

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
April 23, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner, John Keshick III.

Roll Call:

Commission: Commissioner, John Keshick III; Vice-chair, Debra Browne;
Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon

Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III excused.

NRD Staff: Natural Resource Director, Doug Craven; Chief Conservation
Officer, Kevin Willis and Administrative Assistant, Fiona Banfield.

Public Comment: Opened at 6:15 p.m. and closed at 6:26 p.m. no comment.

NRC reviewed the agenda.

6:28 p.m. Secretary, William McNamara arrives.

**Motion made by Vice-chair, Debra Browne to adopt the agenda with additions,
Secretary, William McNamara supports.**

4Yes 0 No 1 absent (Treasurer, Johnson III) 0 Abstained

Motion Carried

NRC reviewed the Minutes of April 09, 2008.

**Motion made by Vice-chair, Debra Browne to adopt the Minutes of April 09,
2008 into the record as corrected, Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon
supports.**

4Yes 0 No 1 absent (Treasurer, Johnson III) 0 Abstained

Motion Carried

Natural Resource Director's Report: Natural Resource Director, Doug Craven

- McGulpin point was bought by the county for \$50,000.00.
- The Great Lake Fisheries Trust is working on their strategic plan.
- The Army Corp is going to sign the permit applications that we submitted for Bell's Dock. We should have time to build the dock by September.
- Greg Gasco brought his boat back for an inspection. The boat had not been winterized. Greg was reissued the red boat.
- We have been using the inland on-line licensing system. Last week we ran out of permits for the Crooked-Pickerel Lake System. We called the other tribes for more permits. Little River was the only tribe who did not want to trade with us. All of the other tribes were willing to trade.
- Our inland licensing system is 95% done. We will be meeting with the consultant next week to go over the new program.

- We had a request from a tribal member to collect myrtle for commercial use.
- The US Coast Guard MOU has been signed.
- We are still working on the charter boat regulations. We are not sure if a tribal member will have to have a pilot's license before they get a charter boat license.
- At the last Tribal Council meeting the Natural Resource Protection statute was presented. We are scheduled for the May 3, 2008 Tribal Council work session.
- The CORA subcontract will be reviewed at the next CORA meeting.

**Motion made by Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon to accept the Natural Resource Directors verbal report as presented by Doug Craven, Secretary, William McNamara
4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Treasurer, Johnson III) 0 Abstained
Motion Carried**

7:41 p.m. to 8:05 p.m. Conference call with Tribal Attorney, Jim Bransky

8:00 p.m. Tribal Chairman, Frank Ettawageshik arrives.

Conservation Law Enforcement Report: Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis

- There was a group patrol in the Bay De Noc area. While there they checked 5 subsistence fishermen. There was one violation issued. It was still to early for the walleye run.
- At the Law Enforcement committee meeting last week the big issues was the nets that were left in the Little River fishing zone.

**Motion made by Secretary, William McNamara to accept the Conservation Law Enforcement Report verbal report as presented by Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis, Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.
4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Treasurer, Johnson III) 0 Abstained
Motion Carried.**

Great Lakes Biologist Report: Natural Resource Director, Doug Craven

- Great Lakes Biologist, Stephen Lenart has been on Beaver Island helping the Inland Biologist shock Lake Geneserath.
- Fisheries technicians, Randy Seymour and Adrienne Kral will be helping with the sturgeon work on Black Lake.
- We will be working on Cormorant control again this year.

**Motion made by Vice-chair, Debra Browne to accept the Great Lakes Biologist verbal report as presented by Natural Resource Director, Doug Craven, Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon supports.
4Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Treasurer, Johnson III) 0 Abstained
Motion Carried.**

Inland Biologist Report: Natural Resource Director, Doug Craven.

- The Inland biologists have been on Beaver Island for the last two weeks shocking Lake Geneserath.
- The Inland biologist will be working with the MDNR helping them with fish assessments on Lake O'Neill.
- Non-game Wildlife Technician, Rick Damstra will be working on the sturgeon project on Black Lake.
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Motion made by Vice-Chair, Debra Browne to accept the Inland Biologist verbal report as presented by Natural Resource Director, Doug Craven, Secretary, William McNamara supports.

**4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Treasurer, Johnson III) 0 Abstained
Motion Carried.**

Discussion was held on the US Forest Service MOU. We will contact Yvonne Keshick in Archives to start working with her on the cultural aspect of the MOU.

Motion made by Vice-chair, Debra Browne to have the annual meeting on August 23, 2008 in Lansing at 10:00 a.m., Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon supports.

**4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Treasurer, Johnson III) 0 Abstained
Motion Carried.**

8:23 p.m. Break

8:33 p.m. Reconvene

Discussion was held on CORA meeting agenda.

10:40 p.m. Tribal Chairman, Frank Ettawageshik leaves.

Public Comment: Opened at 10:43 p.m. and closed at 10:44p.m. no comment.

Motion made by Vice-chair, Debra Browne to adjourn at 10:45p.m. Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon supports.

**4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Treasurer, Johnson III) 0 Abstained
Motion Carried**

Next scheduled meeting May 14, 2008.

Approved:

William McNamara, Secretary

Date