

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Housing Commission  
Regular Meeting  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014  
4:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 312, LTBB Government Complex

**Closed Session:** None

**Call to Order:** 4:05 p.m.

**Roll call:** Chairman Ray Kiogima – Present; 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:** Ray Kiogima

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Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Larry Stead to accept the agenda for the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 meeting as written and amended.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Pat Wemigwase and supported by Arlene Naganashe to accept the minutes for the December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 meeting as written. As there was no meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 due to the lack of attending commissions'.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Vacant

Motion Carried

**Housing Director Report:**

**Single Family Home:** The interview process has been completed and Edgewater Design Group from Petoskey has been asked to submit a cost proposal for their services. Once that is negotiated and signed they will begin the design process for our new single family home to be built in 2014.

**Rental Home:** The single family home located at 3617 Zhou Noong has been rehabbed. It will be cleaned in the next two weeks and we hope to have it occupied by the end of February.

**2013 Grants:** In 2013 we disbursed the following:

	# OF GRANTS	\$ AMOUNT
Down Payment Grants	7	16675

Short Term Rental Grants	47	54074
Home Improvement Grants	39	90735
Foreclosure Prevention Grants	8	19293
Transitional Housing Grants	34	50100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>230877</b>

**Waiting Lists:** This is the current data for the LTBB Housing waiting lists for Tribal Housing:

<b># OF OCCUPANTS</b>	<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>NON-ELDER</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>4+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>32</b>

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

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Vacant

Motion Carried

### **Elders Coordinator Report: None**

Motion made by Pat Wemigwase and supported by Larry Stead to accept the dates as set down by the Housing Commission for the year of 2014; the dates are: January 6<sup>th</sup>, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and December 1<sup>st</sup>. All in Room 312 at the LTBB Governmental Complex @ 4:00 p.m. and they all take place on the first Monday (as long as the government is open) like always.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Judy Pierzynowski to accept the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report as written by the Housing Commission Secretary – Pat Wemigwase.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Vacant

Motion Carried

### **FYI:**

Pat Wemigwase was letting the commission know about the complaints he was getting about a Tribal Housing Employee. Most of the complaints were about this particular employee being rude, or nasty to them on the phone. The problem with the complainant is they make a complaint about the employee, but the

complainant won't leave their name, so that problem the can be dealt with through the proper change or command. John said if they don't leave their name and number, or at least contact him with a problem or complaint. Instead of going through a third party with it, then it just becomes here say. The rest of the commissioners' say that this is the biggest reason why most of the tenants don't trust the Housing Department (they always think that they are lying about a complaint or problem they have). Judy suggested that maybe John should start handing out some kind of survey or other list, when they come in to pay their rent. The reason behind that is for whatever they need fixed or repaired might help with the ease or heal the relationship between the Housing Department and the Tenants. All the rest of the commission agreed with Judy about her idea of giving the tenants' some kind of checklist when they come in to pay their rent.

John was letting the commission know the last bid from Sign and Design was \$7,500.00. This quote was for just the sign at the Harbor Housing Development, also we cannot contract it out to any of our Tribal Members, because it has to be grant funded more than likely it will cost about the same for a sign at the Murray Rd. Development.

John was letting the commission know that the dumpsters out at the Harbor Housing Development, and the problems that we have been having out there for quite a while now. One problem it seems that almost every Saturday some seems to be filling up the dumpster, and from the information that has been gathered so far it's not anyone who lives in the development. The second is that when we have a tenant moves out they sometimes have all of this trash and it ends up in the dumpster, then that leaves the rest of the development with no place to put their trash because the dumpster is so full from the move. To hopefully fix the first problem which is really the main one the Housing Department is having the trash removal company replace the dumpster with one that locks. The dumpster will only be open certain days of the week, and locked the rest of the week and hopefully that will solve the over flowing dumpster problem.

Pat was letting the rest of the Housing Commission and the Housing Director know about a news story that he had seen on the Nightly News (It Takes a Village: Seniors Thrive While Living at Home). The reason that he's bringing this up is that most of the elders that he has talked to want to age in place (stay in their own home). In this news story the seniors are members of what's known as a "village". The idea behind the "village model", as it's called, is to make it possible for seniors to stay in their communities, even their homes, as long as possible. Also there been a study done from January through June of 2012 the study was done by Rutgers School of Social Work; University of California Berkeley School of Social Welfare; University of Maryland School of Social Work; University of Michigan School of Social Work. The report describes Villages at the national level in terms of their organizational characteristics; finances;

community setting and membership characteristics; services; and organizational governance and collaborations.

**Public Comment Opens: 5:50 p.m.**

Tribal Chairmen – Fred Kiogima was letting us know that he was just sitting in listening to all of our all ideas. He also, said that just think about 30 years ago we were all just meeting out at Y–camp. Also, said if you ever get a chance to walk into archives you should take a look at the old meeting minutes that were just typed on a typewriter.

Ray wanted to know about the bus problem at both of the Tribal Housing Development. John told him that out at Murray Rd. they still pick them up at the entrance to the development, and at Harbor the bus drives around to every one of the kids' houses.

**Public Comment Closes: 6:08 p.m.**

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Judy Pierzynowski to adjourn at 6:10 P.M.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Vacant

Motion Carried

Next meeting is March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 @ 4 p.m. in Conference Room 312 at the LTBB Government Complex.

Date: 2/03/14

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Patrick Wemigwase, Secretary

Minutes approve on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.