Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Elder's Commission
Regular Meeting
September 2, 2015

Meeting called at 5:15 p.m. by Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman;

Roll Call Commission: Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman; Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; Janice Shackleford, Treasurer; JoAnn Carey, Commissioner.

Absent: Richard Wemigwase, Chairman;

Elder Department Staff: Arlene Naganashe, Elder Department Director

Absent: None

Guest: Virginia Lewis, LTBB Tribal Elder;

Public Comment opened at 5:18 p.m. No Comments
Public Comment Closed at 5:19 p.m.

Commission review of the Agenda.

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the agenda as amended; Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; supports.
4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Wemigwase) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried

Elder's Commission reviewed the minutes of August 5, 2015

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the Minutes of August 5, 2015 as presented; Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; supports.
4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Wemigwase) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried

Elder's Commission reviewed the minutes of August 13, 2015 Work Session

Motion made by Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; to approve the Minutes of August 13, 2015 as presented; JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; supports.
4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Wemigwase) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried

Elder Director Report – Arlene Naganashe, Elder Department Director

- Title VI C Caregivers – Emmet County Only
  - Continuing to pay for Comfort Keepers Emergency Call System (life alert)
  - Providing Respite for one caregiver
  - Possible 2 – 4 more eligible care giver for respite, will investigate needs
- Title VI A

- Luncheons for August cost $4,194.00 for participants ranging from 59 – 82 people.
- Elders Department needs to find out about the Christmas Dinner as each elder can traditionally invite a guest, elders department may have to have two lists. According to the guidelines it will cover tribal elders, and with some elders inviting non-elder guests the cost will have to be divided, one for general fund and one for Title VI and split the cost. Maybe the casino has to send two separate invoices.
- In the past the cost of the Christmas Dinner has been over $5,000.00.

- General Fund
  - The Elder Department will be able to send 12 elders to the next MIEA conference; the travel budget will be gone.
  - Food and Utility reimbursement requests are in greater amounts for utility. There is only $4,620.00 left in that line item as of August 17, 2015.
- Falls Prevention
  - Outreach continues but still don't have the numbers projected in the grant.
  - We're planning on breaking the session into four 6 week sessions to see if we can't get more participants.
  - We will be offering classes at Native Way Gym, Community Center, Health Department and Government Center.

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the Elder Directors verbal and written report as presented by Arlene Naganashe, Elder Department Director; Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman; supports.
4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Wemigwase) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried

Commissioner Report – Commissioners – No Report

- Announcement YCC Celebration will be held tonight at 6 p.m.

Public Comment opened at 5:54 p.m. Arlene Naganashe commented on the YCC program.
Public Comment closed at 5:58 p.m.

Discussion was held on the Elder's Commission Meeting Format. The Treasurer Report will be added to the Agenda and included in the Meeting Format Document.

Motion made by Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; to approve the Elders Commission Meeting Format with amendments; Janice Shackleford, Treasurer; supports.
4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Wemigwase) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the Survey Letter.

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the survey letter as corrected and forward to Arlene Naganashe, Elder

Department Director for mailing with the surveys; Debra Smithkey-Browne; supports.
4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Wemigwase) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.; Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; supports.
4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Wemigwase) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried

Next scheduled meeting will be held on October 7, 2015
Approved:

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Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary Date