

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Housing Commission  
Regular Meeting  
July 1st, 2013  
4:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 312, LTBB Government Complex

**Closed Session:** None

**Call to Order:** 4:06 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 – Present; Elders Coordinator Tammy Okuly – Absent; Jim Bransky – Legal Department

**Guests present:** None

**Opening Prayer:** Ray Kiogima

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Motion made by Patrick Wemigwase and supported by Larry Stead to accept the agenda for the July 1, 2013 meeting as written.

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 from the June 3, 2013 meeting as written.

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

Motion Carried

**Housing Director Report:**

**LTBB Rental Policy:** The LTBB Rental Policy had been updated to reflect changes to the criminal history requirements for the LTBB Rental Tenants.

**LTBB Housing Eviction Procedure:** We have created a procedure to help uniformly govern the process that we use to determine when a tenant should be evicted.

**LTBB Law Enforcement:** I was able to speak with our Chief of Police, Jeff Cobe, on 06-05-13. In our conversation I expressed to him the LTBB Housing Commission thoughts on having more of a “police presence” at the Coach House Motel. Jeff did say that he would speak with the officers about driving by the Coach House, and being aware that we do house some of tribal citizens there,

but added that they would NOT be stopping and walking through the premises. He cites his officer's lack of jurisdiction at the location for this decision.

Motion made by Ray Kiogima and supported by Larry Stead 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: None**

#### **FYI:**

Jim Bransky has been working with the commission to get some changes done to the **Waganakising Odawak Statute 2006-\*\*\*\* Housing**. The commission has been working on this for the past three years plus now. This new statute will replace the previous **Waganakising Odawak Statute 2013-\*\*\*\* Housing**. Some of the changes have to do with how the Housing Commission and Housing Department function with one another, also that the commission acts in advisory capacity to the Tribal Council. Others are the commission changed where it says "**Indian**" to now read "**Tribal Citizen**" or "**Non-Citizen**" also had the term of "Guest" redefined a little more. There were some dealings about business that were also removed, because our Housing Department and Housing Commission doesn't deal with any businesses. The Housing Department and Housing Commission is here to house our Tribal Citizens that has always been their mission. There were also some changes in the eviction procedures area to try and move that process along a little quicker. The Commission and Housing Department also did some changes in the Inheritance area as well. There were other changes that had to do with Garnishment, Criminal Background Checks, Disenrollment, and Jurisdiction. Keep in mind that all of these changes have to be approved by Tribal Council before they become law.

Patrick was letting the rest of the commission know about some of the complaints he has received from some of the tenants at our tribal housing developments. The complaints were not bad but do need someone to address them. The commission thinks that is time to start up the village meetings again so that these complaints don't get out of hand or cause a big problem in the community. He agreed with them and will work with Rebecca Fisher to get the dates and times set up for them. Harbors will be in the community building like always, and the one at Murray Rd will have to find someone that is willing to host it. Just like the ones before they will pot luck style which seems to bring everyone out better. They will most likely be in August since July is too early to have one Patrick will be the one running the meetings like before since he has experience doing this type of thing.

**Public Comment Opens: 5:28 p.m.**

**Public Comment Closes: 5:28 p.m.**

Motion made by Patrick Wemigwase and supported by Larry Stead to adjourn at 5:39 P.M.

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

Motion Carried

Date: 7/01/13

Patrick Wemigwase, Secretary

Minutes approve on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013.