

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Housing Commission  
Regular Meeting  
August 14, 2017  
6 p.m.  
LTBB Community Building

**Closed Session:** None.

**Call to Order:** 6 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:** Thunder Mier, Frank Bernard, Judie Breneman and Kingston Grigsby.

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Motion made by Chairman Patrick Wemigwase and supported by Commissioner Judith Pierzynowski to accept the agenda for the August 14, 2017 meeting.

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

Motion Carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Judith Pierzynowski and supported by Commissioner Larry Stead to accept the minutes from the meeting of June 14, 2017.

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

Motion Carried.

**LTBB Housing Department verbal and written report by Housing Director John Givens.**

**Staff Training**

**All of the Housing Department staff recently received online training specific to the Fair Housing Act. This training satisfies the yearly training requirement for the staff.**

**2017 Second Quarter Statistics**

**Down Payment Assistance: 2 grants for \$4,525**

**Home Improvement Assistance: 3 grants for \$6,433.50**

**Short Term Rental Assistance: 4 grants for \$4,815**

**Transitional Housing: 11 grants for \$16,500**

**Foreclosure Prevention Assistance: 0 grants**  
**Rental subsidy to LTBB Tenants: \$11,445.65**

### **Indian Health Services**

**The department is expanding the criteria for the Well and Septic Program. It will now service any member of a federally recognized tribe who lives within our 27 county service area. The expansion means the department is now receiving additional funding from Indian Health Services.**

### **Community Social Events**

**A community gathering was held August 4 at 3 p.m. for the Mtiigwakiis Village. Food and refreshments were provided. A community gathering for the Wah Wahs Noos Da Ke Village was held August 14 at 3 p.m. Food and refreshments were provided. The Housing Department looks to hold these annually and possibly expand them in the future.**

### **Waiting Lists**

**The Housing Department's current waiting lists contain 14 on the elders waiting list and 24 on the non-elder waiting list.**

Motion made by Chairman Patrick Wemigwase and supported by Commissioner Judith Pierzynowski to accept the verbal and written Housing Department report submitted 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.** Review of the Housing Commission's second quarter report submitted to the Executive Office.

Motion made by Chairman Patrick Wemigwase to accept the second quarter report submitted to the Executive Office by Secretary Annette VanDeCar and supported by Commissioner Larry Stead.

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

Motion carried.

- B.** Review of the recently passed Housing Department and Housing Commission Statute and the Executive veto of it.

C. Invite Tribal Planner Annie Doyle to our September 8, 2017 meeting.

**Old Business**

A. Community events held for the tribal housing residents hosted in August 2017 by the Housing Department.

**Public Comment:**

Frank Bernard was interested to hear what the Housing Commission does and was happy to attend the meeting.

Larry Stead asked where the tribe was at with the plan to build a home. Architectural plans to build a home were done, but that is where it stands until it can be financed. There are different avenues by which to finance building a home. A home can be built on any of the lots at Wah Wahs Noos Da Ke Village.

Patrick Wemigwase asked about the additional parking planned at Wah Wahs Noos Da Ke Village. The Housing Department is working with the Planning Department on this.

Judith Pierzynowski asked what the Housing Department does to stay current on the building costs of a home.

Motion made by Commissioner Judith Pierzynowski to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. and supported by Commissioner Larry Stead.

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

Motion Carried.

Date: 08/14/17

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Annette VanDeCar, Secretary