

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
October 7th, 2012
4:00 p.m.
Conference Room 312, LTBB Government Complex

Closed Session: None

Call to Order: 4:15 p.m.

Roll call: Chairman Ray Kiogima – Absent; Vice Chairperson Arlene Naganashe – Present; Secretary Patrick Wemigwase – Present; Commissioner Larry Stead – Present; Commissioner Judith Pierzynowski – Present

Staff present: Executive Housing Director – John Givens

Guests present: None

Opening Prayer: Arlene Naganashe

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Larry Stead to accept the agenda as written.

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

Motion Carried

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Larry Stead to accept the minutes as amended and written.

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

Motion Carried

Housing Director Report:

Home Improvement Program: The **H.I.P.** program that is currently offered by the LTBB Housing Department is a grant for \$2500. It is offered to eligible tribal citizens once every 5 years. This program is completely funded by our **NAHASDA** block grant and must comply with those guidelines. Part of that compliance is that we must comply with the Davis Bacon Wage Act for any contract that is over \$2000. We are concerned because we deal with such small contractors and small amounts of grant that asking the contractors to comply with the Davis Bacon Wage Act could limit the amount of available contractors we have at our disposal. If we lowered the grant amount to \$1999 it would eliminate the need to comply with Davis Bacon. If we did that I would want to increase the frequency that a citizen could utilize the grant to once every 3 to 4 years.

Foreclosure Prevention: Should the Foreclosure Program be offered to tribal citizens more than once in a lifetime?

Short Term Rental Program: Should the Short Term Rental Program be offered to tribal citizens more than once in a lifetime?

Indian Health Services: Due to the government shut down, the well and septic program that is funded through Indian Health Services is currently on hold. All civilian staff from I.H.S. has been furloughed and no applications can be processed or work ordered until their return.

2014 Indian Housing Plan: The 2014 Indian Housing Plan is complete and ready to submit to the Chicago **H.U.D.** Office. We must submit the plan by October 15th, 2013.

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

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

Motion Carried

Elders Coordinator Report: None

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Larry Stead to not make any changes to the Home Improvement Program.

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

Motion Carried

FYI:

The commission suggested that the Foreclosure Prevention Program will have some change to it: will go something like this twice in a lifetime as long it has been 10 years or more in between them, and also the second one will be a little harder to get because you will have to go through some kind of credit counseling.

The commission also suggested that there will be no changes made to the Short Term Rental Program.

John said he will try and contact Meijer and see what kind of return they get on the windmills they have on their building.

Public Comment Opens: 6:08 p.m.

Public Comment Closes: 6:12 p.m.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Patrick Wemigwase to adjourn at 6:19 P.M.

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

Motion Carried

Date: 10/07/13

Patrick Wemigwase, Secretary

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