

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
September 8, 2017
5 p.m.
LTBB White House

Closed Session: none.

Call to Order: 5:23 p.m.

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

Staff present: Housing Director John Givens and Tribal Planner Annie Doyle.

Guests present: none.

Motion made by Commissioner Judith Pierzynowski and supported by Commissioner Larry Stead to accept the agenda for the September 8, 2017 meeting.

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

Motion Carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Judith Pierzynowski and supported by Secretary Annette VanDeCar to accept the minutes from the meeting of August 14, 2017.

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

Motion Carried.

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

Rural Development Program Review

On September 20, 2017, representatives from Rural Development will be at the Housing Department offices and later at Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke elders property to conduct a review of records as well as a physical inspection of the property.

2017 Second Quarter Statistics

Down Payment Assistance: 1 grant for \$2,275

Home Improvement Assistance: 8 grants for a total of \$19,470.57

Short Term Rental Assistance: 3 grants for a total of \$3,375

Transitional Housing: 8 grants for a total of \$12,000
Foreclosure Prevention Assistance: 0 grants for a total of \$0
Rental subsidy to LTBB Tenants: \$11,445.65

Indian Health Services

LTBB now serves any member of a federally recognized tribe, who lives within the LTBB 27-county service area, through IHS's Well and Septic Program. Due to the expansion, LTBB is receiving additional funding from IHS. LTBB currently has 13 open files in various stages of completion.

Motion made by Commissioner Judith Pierzynowski and supported by Commissioner Larry Stead to accept the verbal and written Housing Department report submitted by Housing Director John Givens.

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

Motion Carried.

Elders Coordinator Report: none.

New Business

- A.** Discussion with Tribal Planner Annie Doyle. Common need identified by leadership and tribal citizens is housing. The Planning Department is working with the Housing Department to develop a report, which compares and contrasts tribally-owned locations to build housing.
- B.** What would have to happen for a “tiny house” to be built by the tribe and rented out? Housing and zoning regulations first would need to be approved in order to address this question.

Old Business

- A.** Housing Department and Housing Commission Statute vetoed by the Executive on August 14, 2017. Next Tribal Council meeting is September 14, 2017.
- B.** Housing Department's community gatherings in August.

Public Comment: none.

FYI

- A.** LTBB Traditional Pow Wow on September 9, 2017.
- B.** Newly elected Executive team and Tribal Councilors will be sworn in on September 14, 2017.

- C. LTBB Sovereignty Day Celebration on September 16, 2017. The LTBB Pow Wow Committee will raffle off a 43-inch TV at this event with all proceeds to benefit next year's Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow. For more information about the raffle, contact Annette VanDeCar at 231-242-1427 or avandecar@lbbodawa-nsn.gov
- D. Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow t-shirts are still available to purchase at the LTBB White House. Contact Annette VanDeCar at 231-242-1427 or avandecar@lbbodawa-nsn.gov for pricing and more information
- E. LTBB Governmental Offices will be closed on September 21 and 22 in observance of LTBB Sovereignty Day and Michigan Indian Day.

Motion made by Commissioner Larry Stead to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. and seconded by Commissioner Judith Pierzynowski.

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

Motion Carried.

Date: 09/08/17

Annette VanDeCar, Secretary