

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
February 6th, 2012
3:30 p.m.
Conference Room 312, LTBB Government Complex

Closed Session: None

Call to Order: 3:50 p.m.

Roll call: Chairman Ray Kiogima – present, Vice Chairperson Arlene Naganashe – absent, Secretary Patrick Wemigwase – present, Commissioner Larry Stead – present, Commissioner Vacant

Staff present: Executive Housing Director John Givens; Elders Coordinator Tammy Okuly

Guests present: Deborah Martin, Elder; Kaila Wiatrdik

Opening Prayer: Ray Kiogima

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Motion made by Larry Stead and supported by Patrick Wemigwase to accept the agenda as amended and written for the February 6th, 2012 meeting.

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

Motion Carried

Motion made by Larry Stead and supported by Ray Kiogima to accept the minutes from the January 9th, 2012 meeting.

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

Motion Carried

Housing Director Report:

Housing Resolution: The Housing Department has proposed a resolution that will allow the Housing Department to file cases of eviction in tribal court. The resolution is attached, for the Commission to review:

TRIBAL RESOLUTION #021912-XX

HOUSING DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS the Waganakising Odawak Nation know as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and its citizens are vested with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance;

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621);

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council is the elected legislative body of the Tribe;

WHEREAS the Tribal recognizes the importance of operating programs addressing housing for Tribal Citizens;

WHEREAS the Housing Department Director for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians has the responsibility to oversee and manage the rental units and leases relating to LTBB owned lands which have been designated by Tribal Council for housing Tribal Citizens;

WHEREAS it is imperative to the continuing financial interests of the Tribe, and the maintenance of Tribal assets, that the Housing Department remain unimpeded in its ability to manage its leases and rental properties;

WHEREAS the Tribal Constitution adopted February 1, 2005, reserves the authority to Tribal Council to approve the filing of lawsuits in the name of the Tribe as proposed by the Executive pursuant to Article VII, D.15.

WHEREAS it is conducive to the rudimentary principles of property management that the LTBB Housing Department retain unambiguous authority to expeditiously pursue actions for foreclosure, eviction, unlawful detainer, and the like in Tribal Court.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the LTBB Housing Department Director has explicit authority to pursue actions for foreclosure, eviction, unlawful detainer, and the like Tribal Court.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the authority delegated to the Housing Department shall remain in full force and effect until otherwise specifically superseded by resolution of statute.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the authorization delegated by this resolution applies to all cases concluded, pending, and subsequent hereto.

This is just a draft, waiting on approval from Tribal Council.

2011 Annual Performance Report: The APR for 2011 has been prepared and is attached. Please review at your leisure and if there are any questions or concerns you can direct them to me at my office.

Mtiigwaakiis Electric Meters: The electric meters to measure individual unit consumption have been installed at the Mtiigwaakiss development and came online on 01-11-12. We have read the meters on 02-01-12.

Motion made by Patrick Wemigwase and supported by Larry Stead to accept the Housing Directors report.

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

Motion Carried

FYI:

Tammy talks about the Odawa Hotel if it operates at 100% captiancy, if it does not then maybe we could use some of the rooms for assisted living. If this is possible then maybe we can start with maybe ten rooms or so. Then we can start with testing the waters with our assisted living program. We can hire a private in home health care company or use our own people to take of our elders that are in need of the assisted living care. There are Elders out there now that are in need of assisted living right now not to mention regular housing for Elders and Tribal Citizens plus their families.

John Givens is letting us know where we should start in our plan on assisted living, with the building maintenance cost, the utilities, etc.

Public Comment Opens: 5:30 p.m.

Deborah Martin says we need to really look into this for our Tribal Elders. We should also have some our Tribal Citizens include in the process of the building, the care, and all the other aspects.

Public Comment Closes: 5:35 p.m.

Motion made by and supported by to adjourn at 5:36 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Next Housing Commission meeting is on March 5th, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in room 312.

Patrick Wemigwase, Secretary

Minutes approve on March 12th, 2012.