

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
March 3, 2017
5 p.m.
White House

Closed Session: None.

Call to Order: 5:08 p.m.

Roll call: Chairman Patrick Wemigwase – Present; Vice Chairperson – Vacant; Commissioner Larry Stead – Present; Commissioner Judith Pierzynowski – Present; Secretary Annette VanDeCar – Present.

Staff present: Housing Director John Givens.

Guests present: None.

Motion made by Chairman Patrick Wemigwase and supported by Commissioner Larry Stead to accept the agenda for the March 3, 2017 meeting.

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

Motion Carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Judith Pierzynowski and supported by Chairman Patrick Wemigwase to accept the minutes from the meeting of February 3, 2017.

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

Motion Carried.

Housing Department report given by Housing Director John Givens

Annual Performance Report

The Housing Department's annual performance report is 99% complete. Once the financial portion is added to it, the report will be complete, and it will be submitted to HUD. The report is due by March 30, 2017.

Building Michigan Communities Conference

This year's Building Michigan Communities Conference is scheduled for May 1-3, 2017 in Lansing, MI, at the Lansing Center. The conference is tailored toward homelessness, home ownership and renting. The Housing Department plans to send a staff member to the conference.

2016 LTBB Housing stats

For FY 2016, the Housing Department processed the following:

Down payment assistance grants – 15 grantees for \$31,550

Home improvement grants – 13 grantees for \$27,727

Foreclosure prevention grants – 3 grantees for \$8,665

Short term rental grants – 26 grantees for \$31,998

Transitional housing assistance – 30 grantees for \$45,000

Indian Health Services

The Housing Department reminds everyone if a tribal citizen is in need of a new well and/or septic system, he/she can contact the Housing Department at 231-242-1540. This program can cover new construction and in most cases, failed systems on existing homes.

Waiting List for LTBB Housing

The Housing Department provided an updated waiting list. There are currently 11 elders and 29 non-elders on the waiting list.

Motion made by Treasurer Annette VanDeCar and supported by Commissioner Judith Pierzynowski to accept the Housing Department report given by Housing Director John Givens.

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

Motion Carried.

Elders Coordinator Report: None.

New Business

- A. The Housing Department statute is pending.
- B. Chairman Patrick Wemigwase will get information about the Building Michigan Communities Conference. The Housing Commission plans to send a commissioner(s) to the conference.

Old Business: None.

FYI/Public Comment: None.

Motion made by Chairman Patrick Wemigwase and supported by Secretary Annette VanDeCar to adjourn at 6:30 P.M.

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

Motion Carried.

Date: 03/03/17

Annette VanDeCar, Secretary