

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
Tribal Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
August 4, 2013

Closed Session: yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:02 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Melvin L. Kiogima

Council Present: Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase

Absent: Treasurer John Bott, Councilor John Keshick, Councilor Kevin Gasco

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Treasury Director Michael Garrow

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Vice-Chair Julie Shananaquet

Public: Annette VanDeCar, Fred Kiogima, Deb DeLeon

Invited Guests: Odawa Casino Resort: General Manager David Wolf, Human Resource Manager Melissa Richardson, Human Resource Assistant Manager Katie Eberly, Finance Director Roger Borton, Marketing Director Karyann Waukazoo, Hospitality Director Michael Bodjiak, Associate Hospitality Director Henry Rowland, Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin, Slot Director Dennis Shananaquet

9:06 a.m. Councilor Gasco arrived.

9:07 a.m. Councilor Keshick arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adopt the agenda for August 4, 2013.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Bott)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve the minutes of July 21, 2013 as presented.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Bott)

Motion carried.

Elder Comments: no comments at this time.

9:14 a.m. Treasurer Bott arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to acknowledge receipt of the June 2013 Executive Oversight Reports on Government Operations as received on July 21, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Gasco to accept the Legislative Leader Kiogima verbal report for August 4, 2013.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Otto)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept the verbal report from Secretary Gasco Bentley for August 4, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept Treasurer Bott verbal report for August 4, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Gasco to accept Councilor Keshick verbal Tribal Council Member report for August 4, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Land and Reservation Committee verbal report from Legislative Leader Kiogima, Chairperson for August 4, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the Legal and Legislative Committee verbal report from Committee Chair Bentley for August 4, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the verbal and written report from Agricultural Assessment Work Group Chairperson Keshick for August 4, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the verbal Hear Aid Assessment Work Group report from Committee Chairperson Wemigwase for August 4, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent
Motion carried.

10:09 a.m. Recess called.

10:28 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the verbal report from Treasury Director Garrow for August 4, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the verbal report from Legislative Services Attorney Budnick for August 4, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the verbal and written report from Legislative Office Manager LaCount for August 4, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick to override Executive veto of the Fair Treatment for Benefits or Services Statute.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve Certified Motion: Approval for Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians for Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent
Motion carried.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment:

Annette VanDeCar asked for an update on the Mackinaw City Project; the Wage Grid Study; Consideration of Cost Of Living Allowance increase for all employees; and a Gaming Board made up of Citizens only.

11:50 a.m. Public Comment closed.

Elder Comments: no comments.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Gasco to pass Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2008-002 Land and Reservation Committee Statute.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Denemy-no, Councilor Gasco-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-no, Treasurer Bott-no, Secretary Gasco Bentley-no, Legislative Leader Kiogima-yes
Motion carried.

Councilor Wemigwase comment regarding Land and Reservation Committee Statute Amendment: The change is unfair to our Tribal Citizens because our Citizens are not given the opportunity to vote on which three Tribal Citizens are given the ability of "assisting Tribal Council fulfill their Constitutional duties relative to land and reservation matters" as Tribal Council are the only ones who appoint the three citizens to the Committee.

Elder comment: no comments.

12:03 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:30 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

1:40 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Denemy to go into closed session for Confidential, Business Matters.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Bott)

Motion carried.

2:00 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Gasco to return to open session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Bott)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept the Odawa Casino Resort 2nd quarter report for 2013 as presented by General Manager Wolf.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Bott)

Motion carried.

2:42 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to go into closed session for Confidential Business Matters.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent

Motion carried.

4:15 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to return to open session.

