

1 **Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**  
2 **Natural Resource Commission**  
3 **Regular Meeting**  
4 **October 12, 2016**  
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6 Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by William McNamara, Commission Chairman  
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8 Roll Call Commission by Chairman McNamara: Chairman, William McNamara;  
9 Vice-Chairman, Renee Dillard; Treasurer, Frederick Holdorff; and  
10 Commissioner, John Keshick III and Secretary, Kevin Gasco.  
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12 Absent: None  
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14 NRD Staff: Director, Douglas Craven; Environmental Services Manager,  
15 Daugherty Johnson; Great Lakes Fisheries Biologist, Kevin Donner;  
16 Conservation Officer, Roger Willis; Inland Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima  
17 Jr.; William Parsons, Inland Fisheries Biologist; Debra Smithkey-Browne,  
18 Administrative Assistant;  
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20 Absent: Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer  
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22 Guest: William Ortiz, LTBB Tribal Fisherman; Mindy Beaver, LTBB Tribal  
23 Member; James Bransky, LTBB Tribal Attorney; Margaret Gasco, LTBB Tribal  
24 Member;  
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26 Open Ceremony – Vice-Chairman, Renee Dillard  
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28 Public Comment Opened at 6:13 p.m.

- 29 • William Ortiz commented on:
- 30 ○ Commercial fishing and with the weather he has not been able to get out  
31 on the lake, he has only been able to make 1 lift in the last 8 weeks.
  - 32 ○ Requested an Assessment fishing permit of 6,000 feet in the trap net  
33 zone in Bay de Noc, for not only whitefish but for walleye too; the permit  
34 would have to be reviewed by the TFC (technical fishery committee) and  
35 the permit would be issued with a majority vote by CORA.
  - 36 ○ Tribal fishermen are limited to whitefish for selling to the markets in the  
37 Escanaba area because large state trap net operations selling 30,000 lbs  
38 of whitefish and the markets will not purchase white fish from local tribal  
39 fishermen because the market is flooded with whitefish.
  - 40 ○ Gill netters from other tribes are looking forward to LTBB taking the lead  
41 on the 2020 negotiations because they are unhappy with their tribe's  
42 actions; such as non-tribal fishers fishing and not getting fined for their  
43 illegal selling of fish.
  - 44 ○ The Mackinaw Band are intending to set a gill net tomorrow in Bay de Noc  
45 and plan on having a news crew to film the setting of the nets;
  - 46 ○ Assessment fishing in Little Bay de Noc and Big Bay de Noc used to be  
47 great ice fishing for whitefish commercially not just subsistence fishing,  
48 has been closed since 1985 for commercial ice fishing.

49 Public Comment Closed at 6:52 p.m.  
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51 Break at 6:53 p.m.

1 Meeting moved to the Government Building in room 312 so everyone could  
2 participate in the Manoomin Cook Off in the Commons area.

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4 Meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

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6 NRC reviewed the Agenda

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8 **Motion made by Kevin Gasco, Secretary; to approve the agenda as**  
9 **amended to move the Inland Wildlife Report and the Water Fowl**  
10 **Regulations after the Director's report; Frederick Holdorph,**  
11 **Treasurer; supports.**

12 **5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

13 **Motion Carried**

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15 NRC reviewed the minutes of September 28, 2016.

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17 **Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to approve the**  
18 **minutes of September 28, 2016 as presented; Kevin Gasco,**  
19 **Secretary; supports.**

20 **5 Yes 0 No Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

21 **Motion Carried**

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23 **No phone polls**

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25 **Natural Resource Director's Report – Kevin Donner, Interim Director**

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27 **Motion made by Kevin Gasco, Secretary; to approve the NRD**  
28 **Directors verbal Report as presented by Douglas Craven, Director;**  
29 **supported by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman.**

30 **5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

31 **Motion Carried**

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33 **Inland Wildlife Biologist Report – Inland Wildlife Biologist, Archie**  
34 **Kiogima Jr.**

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36 **Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the Inland**  
37 **Wildlife Biologist verbal and written report as presented by Archie**  
38 **Kiogima Jr, Inland Wildlife Biologist; supported by Kevin Gasco,**  
39 **Secretary.**

40 **5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

41 **Motion Carried**

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43 **Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to approve the Water**  
44 **Fowl Regulations for Migratory Birds as presented; supported by**  
45 **Kevin Gasco, Secretary.**

46 **5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

47 **Motion Carried**

1 8:24 p.m. Archie Kiogima and William Parsons depart meeting.

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3 **Conservation Law Enforcement – Roger Willis, Conservation Officer:**

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5 **Motion made by Kevin Gasco, Secretary; to approve the Conservation**  
6 **Law Enforcement verbal and written report as presented by Roger**  
7 **Willis, Conservation Officer; supported by Frederick Holdorph,**  
8 **Treasurer.**

9 **5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

10 **Motion Carried**

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12 8:44 p.m. Roger Willis departs meeting.

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14 **Environmental Services Report – Daugherty Johnson III,**  
15 **Environmental Services Manger**

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17 **Motion made by Kevin Gasco, Secretary; to approve the**  
18 **Environmental Services Written Report as submitted by Daugherty**  
19 **Johnson III, Environmental Services Manager; supported by**  
20 **Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer.**

21 **5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

22 **Motion Carried**

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24 **Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the Great**  
25 **Lakes Fisheries Written and Verbal Report as presented by Great**  
26 **Lakes Fisheries Biologist Kevin Donner; supported by Frederick**  
27 **Holdorph, Treasurer.**

28 **5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

29 **Motion Carried**

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31 **Commissioner Report – Commissioners**

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33 **Motion made by Kevin Gasco, Secretary; to approve the**  
34 **Commissioner’s Report as presented by the commissioners;**  
35 **supported by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer.**

36 **5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

37 **Motion Carried**

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39 9:43 p.m. Kevin Gasco, Secretary and Margaret Gasco departs meeting.

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41 Public Comment opened at 9:45 p.m.

42 Public Comment closed at 9:46 p.m.

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44 **Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to adjourn the**  
45 **meeting at 9:47 p.m.; supported by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman.**

46 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Gasco) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

47 **Motion Carried**

1 Next scheduled meeting will be held on October 26, 2016

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Kevin Gasco, Secretary

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