

1 The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
2 Tribal Council Meeting  
3 Tribal Council Chambers  
4 7500 Odawa Circle  
5 Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
6 May 18, 2014  
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8 Closed Session: Yes

9 Call to Order: 9:07 a.m.

10 Opening Ceremony: Alice Yellowbank  
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12 Council Present: Legislative Leader Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Marcella  
13 Reyes, Secretary Julia Shananaquet, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor John  
14 Keshick III, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Winnay  
15 Wemigwase  
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17 Absent: Councilor Michael Naganashe  
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19 Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick,  
20 Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Treasury Director Michael Garrow  
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22 Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Fred Kiogima, Vice-  
23 Chairperson Deb DeLeon, Executive Services Attorney Dianne Vitols  
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25 Public: Renee' Dillard, Richard Wemigwase, Oosnodekwe Carla Osawamick,  
26 Mary Gasco, Gwen Gasco, Matt Lesky, Cheryl Kishigo Lesky, Krystal Kiogima,  
27 Zhaawan Smith, Mkoohns Gasco, Miigwaans Smith, Wedaase, Kristy Dayson,  
28 Gina Kiogima Sr, Vicki Kelley, Jannan Cotto, William I. Denemy, Glenna Kimball,  
29 Alice Hughes, Alice Arthur, Mary Burks, Carol McFall, Marilyn Hume, Francis  
30 Holdorph, Virginia Lewis, Rose Smalley, Annette VanDeCar, Patrick V.  
31 Naganashe, Thomas Teuthorn, Cheyenne Worthington, Regina Brubaker Carver,  
32 Deb Martin, Tammy Okuly-Smith, Michael Smith, Sarah Schilling, Audrey Perry,  
33 Janice Shackelford, Rose Smalley, Joan Jacobs, Richard Snake, Tony Davis,  
34 Virginia Lewis, John Kawegoma, Andrew Stich, Alice Honson, Charles Honson,  
35 Simon Otto, Andrea Otto, Nataawn Kiogima-Smith, R.J. Smith  
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37 Invited Guests: Odawa Casino Resort: General Manager David Wolf, Human  
38 Resource Director Katie Eberly, Finance Director Roger Borton, Marketing  
39 Director Karyann Waukazoo, Associate Hospitality Director Henry Rowland,  
40 Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin, Slot Director Dennis  
41 Shananaquet, Table Games Director Shane Robertson  
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44 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Law to adopt  
45 the agenda of May 18, 2014 with additions.

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

47 Motion carried.

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2 Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to  
3 approve the minutes of May 4, 2014 Regular Meeting and the May 7, 2014  
4 Emergency Meeting as presented.

5 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

6 Motion carried.

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8 9:13 a.m.: Elder Comments opened:

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- 10 • Rose Smalley asked if the Tribe had a bullying statute; requests the Chair  
11 to communicate with the Department of Justice; to work cooperatively with  
12 all branches of government; follow the Constitution; and to develop the  
13 Elder's Department based on its statute.

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15 Executive Updates:

16 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Denemy to  
17 acknowledge receipt of a verbal report and the written April 2014 Executive  
18 Oversight Report of Chairman Kiogima for May 18, 2014.

19 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

20 Motion carried.

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22 Legislative Leader Report:

23 Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to accept  
24 Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley's verbal report of May 18, 2014.

25 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

26 Motion carried.

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28 9:29 a.m. Break.

29 9:34 a.m. Meeting resumes.

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31 9:35 a.m. Traditional Cultural Concerns and the Tribal Government presentation  
32 by Renee' Dillard

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34 11:10 a.m. Break.

35 11:26 a.m. Meeting resumes.

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37 Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Denemy to  
38 acknowledge receipt of Renee' Dillard's Traditional Cultural Concerns as signed  
39 and dated to be included as an attachment to today's minutes.

40 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

41 Motion carried.

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43 Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to  
44 acknowledge and thank R. J. Smith and Netawn Kiogima-Smith, Alice  
45 Yellowbank, Krystal Kiogima, Miigwaans Smith, Zhaawon Smith for today's  
46 blessings of a water ceremony.

47 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

1 Motion carried.

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3 Secretary Report:

4 The following Tribal Council adopted/approved documents were delivered to the  
5 Executive:

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7 • Tribal Resolution 042914-01 Appropriation of Funds for the 2015  
8 Operating Budgets and Restatement of Funding Allocation for the 2015  
9 Fiscal Year delivered to the Executive on 04/30/14 with a due back date of  
10 05/30/14.

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12 Vetoes:

- 13 • Executive VETOED WOS 2014 Ziibimijwang Incorporated.

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15 Phone Polls:

- 16 • Phone Poll Conducted on 05/07/14 for the following purpose:  
17 Motion to authorize and approve a contract with Doug Schlappi to plant  
18 and maintain a 12-acre parcel as an organic vegetable garden at  
19 Ziibimijwang in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 and authorizes the  
20 Legislative Leader to sign the contract. The phone poll passed: 9-Yes, 0-  
21 No, 0-Abstain, 0- Absent.

22  
23 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept  
24 Secretary Shananaquet's verbal report of May 18, 2014.

25 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor  
26 Wemigwase)

27 Motion carried.

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29 11:37 a.m. Elder's Comments:

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31 • Deb Martin asked questions regarding Tribal farm and whether or not  
32 proposed funds will meet the needs of providing food for the Tribal  
33 Citizens.  
34 • Virginia Lewis questioned status of Douglas Schlappi's organic farming  
35 certification.  
36 • Janice Shackelford requested that Tribal Council and Executive make  
37 Elders first priority.  
38 • Carol McFall would like to know if Elder housing in Petoskey will be a  
39 reality in the near future.  
40 • Frances Holdorph spoke regarding transportation for Elder's.  
41 • Michael Smith spoke regarding foreign system that this Tribe is utilizing  
42 and the titles we use; and what the Tribe will do to address the two  
43 Citizens who stated they were disrespected and exploited.  
44 • Rose Smalley reiterated on Michael Smith's comment.  
45 • Renee' Dillard spoke regarding Cultural Advisory Team to prevent future  
46 embarrassing situations.

1 12:09 p.m. - 12:21 p.m. Public Comment opened:

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- 3 • Andrew Stich questioned the Emergency Meeting closed session
- 4 information with the Department of Justice.
- 5 • Annette VanDeCar asked for clarity regarding Executive Directive 2015
- 6 Budget Priorities; the Elder's Food and Utilities Reimbursement Program
- 7 changes; disappointment with treatment of Native American Graves
- 8 Protection Repatriation /Native American Graves Protection Repatriation
- 9 Representative, Wesley Andrews; and would like to see Employee
- 10 representation on the Employee Handbook Committee.

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12 12:21 p.m. Lunch Break.

13 1:39 p.m. Meeting resumes.

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15 Gaming Authority Committee: Odawa Casino Resort report:

16 1:49 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Otto to go

17 into Closed Session for confidential business matters casino.

18 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

19 Motion carried.

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21 1:54 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Law to

22 return to open session.

23 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

24 Motion carried.

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26 Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to

27 acknowledge receipt of the Odawa Casino Resort 2014 Q1 Performance Review

28 as presented by David Wolfe, General Manager.

29 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

30 Motion carried.

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32 2:03 p.m. Break.

33 2:18 p.m. Meeting resumes.

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35 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Law to

36 accept Treasurer Reyes' verbal report of May 18, 2014.

37 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

38 Motion carried.

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40 Tribal Council Member Reports:

41 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Otto to

42 accept the travel reports for the following Tribal Council Members: Verbal and

43 written report of Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley for attendance at the Mt.

44 Pleasant, MI United Tribes Meeting; verbal report of Councilor Otto for

45 attendance at the San Diego, CA National Indian Gaming Association Annual

46 Conference; verbal report of Councilor Law for attendance at both the LTBB

47 Tribal Youth Spring Grant Outing and the Mt. Pleasant, MI United Tribes meeting

1 and the verbal report of Treasurer Reyes' for attendance at the Prior Lake,  
2 Minnesota Seed Keepers Workshop.

3 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

4 Motion carried.

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6 Agricultural Assessment Work Group:

7 Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
8 accept the verbal report of the Agricultural Assessment Work Group as  
9 presented by Councilor Keshick, AdHoc Work Group Chairperson.

10 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

11 Motion carried.

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13 Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
14 amend the agenda to include the following motions of the Agricultural  
15 Assessment Work Group: to post the notice for letters of interest to serve on the  
16 Ziibimijwang Corporate Board, to post the Ziibimijwang Corporate Charter to the  
17 Legislative Calendar, to approve the date of June 1, 2014, for Ziibimijwang Open  
18 House and working bee; and to approve the cost of the event not to exceed  
19 \$500.00 to come from the farm budget1901 and to approve memo to the Tribal  
20 Chair requesting assistance for the Ziibimijwang from the Facilities Department.

21 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

22 Motion carried.

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24 3:07 p.m. – 3:11 p.m. Public Comment opened:

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26 • Charles Honson Sr. - Termination of Elder's Coordinator; raise per capita  
27 for Elders, raise burial funds; the status of Mackinaw City property.

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29 3:12 p.m. Break.

30 3:24 p.m. Meeting resumes.

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32 Land and Reservation Committee: No meeting to report.

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34 Legal Legislative Committee:

35 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to  
36 accept the verbal report of the Legal Legislative Committee as presented by  
37 Legislative Leader Gasco Bentley, Committee Chairperson.

38 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

39 Motion carried.

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41 Ethics Committee:

42 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Law to  
43 accept the verbal report of the Ethics Committee as presented by Councilor Otto,  
44 Committee Chairperson.

45 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

46 Motion carried.

1 Legislative Office Reports:  
2 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick to  
3 accept Treasury Director Garrow's verbal and written report of May 18, 2014.  
4 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)  
5 Motion carried.  
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7 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
8 accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report of May  
9 18, 2014.  
10 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)  
11 Motion carried.  
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13 Enjinaaknegeng: No Report.  
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15 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to  
16 accept Legislative Office Manager LaCount's written and verbal report of May 18,  
17 2014.  
18 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)  
19 Motion carried.  
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21 Action Items:  
22 Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
23 acknowledge receipt of the Odawa Fishery Corporate Charter 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter report  
24 for 2014 as presented on May 15, 2014.  
25 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)  
26 Motion carried.  
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28 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
29 acknowledge receipt of the 2013 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
30 Trust Fund Board Audit as prepared by Rehmann Robson and received on May  
31 15, 2014.  
32 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)  
33 Motion carried.  
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35 Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
36 override the VETOED Waganakising Odawak Statute 2014 Ziibimijwang  
37 Incorporated.  
38 Vote: 7-Yes, 1-No (Councilor Law), 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor  
39 Naganashe)  
40 Motion carried.  
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42 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick to  
43 acknowledge receipt of the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.  
44 Audit and Financial Statements for 2013.  
45 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)  
46 Motion carried.  
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1 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to  
2 acknowledge receipt of April 14-15, 2014 Food Sovereignty Summit in Green  
3 Bay, Wisconsin as presented by Christina Dewey, Alex Dewey and Josephine  
4 Laughlin.

5 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)  
6 Motion carried.

7  
8 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve  
9 the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Odawa Fishery, Inc., Corporate  
10 Charter Addendum 050414-01.

11 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)  
12 Motion carried.

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14 Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
15 post the notice for letters of interest to serve on the Ziibimijwang Corporate  
16 Board.

17 Vote: 7-Yes, 1-No (Councilor Law), 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor  
18 Naganashe)  
19 Motion carried.

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21 Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
22 post the Ziibimijwang Corporate Charter to the Legislative Calendar.

23 Vote: 7-Yes, 1-No (Councilor Law), 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor  
24 Naganashe)  
25 Motion carried.

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27 Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
28 approve the date of June 1, 2014, for Ziibimijwang Open house and working bee.

29 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)  
30 Motion carried.

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32 Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
33 approve memo to be sent to Tribal Chair requesting assistance from the Facilities  
34 Department for Ziibimijwang.

35 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)  
36 Motion carried.

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38 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Law to  
39 disclose Closed Session Minutes of December 17, 2006 and Closed Session  
40 Minutes of December 2, 2007.

41 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)  
42 Motion carried.

43  
44 4:53 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer  
45 Reyes to go into Closed Session for Personnel.

46 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)  
47 Motion carried.

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5:52 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Otto to return to Open Session.

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

Motion carried.

5:53 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Law to go into Closed Session for Personnel.

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

Motion carried.

6:13 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to return to Open Session.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to rescind the motion to disclose Closed Session Minutes of December 17, 2006 and Closed Session Minutes of December 2, 2007, until further research is completed regarding meeting dates.

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

Motion carried.

Adjournment:

6:19 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adjourn meeting.

Vote: 7-Yes, 1-No (Councilor Otto), 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting

June 8, 2014

Please contact the Legislative Office at 231-242-1403, 231-242-1404 or 231-242-1406 for additional updates and clarifications of these minutes as presented.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written (or) corrected: (delete either the word “written” or “corrected” as pertains to how the minutes were approved.)

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Julia A. Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary

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Date