

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Liquor & Tobacco Licensing Board
Regular Meeting
October 11, 2016

Present: William A. Denemy, Board Member
Julie Janiskee, Board Member

Absent: None

Guests: None

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM by consensus
- The Board Members reviewed Waganakising Statute 2009-019 Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board Statute and Waganakising Statute 2014-006 Liquor and Tobacco License Violations Statute prior to the meeting for any areas of potential amendment and conflict. Discussion was held regarding these statutes. The only concern that Board had with either statute was the short length of time the license was valid. The Board by consensus would like to see licenses approved for a longer period of time. A letter was then drafted to be sent to Tribal Council, The Chair, Vice Chair, and General Council with our concern and suggested remedy. The letter is on file.
- Discussion was held regarding a previous letter received by FDA. Upon prior consultation with General Counsel it was advised that there is no immediate action needed by the Liquor and Tobacco Board resulting from the new FDA rules. Any sellers we license should be made aware that they must comply with FDA rules and regulations in addition to those of LTBB during license renewals. Under the Tax Agreement the Tribe acquires tobacco products only from Michigan licensed wholesalers who must follow the federal rules so the federal rules should create little if any additional burden for a Tribal retailer, such as Biindigen.
- A short discussion regarding the Boards budget was held. The Board agreed that they are adequately funded at the present level with no shortfall concerns.
- Public Comment was opened at 5:25 PM and closed at 5:26 PM. Agreed by consensus. There was no public comment.
- Next meeting will be decided at a later date and will be dependent upon any needed follow up with Tribal Council, Executive, or General Counsel regarding the letter that will be sent or requests for formal Board action.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 PM. Agreed by consensus.