



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Council Chambers
Agricultural Assessment Work Group
October 22, 2014

Call to order: 4:27 pm

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

Tribal Council Present:

Legislative Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Assistant Tamara Kiogima

Executive Staff/Official Present: Planning Department Amanda Swiss

Judicial Staff/Official Present:

Guests: Tribal Citizen Linda Gokee, Tribal Citizen Theresa Keshick, Mary Rapin, Farmer Doug Schlappi, Tribal Citizen Jannan Cornstalk, Terry Kauska

MOTION

Motion made by: Councilor Naganashe and supported by: Councilor Keshick to adopt the agenda for October 22, 2014, as amended.

Vote: 2-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 1-absent (Marci Reyes).

No Comments

Motion Carries

MOTION

Motion made by: Councilor Naganashe and supported by: Councilor Keshick to approve the Minutes of October 08, 2014, as presented

Vote: 2-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 1-absent (Marci Reyes).

No Comments

Motion Carries

Phone Polls: None

New Business

- a. General discussion lead by Mary Rapin on Organic Farming and ideas on proceeding with an organic farm. Read books by Eliot Coleman, an author of Organic Farming. Visiting surrounding organic farms, (Blackbird Gardens, Bliss Garden Farms) Bringing in interns from MSU that could tend to the land.
- b. Discussion with Terry Kauska on working on tractors. AAWG hoping to get it fixed before winter starts. He will look at how much it will cost to fix the 2nd then submit proposal to AAWG for approval.
- c. Farmer Report by Doug Schlappi, parts should be in tomorrow to fix tractor #1.

1 **MOTION**

2 Motion made by: Councilor Naganashe and supported by: Councilor Keshick to accept Doug Schlappi’s
3 Farmer’s report as presented.

4 Vote: 2-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 1-absent (Marci Reyes).

5 No Comments

6 Motion Carries

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8 d. Chairman John Keshick’s Report. Trying to get the farmland prepped for winter. We should have
9 a Rock picking party. Discussion on saw dust.

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11 **MOTION**

12 Motion made by: Councilor Naganashe and supported by: Councilor Keshick to accept Chairman’s Report
13 as presented.

14 Vote: 2-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 1-absent (Marci Reyes).

15 No Comments

16 Motion Carries

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18 **MOTION**

19 Motion made by: Councilor Naganashe and supported by: Councilor Keshick to pay an honorarium to
20 Spiritual Leader JD Gibson for performing an honorary pipe ceremony at the AAWG Open house in the
21 amount of \$75 dollars.

22 Vote: 2-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 1-absent (Marci Reyes).

23 No Comments

24 Motion Carries

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26 **Public Comment**

27 Public Comment Opens: 6:15 pm

- 28 • Linda Gokee, would like the AAWG to have tribal members donate certain apple trees in honor of
29 family members. Revitalize the apple orchards. Would like tribal citizens to have the same
30 interest, and possibly have a memorial wall to account for all trees planted.

31 Public Comment Closed: 6:20 pm

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33 6:20- Break

34 6:40- return

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36 e. E. Discussion on Ziibimijwang, Inc. Corporate Charter Statute. Determine the Leadership of
37 Charter and put in place a 5 year plan.

- 38 f. Discussion on Waste Management.

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40 **MOTION**

41 Motion made by: Councilor Naganashe and supported by: Councilor Keshick to have the Legislative Office
42 Manager contact Waste Management to switch the account into the name of Ziibimijwang and pay for
43 pickup.

44 Vote: 2-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 1-absent (Marci Reyes).

45 No Comments

46 Motion Carries

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49 **Old Business**

- 50 a. Reimbursement of Mileage for Chairman John Keshick

1 **MOTION**

2 Motion made by: Councilor Naganashe and supported by Committee Chair: to approve reimbursement for
3 mileage for Committee Chair John Keshick for the following dates; Sept. 27th, Sept. 28, Sept. 29, Oct. 01,
4 Oct. 05, Oct. 06, Oct. 07, Oct. 08, Oct. 11, Oct. 12, Oct. 13 and Oct. 19 for a total of 468 miles to come
5 from Ziibimijwang line item.

6 Vote: 2-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 1-absent (Marci Reyes).

7 No Comments

8 Motion Carries

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- 10 b. Potential Housing Rental: Tabled to next mtg.
- 11 c. Forest Management Plan and Conservation Plan updated by Committee Chair John Keshick.
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13 **Public Comment**

14 Public Comment Opens: 7:25 pm

- 15 • Linda Gokee, would like Tribal Citizens to come to AAWG Meetings to see what is truly going on
16 with the farm, and see what direction the Tribal Council would like to take it. She would like us as
17 a tribe to come together and get back to our roots, and remember where we truly come from.
- 18 • John Keshick, attended the Changing Seasons Climate Summit. Discussed what he learned when
19 he was there. We need to be more proactive and get people on boards around the U.S. so when
20 they make decisions that affect us, we can have a say in what is going on. "Be on the Board, not
21 on the menu."

22 Public Comment Closed: 7:47 pm

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24 **ADJOURNMENT**

25 7:48 pm Motion made by: Councilor Naganashe and supported by: Councilor Keshick to adjourn.

26 Vote: 2=yes; 0=no; 0=abstain; 1=absent (Marci Reyes).

27 No Comments

28 Motion Carries

29 **Next Meeting Date**

30 November 5, 2014

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32 These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

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34 Approved by: _____ Date: _____