



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Council Chambers
Agricultural Assessment Work Group (A.A.W.G.) Committee
September 10th, 2014

Call to order: 4:08 PM

Committee Member Roll Call: Committee Chair John Keshick, Treasurer Marci Reyes, absent-Councilor Mike Naganashe

Legislative Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Treasury Director Michael Garrow, Legislative Administrative Assistant Tamara Kiogima

Guests: Farmer Doug Schlappi, Natural Resources Department Youth Conservation Corp, Mary Gasco, Tribal Citizen Vicki Kelley, Tribal Citizen Kevin Gasco, National Resources Department Director Doug Craven

MOTION

Motion made by: Treasurer Reyes and supported by: Committee Chair John Keshick to adopt the agenda for September 10th, 2014, as amended.

Vote: 2-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 1-absent (Councilor Mike Naganashe).

No Comment

Motion Carries

MOTION

Motion made by: Treasurer Reyes and supported by: Committee Chair John Keshick to approve the Minutes of August 27th, 2014, as presented.

Vote: 2-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 1-absent (Councilor Mike Naganashe).

No Comment

Motion Carries

Phone Polls: None

New Business

- a. **Farmer's Report**- Doug Schlappi: Everything is getting ripe. A lot of ripe tomatoes. Harvesting on Saturday. Still need a small tractor.
- b. **Farmer's Report**- Committee Chair John Keshick: Community Service Worker helping harvest beans and tomatoes and assisted with cleaning the barn. Dispersing harvest to Tribal Elders and Tribal Citizens. Need to get electricity to the barn. Get rid of the big tree.

MOTION

Motion made by: Treasurer Reyes and supported by: Committee Chair John Keshick to approve Mileage Reimbursement for A.A.W.G. Member Committee Chair John Keshick for the dates of August 30th, August 31st, September 01st, September 03rd thru September 08th, 2014, for a total amount of 378.3 miles to come from the Ziibimijwang line item.

Vote: 2-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 1-absent (Councilor Mike Naganashe).

No Comment
Motion Carries

MOTION

Motion made by: Treasurer Reyes and supported by: Councilor John Keshick to authorize and approve the Legislative Office Manager LaCount to solicit bids for electricity to run from the house to the barn or to set up a separate electrical box at the barn.

Vote: 2-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 1-absent (Councilor Mike Naganashe).

No Comment
Motion Carries

MOTION

Motion made by: Treasurer Reyes and supported by: Councilor John Keshick to authorize and approve the Legislative Office Manager LaCount to solicit bids for tree removal.

Vote: 2-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 1-absent (Councilor Mike Naganashe).

No Comment
Motion Carries

Break: 4:55 PM

Return: 5:01 PM

- c. Hunting Guidelines: Discussion on hunting guidelines for the Ziibimijwang farm.
- d. Update on USDA walk-through. Assessment of plants on farm property in the future.

Old Business

- e. Approve the Farm Plan with discussion on legal entity and recommend it to Tribal Council-schedule for AAWG work-session
- f. Discussion on Corporate Charter
- g. Farm Plan-Obtain Excel sheets from Larry Dyer to update the numbers based on Michigan prices

Old Business (e-f) will be tabled to the Work Session; A.A.W.G Work session will be scheduled for October 22nd, 2014.

Public Comment

Public Comment Opens: 5:50 PM

- Councilor John Keshick: Commented on the Oneida Agriculture and their Organic Farm and Farmers who utilize GMOs. Agreed with that Joanie Buckley, Division Director @ Oneida Nation of Wisconsin said, "We are not here to feed the World, we are here to offer healthy alternatives to our Tribal Citizens."
- Treasurer Marci Reyes will be presenting at the Seed Saver's Workshop at North Central Michigan College on Sept. 17th, 2014 from 6-8pm in room 536 across from the computer room.
Discussed email she received from Intertribal Ag Council.

Public Comment Closed: 6:03 PM

MOTION

Motion made by: Treasurer Reyes and supported by: Committee Chair John Keshick to amend the agenda to include the Specialty Grain training and Community Services Workers Policy.

Vote: 2-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 1-absent (Councilor Mike Naganashe).

No Comment

Motion Carries

MOTION

Motion made by: Treasurer Reyes and supported by: Committee Chair John Keshick to authorize and approve the travel of Doug Schlappi to the Specialty Grain Training Event, November 3-5, 2014, in Champagne, IL.

Vote: 2-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 1-absent (Councilor Mike Naganashe).

No Comment

Motion Carries

MOTION

Motion made by: Treasurer Reyes and supported by: Committee Chair John Keshick to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the Legislative Office Utilization of Community Services Workers Policy

Vote: 2-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 1-absent (Councilor Mike Naganashe).

No Comment

Motion Carries

ADJOURNMENT

6:16 Motion made by: Treasurer Reyes and supported by: Committee Chair John Keshick to adjourn.

Vote: 2-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 1-absent (Councilor Mike Naganashe).

No Comment

Motion Carries

Next Meeting Date

September 24th, 2014

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved by: _____ Date: _____