

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Administrative Meeting  
July 13, 1997  
9:00 a.m.**

**Closed Session:** Yes.

**Called To Order:** 9:45 a.m.

**Opening Ceremony:** Opening ceremony was conducted by Patti Dyer-Deckrow

**Council Present:** Shirley Oldman, Janet Shomin, Frank Ettawageshik, Barry Laughlin, George Anthony, Alice Yellowbank.

**Council Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Susan Keller, Anthony Hudson

**Guests Present:** See attached list.

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**Constitution:** Constitution discussion was conducted from 9:45 a.m. until 11:58 a.m.

**Recess:** Recess was called at 12:32 p.m. Meeting was called back to order at 1:42 p.m.

**AGENDA:**

The agenda was reviewed and amended. The administrative agenda in the future will contain a, b, and c under items in the event that action needs to be taken.

**Motion** was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to approve the agenda as amended.

**Vote:** 6 YES                      1 (**Patti Dyer-Deckrow**) NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**BILLS:**

Bills were reviewed.

**Motion** as made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to pay the bills as presented.

**Vote:** 7 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**MINUTES:**

**Motion** was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to approve 6-22-97 meeting minutes as corrected.

**Vote:** 7 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Newsletter Phone Poll**

**Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to approve the newsletter phone poll conducted on July 7, 1997.

**Vote:** 7 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Public Comment:** Public comment opened and closed at 2:21 p.m.

**Tribal Chairman's Report**

Chairman Ettawageshik gave a verbal and written report.

**Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to approve travel expenses for Joe Mitchell to accompany Jack Chambers from Grand Traverse Band to attend 7<sup>th</sup> annual Sundance in Pipe Stone, MN with funds to come from Development.

**Vote:** 7 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Comments:** In the future Council should approve a woman pipe carrier to attend.

**Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to adopt **Resolution #07139701** to adopt standard resolution for attorney contract for John P. Hume pertaining to gaming issues.

**Vote:** 7 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to approve the addendum to the Anishnaabemowin contracts for Charlie Steele, Ray Martell, and Pat Naganashe as camp counselors.

**Vote:** 7 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Resolution #07139702**

**Motion** was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** in support of **Resolution #07139702** to support application for attorney fee reimbursement on U.S. vs. Michigan Hunting & Fishing Rights.

**Vote:** 7 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to authorize Chairman Ettawageshik to contact AMI to request permission to remove birch bark from designated property for Historical Preservation.

**Vote:** 6 YES    0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **(1 Absent (Shirley Oldman) Motion Carried (Shirley Oldman absent from room at time of vote).**

**Motion** was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to approve the Tribal Chairman's and Interim Tribal Administrator's verbal and written reports.

**Vote:** 6 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried (Shirley Oldman absent from room at time of vote).**

Shirley Oldman noted that the dates of staff reports should be in one consistent time frame.

**Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to approve the contract with Maintenance Department for Jeremy Zerbe from June 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997.

**Vote:** 7 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** allowing the Tribal Administrator to sign contracts up to \$1000.00 from an approved budget contractual line item. Contracts need to come back to council for review. A reasonable effort must be made to obtain bids.

**Vote:** 5 YES    1 (Janet Shomin) NO    1 (Patti Dyer-Deckrow) ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

**Staff Arrive:** Julie Skippergosh arrived at 3:04 p.m.

Janet Shomin stated that she is still waiting a fixed asset report and a Tribal Council approved close out plan.

**Motion** was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to approve the funds to allow Janet Shomin to assist in the accounting department for the time that Jan Chaddlestone and Francis Killer are at LTBB for close out of 96, up to four days with funds to come from Tribal Council budget.

**Vote:** 7 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** to approve the office manager's report.

**Vote:** 7 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to go into Closed Session at 3:13 p.m.

**Vote:** 7 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Recess:** A recess was called at 3:53 p.m. Meeting was called back to order at 4:02 p.m.

**Tribal Court Appointments**

**Motion** was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to take the Tribal Court Appointments out of order on the agenda.

**Vote:** 5 YES    2 **Barry Laughlin & Shirley Oldman** NO    0 ABSTAINED    **Motion Carried**

Donna Budnick and Mike Petoskey were the only two applicants that met the criteria for being the Tribal Court Judge as stated in the statute. Council discussed the two applicants.

**Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Shirley Oldman** to appoint Michael Petoskey as Tribal Court Judge.

Patti Dyer-Deckrow stated that she felt that we have an applicant who is a tribal member who is just as qualified. She feels that there are other tribal lawyers who need the opportunity to gain more experience in Tribal Judiciary.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Patti Dyer-Deckrow: No

Janet Shomin: Yes

George Anthony: No

Shirley Oldman: Yes

Frank Ettawageshik: Yes

Alice Yellowbank: No

Barry Laughlin: Yes

**Vote:** 4 YES    3 NO    0 ABSTAINED    **Motion Carried**

An attempt will be made to appoint the Appellate Court judges by the next meeting.

Shirley Oldman stated she likes Denneen Smith's report. She likes how she has worked with our children.

**Motion** was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept the Tribal Court report.

**Vote:** 7 YES    0 NO    0 ABSTAINED    **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to accept the Accounting Department Report.

**Vote:** 7 YES    0 NO    0 ABSTAINED    **Motion Carried**

Arlene Naganashe gave a report on her request for a community health nurse, and a brief overview of her written report and request.

**Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** to add Community Health Nurse to the wage grid with job description as presented by Arlene Naganashe with modification on the salary range.

**Vote:** 7 YES    0 NO    0 ABSTAINED    **Motion Carried**

**Council Departs:** Patti Dyer-Deckrow departed at 4:35 p.m.

**Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Shirley Oldman** to accept health counselor level 1, 2, and 3 as presented today, effective today.

**Vote:** 5 YES    1 **George Anthony** NO    0 ABSTAINED    **Motion Carried**

**Council Departs:** Alice Yellowbank departed at 5:24 p.m.

**Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to approve the Health Director's request for a cellular phone for the Substance Abuse Director.

**Vote:** 5 YES    0 NO    0 ABSTAINED    **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to accept the written and verbal report of the Health Director.

**Vote:** 5 YES    0 NO    0 ABSTAINED    **Motion Carried**

George Anthony stated the Health Director was requesting a lot of action be taken without prior notification by the Health Department to Tribal Council.

**Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept the written report of Health & Human Services Department.

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

The need to have policies put into place for distribution of Char-Em moneys was discussed. Recommendations need to be brought to the next meeting.

Shirley Oldman stated that she doesn't like how Mary Lou Bonacci implied how council is neglecting to make appointments for Indian Child Welfare Act. She feels the insinuation that has been made is very disrespectful.

**Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by \_\_\_\_\_ to accept the Substance Abuse Report but does not include approval of the pay raises requested.

**Vote:** \_ YES                      \_ NO                      \_ ABSTAINED                      **Motion Failed (No Support)**

**Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to not accept the Substance Abuse report due to the wording of the pay raise section. Council requests the attendance of Mary Lou Bonacci at the next Tribal Council Legislative meeting on July 27, 1997.

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

Shirley Oldman, Janet Shomin, and Barry Laughlin stated they did not like the way the report was worded regarding pay raises.

### **Enrollment**

Julie Skippergosh attended the Tribal Council meeting and presented to Council a delinquent written report for this administrative meeting. She gave a verbal overview of her written report.

**Motion** was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to accept the verbal and written report of the Enrollment Officer.

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

### **Planner**

**Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to accept the written report of the Tribal Planner.

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

### **Community Development Block Grant**

Bryan Gillett stated that we are ready to send the proposal to the Office of Native American Programs. Bryan needs signatures from Chairman Ettawageshik and the resolutions in the proposal need to be adopted.

**Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to adopt **Resolution #07139703** to authorize Chairman Ettawageshik to sign the necessary application.

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to adopt **Resolution 07139704** for commitment for continued facility maintenance.

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to adopt **Resolution 07139705** for commitment for Programmatic use of facility.

Vote: 5 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTAINED

**Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to adopt **Resolution 07139706** for compliance with the public participation requirement of 24 CFR.

Vote: 5 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTAINED

**Motion Carried**

### **Natural Resources Commission**

Anthony Hudson presented Tribal Council with his delinquent written report. He gave a verbal overview of his written report. Towing charges were discussed regarding the NRC boat. Originally it was \$50.00 and then it was raised to \$100.00. The amount for towing the boat back from the island was \$500.00. The negotiations for the \$500.00 towing bill was left of to Conservation Officer, Anthony Hudson.

**Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept the verbal and written report of the Natural Resources Department.

Vote: 5 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTAINED

**Motion Carried**

### **Housing**

**Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Shirley Oldman** to accept the written Housing Report.

Vote: 5 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTAINED

**Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to have the Tribal Council to act as the HIP Committee until such time a HIP Committee is appointed.

Vote: 5 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTAINED

**Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** for Alice Yellowbank, Shirley Oldman, Janet Shomin, Frank Ettawageshik, and George Anthony, to attend the National American Indian Housing Council training for July 21, 1997 through July 24, 1997 with funds to come from Tribal Council.

Vote: 5 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTAINED

**Motion Carried**

### **Education**

**Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Shirley Oldman** to approve the policies, procedures, and forms as presented by the Scholarship Committee w/revisions.

Vote: 5 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTAINED

**Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept the Law Enforcement Report.

Vote: 5 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTAINED

**Motion Carried**

**Recess:** Recess was called at 7:07 p.m. Meeting was called back to order at 7:15 p.m.

The Blackbird Museum budget was reviewed.

**Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept the Archives and Records Management budget that includes the Blackbird Museum.

Vote: 5 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTAINED

**Motion Carried**

### **Historic Preservation**

**Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to accept the Historic Preservation Officer's report.

Vote: 5 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTAINED

**Motion Carried**

**Communications**

**Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept the written Communications report.

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

It was stated that a folding machine is needed for the Communications Department.

The portrait of Tribal Council will be pursued by Chairman Ettawageshik from Minnie Wabanimkee.

Mike Petoskey's mileage and a stipend to travel to the Constitution meeting was discussed.

**Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Shirley Oldman** to pay Mike Petoskey travel and a stipend of \$100.00 to come from Development for the working session on the Constitution Committee.

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept Pow Wow verbal report.

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**Public Comment:** Public comment opened and closed at 7:34 p.m.

**Motion** was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to adjourn the Tribal Council meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**Vote:** 5 YES                      0 NO                      0 ABSTAINED                      **Motion Carried**

**These minutes have been read and approved as written:**

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**Barry Laughlin, Tribal Council Secretary**