted living facilities and also the building next to Gordon Food Service to see where that is at. She was letting us know that the bottom floor of the main building was not finished, and we can set that up any way we want. We could put in a big kitchen just like here in the government center or maybe even better; also add a big common area so the people have a place to socialize. We just need to figure out what our next step is going to be. So our next step is to look at the survey numbers from 2011 and send out the 2012 surveys to see what our needs are.

Motion made by Patrick Wemigwase and supported by Larry Stead to accept the verbal report of the elder's coordinator.

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

Motion Carried

### **FYI:**

Patrick explained what all was talked about at the Wah Wahs Noo Ke (Harbor Springs) and Mtiigwaakiis (Murray Road) village meetings. Also, let the residents of those communities know that the Housing Commission is here to answer any questions and/or concerns that they might have. There was a contact list given out with all the commissions contact information on it, so they would have someone to go to if they needed. They all were really pleased that the commission had started these village meetings; it makes them feel good that there is a group of people out there that care about them. Also, Patrick let the commission know that the meetings will be held on a quarterly schedule, so the next one will be in December, Harbors will be on Thursday 6th, and Murray Roads will be Thursday 13th at 6 p.m. Anyone from the Housing Commission, Housing Department, Chairmen's Office, or even the Tribal Council is welcome to attend just have to bring a dish to pass, because starting in December and from them on all of the village meetings will be pot-luck style.

### **Public Comment Opens: 5:45 p.m.**

Tammy quoted a figure on how much it would cost the tribe to purchase and finish the building to where we want it for our need; that is for assisted living. She also let the commission that price not only included the main building, but also 8-10 other units with attached garages.

Winnay was letting the commission know that the council was looking at the building next GFS, but it might not be a good idea, because a lot of investors come to the tribe with their unfinished projects and the prices seems to go up.

She was also saying because of this that it might be cheaper for us to start looking at building our own buildings from scratch.

Larry wanted to know where she came up with the price, because we have no inspector or even anyone who can evaluate the real value something like a building or property has. Until we do we shouldn't be just stamping any old value on it, or taking someone at just what they say it is worth.

Patrick also let the rest of the commission know that the chairmen office has a copy of both of the village meetings, per their request.

**Public Comment Closes:** 6:05 p.m.

Motion made by Ray Kiogima and supported by Larry Stead to adjourn at 6:10 P.M.

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

Motion Carried

Next meeting is on October 1st, 2012 @ 4 p.m. in Conference Room 312 at the LTBB Government Complex.

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Patrick Wemigwase, Secretary

Minutes approve on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.