

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Natural Resource Commission
Regular Meeting
March 24, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 6:16 p.m. by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman

Roll Call:

Commission: Commissioner Vice-Chairman, Daugherty Johnson III; Treasurer, Phil Harmon; and Secretary, William McNamara.

Absent: Associate Commissioner, Emily Proctor; Commissioner, John Keshick III; excused.

NRD Staff: Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis; Great Lakes Fishery Biologist, Stephen Lenart; Inland Fishery Biologist Mentor, William Parsons; Inland Fisheries Biologist, Max Field; and Administrative Assistant, Debra S. Browne.

Absent: NRD Director, Doug Craven; Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima;

Guests: James Bransky, LTBB Tribal Attorney; Dexter McNamara, LTBB Tribal Vice-Chairman, Paul Barbeaux, John Schlappi.

Public Comment: Opened 6:18 p.m.

Public Comment: Closed at 6:20 p.m.

NRC reviewed the Agenda.

**Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to adopt the agenda as amended, William McNamara, Secretary, supports.
3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Keshick) 0 Abstained
Motion Carried**

Paul Barbeaux departs meeting at 6:18 p.m.

6:18 p.m. John Schlappi arrives.

NRC reviewed the minutes of March 10, 2010.

Motion made by, Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2010 tabled until the next meeting to be held April 14, 2010, William McNamara, Secretary, supports.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Keshick) 0 Abstained
Motion Carried**

Minutes of March 10, 2010 tabled until the next meeting.

Directors Report – Doug Craven, Director – No Report

Conservation Enforcement Report – Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer

- Charlevoix Rod & Gun club involvement lead to a presentation at the Kiwanis Club on jurisdiction and other tribal issues.
- Walleye permits are currently being issued, as of yet no harvested reports.
- Update on the Sturgeon Harvest – no harvest as of to date. The focus will be on the river harvest when the fish are spawning.
- Working on trying to get the surplus vehicles ready for disposal from the department.
- Update was given on the Conservation Officer position that is currently posted.

**Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary to approve the Conservation Enforcement Report as presented by Kevin Willis, Conservation Officer, Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.
3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Keshick) 0 Abstained
Motion Carried**

Great Lakes Biologist Report – Stephen Lenart, Great Lakes Biologist – Written Report

- Work Skiff is in the process of getting the equipment inspection for readiness for the Apprentice Program with minor repairs and replacement of equipment
- Bay Harbor Regional Work Group – attended today by Stephen Lenart. The Group consists of county stake holders that have their own process of understanding what is happening at Bay Harbor.
- Bay Harbor EPA onsite coordinator spoke with Stephen Lenart regarding a email that addresses leachate draining into the Bay at various location sites other than the sites that have been previously addressed. More detail will be presented at the next meeting.
- TFC meeting is scheduled for next week for preliminary lake trout modeling numbers and will be presented after April 1, 2010.

- Asian Carp – meeting will take place within the next couple of weeks, letters have been drafted and sent with some responses coming back.
- CORA Update regarding MH-1 bag limit being imposed on Bay Mills when the effort has not increased in the Fall Fishery for the Small Boat Zone.
- Nets – tying the nets has previously been sent out to a vendor to do the net tying and this year the Fishery Program staff will attempt to tie nets on their own.

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary to approve the Great Lakes Biologist Verbal Report as prepared by Stephen Lenart, Great Lakes Biologist, Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.

3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Keshick) 0 Abstained

Motion Carried

Inland Biologist Wildlife Report – Bill Parsons, Max Field

- Meetings
 - Elk Conference Call – 3-16-2010 with MDNRE and 5 Tribes
 - CORA Meeting @ Bay Mills – 3-18-2010 with 5 Tribes
 - ICD Biologists Meeting @ Charlevoix – 3-18-2010 with MDNR, LTBB, LRBOI, GTB, SSM and GLFWC.
- ICD Deadlines
 - New Wildlife & Plant Assessments, Enhancements & Restoration Proposal Due 4-1-2010
- Field Activities
 - Water Quality – through the ice – French Farm – 3-11-2010 with Kira
 - Black Lake – Sturgeon Ice Fishing – 3-12-2010 – with Rodney Worthington in Gil Archambo’s Shanty
 - Inland Spring Walleye Assessments
 - Big Lake – Otsego County
 - Checked 3-17-2010 – Ice Present
 - Checked 3-22-2010 – Little Ice Present
 - Monocle Lake – Chippewa County
 - Checked 3-18-2010 – Ice Present
 - Little Breevort Lake – Mackinac County
 - BMIC Policies
 - Eagle Nest Monitoring
 - Inland Flight – 3-16-2010
 - Ground Observations – 3-19-2010
 - Larks, Wycamp, Pickerel, Munro
 - Beaver Island Archipelago Flight – 3-23-2010
 - Carcass Cameras (5) – Completed

- Wilderness State Park (2)
- Jurek's Gut Piles
- Wycamp Lake
- French Farm Lake
- Monitoring
 - Wycamp Lake Staff Gauge @ Dam

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to approve the Inland Wildlife Biologist Report as presented by Max Field, and Bill Parsons, William McNamara, Secretary, supports.

3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Keshick) 0 Abstained

Motion Carried

Commissioner's Report – William McNamara, Secretary

- Perch permit to Napont, was approached for permit to be issued again with the restriction of Elder status.
- CORA proposed during the winter months will be held in a central location, so the CORA Meetings will be held at LTBB in Petoskey,
- Cross Village ramp and docking system was discussed, there is a engineering plan being looked at now.
- Land and Reservation meeting was attended by John and William and was requested to attend the Tribal Council meeting held on Sunday.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to approve Natural Resource Commissioner report as presented by William McNamara, Secretary, Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, supports.

3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Keshick) 0 Abstained

Motion Carried

Break at 7:26 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

7:26 p.m. Stephen Lenart departs meeting.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to approve Natural Resource Commissioners John Keshick III and William McNamara attendance with stipend, mileage and per diem for the Land and Reservation Meeting that was held on March 20, 2010, by William McNamara, Secretary, Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.

3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Keshick) 0 Abstained

Motion Carried

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to approve Natural Resource Commissioner attendance with stipend, mileage and per diem at the Tribal Council Meeting that was held on March 21, 2010 by William McNamara, Secretary, Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Keshick) 0 Abstained
Motion Carried**

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary, to enter into executive session at 7:37 p.m., Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Keshick) 0 Abstained
Motion Carried**

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to exit executive session meeting at 7:59 p.m. by William McNamara, Secretary, Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Keshick) 0 Abstained
Motion Carried**

Discussion was held regarding establishing On Reservation Rules and Regulations that will be separate from the LTBB Inland Consent Decree Rules and Regulations for the Ceded Territory.

Discussion was held on the prospect of a potential Moose Hunt in the U.P.

Discussion was held on the Sharp Tailed Grouse being added to the LTBB Inland Consent Decree Rules and Regulations under the Small Game Season with a bag limit of 10 per day.

Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary, to approve Natural Resource Commissioner(s) attendance with stipend, mileage and per diem at CORA Meetings, Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Keshick) 0 Abstained
Motion Carried**

Public comment opened at 8:22 p.m.

Public comment closed at 8:25 p.m.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m., William McNamara, Secretary, supports.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Keshick) 0 Abstained
Motion Carried**

Next scheduled meeting will be held on April 14, 2010.

Approved:

William McNamara, Secretary

Date