

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
October 6th, 2014
4:00 p.m.
Conference Room 312, LTBB Government Complex

Closed Session: None

Call to Order: 4:05 p.m.

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

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

Guests present: None

Opening Prayer: Arlene Naganashe

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Larry Stead to approve the agenda for the meeting of October 6th, 2014.

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

Motion Carried

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Judith Pierzynowski to accept the minutes of the September 4th, 2014 meeting as amended.

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

Motion Carried

Housing Director Report:

2015 MRDC Conference: John will be attending the annual Michigan Rural Development Meeting on 10/15 & 10/16. This meeting pertains to the Rural Development 515 loan program and its regulations.

Supportive Housing: After review of the RFP's requested for our supportive housing project, we have chosen to offer a consulting contract to LeBeau Development. They have a considerable amount of experience in this field and also with working with Native American Tribes.

Rural Development Budget: The Rural Development budget for 2015 has been submitted. We have asked for the Utility Allowance to be increased to \$105 for 2015. This is an increase of \$9 from the existing \$96 Utility Allowance. Any increase will not take effect until 01-01-2015.

New Home Project: The request for funding for the new **A.D.A.** compliant home that the Housing Department and the Housing Commission wish to build was denied at the **A.F.C.** meeting. John is looking for ways to cut some costs out of the estimate, once that is done he will resubmit a proposal to the Tribal Chairman's office for review.

Waiting Lists: New waiting lists applicants:

# OF OCCUPANTS	ELDERS	NON-ELDER
1	1	1
2	0	0
3	0	0
4+	0	0
TOTAL	1	1

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Judy Pierzynowski to accept the verbal and written report of the Housing Director.

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

Motion Carried

Elders Coordinator Report:

There are 17 elders on the Housing waiting list. The outcome of the elders surveys were that they need help with the heavy housework, yard work, and transportation. They also, have problems with bookkeeping, and other personal business. Basically they all wanted to stay in their own homes, so the direction that we were heading was to provide services in the home. The Elders Department will continue to work with a Home Health Nurse Agency or some other type of other agency like that. John Givens asked what type of services that are offered right now by the Elders Department. The services that are available through the Elders Department are Housekeeping support set at \$20,000 through the **AOA** grant; Elder must meet qualification. Additionally through Direct Client Services they have been able to get Homemaker Companion and Home Health Aide support through a private duty agency up to \$1200 annual benefit amount for each qualified elder. We have a line item in 2014 budget; authorized by previous Executive and Tribal Council for consultants for \$114,500. With the transition in the Elders Department Services and Staff organized by Executive and Tribal Administrator this \$114,000 in support services had been reallocated. Elders Department Outreach Coordinator and Elders Department Manager will be collaborating on how to continue to meet the expanding support needs as identified by survey and consult of our Tribal Elders. Transportation is provided on Tuesday and Thursdays to Elders Luncheon, Thursdays for shopping and then by arrangement for specific cultural events or activities arranged by the Elders Department.

Motion made by Judy Pierzynowski and supported by Pat Wemigwase to accept the verbal report of the Elders Coordinator.

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

Motion Carried

FYI:

Public Comment Opens: 5:01 p.m.

Judy Pierzynowski was asking how the Eagle feather went for Ray. Arlene and the rest of the commission let her know that the personation went over really well. We told her that when it came time to present the feather for the community eagle staff an eagle was flying over at the time, and also there were two feathers presented on behalf of Roland. Then another eagle was flying over at that time also. We also told her that the community and the family accepted the mural of the Ray rather well. Tammy wanted to thank the Housing Commission for doing the mural and the Eagle feather on behalf of Ray.

Public Comment Closes: 5:26 p.m.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Pat Wemigwase for a work session on October 24th, 2014 @ 3 p.m. in Conference Room 312 @ LTBB Government Complex; with mileage, stipend, and periderm for attending commission.

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

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Judy Pierzynowski to adjourn at 5:28 P.M.

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

Next meeting is on November 3rd, 2014 @ 4 p.m. in Conference Room 312 at the LTBB Government Complex.

Date: 10/06/14

Patrick Wemigwase, Secretary

Minutes approve on November 3rd, 2014.