

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS
OF ODAWA INDIANS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES
MAY 8, 2004

GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX
HARBOR SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Singel at 10:05 am.

Smudging by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow and invocation by Commissioner Bott.

Roll call:

Present: Wenona Singel, John Bott and Patricia Dyer-Deckrow.

Absent: Cheryl Kishigo and Michael Givens excused.

Quorum established.

Staff: Susan A. Swadling, Economic Development Assistant
Theresa Keshick, Economic Development Research Assistant.

Guest: Tom Jannausch, Owner and President of Aquasition.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to adopt the agenda as presented and amended, supported by Commissioner Bott.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Chair Kishigo, Commissioner Givens)

Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to adopt the minutes of April 17, 2004 as presented and amended, supported by Commissioner Bott.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Chair Kishigo, Commissioner Givens)

Motion passed.

Tom Jannausch, Owner and President of Aquasition, presented information regarding his Great Lakes cruise business.

11:07 am Vice-Chair Singel left, no quorum, meeting stopped.

11:09 am Vice-Chair Singel returned, quorum present, meeting resumed.

11:20 am Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow left, no quorum, meeting stopped.

11:23 am Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow returned, quorum present, meeting resumed.

11:42 am Commissioner Bott left, no quorum, meeting stopped.

11:46 am Vice-Chair Singel left.

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11:49 am Vice-Chair Singel returned.

11:50 am Commissioner Bott returned.

11:55 am Meeting reconvened.

Discussion regarding the Aquasition presentation was held. Reviewed the steps to present the information to Tribal Council. Commissioner Bott will draft a memo to Tom Jannausch requesting financial information before informing Tribal Council of this potential venture.

Opened public comment at 12:04 pm no comment
Closed public comment at 12:05 pm

Break at 12:05 pm
Reconvened 12:36 pm

Council feedback

Discussed the information in the packet received from the Tribal Council.

Discussion was held regarding the Tax Agreement Summit to be held at the end of the month. Jaime Barrientoz, Economic Development Director, and Theresa Keshick, Economic Development Research Assistant, will be attending the summit. Little River Band will be hosting the event.

Discussed developing a tribal business that will incorporate the tax agreement into the business plan so that the agreement would be available for all tribal members.

Commissioner Bott and Theresa Keshick will work on this plan.

Commissioner Bott reported on the quarterly report presented to Tribal Council on April 18, 2004.

The Economic Development Department will do a budget modification to include an increase to accommodate an additional staff person with a letter of support from the Economic Development Commission.

Discussed a review of the strategic plan and cooperating with other commissions for a coordinator to do updated plans.

Economic Development Director report

Susan A. Swadling, Economic Development Assistant, submitted a written report for Jaime Barrientoz, Economic Development Director, to the Commission.

Dorothy Perry will continue to work at the Business Resource Center until a new staff person takes the position.

Lauree Kirchoff has accepted the position of Kings Inn Manager. Lauree is a tribal member and has operated her own business in the past.

Theresa Keshick reported on the progress of the swipe card system.

The Registered Tribal Member list had a few omissions and caused a problem with a few tax refunds. The problems have been reviewed and resolved.

On May 14th and 15th, a grand opening for Biindigen will be held. Prize drawings, free hotdogs, free brats and free soda are planned for the event.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to accept the Economic Development Department staff written and verbal report, supported by Commissioner Bott.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Chair Kishigo, Commissioner Givens).

Motion passed.

Chair report – absent, no report.

Vice-Chair report

Discussed By-Laws, Constitution and Commissions, Boards and Committees Statutes regarding any changes in the law and changing by-laws.

Motion made by Commissioner Bott to accept the Vice-Chair verbal report, supported by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow.

Vote taken: 2 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Vice-Chair Singel), 2 absent (Chair Kishigo, Commissioner Givens)

Motion passed.

Treasurer report

Discussed the budget modification regarding increasing the budget to accommodate the stipend increase and travel for six work sessions.

Motion made by Commissioner Bott to accept the budget modification for fiscal year 2004 as presented, supported by Vice-Chair Singel.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Chair Kishigo, Commissioner Givens)

Motion passed.

Break at 2:30 pm

Reconvene at 2:46 pm

Secretary report – absent, no report

Other business

Meeting schedule

Reviewed the adjusted meeting schedule for the rest of the year to coincide with the Tribal Council meetings.

Motion made by Commissioner Bott to accept the meeting schedule change, supported by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Chair Kishigo, Commissioner Givens)

Motion passed.

Foreign Entities

Discussed two main items:

- A. Memo explaining in lay man's terms what this statute says
- B. Memo would also serve as a legislative summary

Motion made by Commissioner Bott to approve the Foreign Entities Code as amended for submission to Tribal Council with a legislative history and Council Action request, supported by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Chair Kishigo, Commissioner Givens)

Motion passed.

Tribal Corporation Charter

Discussed the Tribal Corporation Charter and Vice-Chair Singel will email website address on commercial law to the Economic Development Commission. This website would be helpful in getting the Tribal Corporation organized to operate the non-gaming enterprises for the Tribe.

Budget 2004

Discussed the Budget for 2004 during the Treasurer's report.

Chair Kishigo forwarded a request from the Tribal Chairman's office regarding interview questions for prospective commission members. Three questions were decided upon:

1. Have you ever operated any businesses?
2. Describe your experience writing legislation or policy.
3. Scenario:
 - a. Hypothetical: Suppose the Tribe considered purchasing an industrial park that was undeveloped. What do you think the Economic Development Commission's role should be in connection with developing the park? What action should be taken by the Economic Development Commission following the purchase?

Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik came in at 4:05 pm.

Discussion was held on the importance of a Universal Commercial Code on the Tribes rating for financing.

At the National Indian Gaming Conference one of the issues discussed was the tax implication for the Tribe.

Opened public comment at 4:28 pm

Closed public comment at 4:29 pm no comment

No closed session.

4:41 pm Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow left, no quorum, meeting stopped

4:43 pm Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow returned, quorum present, meeting resumed.

Discussion was held regarding an industrial park for the Tribe.

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Motion made by Commissioner Bott to adjourn the meeting, supported by Commissioner
Dyer-Deckrow.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (Chair Kishigo, Commissioner Givens)

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm.

Michael Givens, Secretary

Attachment