



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
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TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL NARRATIVE

Submitted by: Treasurer Reyes

Training/Event: Legal/Rez Restoration & LFPP Support  
Location: Minneapolis, MN & Prior Lake, MN  
Date of Event: June 10 – 12, 2015

Thank you fellow Council members and the Citizens of LTBB for allowing me the opportunity to attend the Reservation Boundary Meeting in Minneapolis, MN and Shakopee Wozupi Farm tour in Prior Lake, MN. The following is a brief travel report/summary:

Tuesday – June 9, 2015

Departed from the Tribal Government building after the AFC meeting, with Councilor Keshick, Ziibimijwang Farmer Doug Schlappi, Ziibimijwang Secretary, Vicki Kelley and myself, we drove to MN as a cost saving measure.

Wednesday – June 10, 2015

Meeting with Diane Rosen, Field Solicitor Tony Sullins and Kara Pfister to discuss our pending Reservation Boundary Litigation.

Tony Sullins stated that this is a priority to him as well as Kara Pfister. Mr. Sullins felt that he could provide beneficial analysis to the DC office as the memo is well written "fine analysis".

Discussion was held regarding "Litigation Support Memorandum".

Kara Pfister – "McClurken report was very helpful in portraying LTBB's case."

Thursday – June 11, 2015

Travel Day

Friday – June 12, 2015 (see pics)

Shakopee Agriculture Tour – Our group traveled to Prior Lake, MN to meet with Rebecca Yoshino, Director of Wozupi. We arrived ahead of Rebecca at Wozupi and took the time to walk the grounds. Upon Rebecca's arrival we received a tour of the greenhouses where I saw sweet corn starters growing. From there we were directed to the animal barn where goats, turkeys and chickens were housed. We also were given the opportunity to see their maple syrup building, complete with suction tubing vs drip method.

Prior to heading out to the fields we had some time to sit with Rebecca and ask her questions about their operation and funding sources.

The last stop on our Agriculture tour was the fields where a group of workers were actively planting starters of lettuce. We were shown their equipment and how they have adapted some of the pieces to work more efficiently for their needs. Rebecca informed us that their two biggest stumbling blocks are the heavy rains in the Spring, which hinders planting and prevents them from using tractors in the saturated fields. And the blazing heat in the Summer.

All in all it was a good tour, more of a someday wish for LTBB. Wozupi is fortunate to be owned by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Tribe who has a very successful gaming operation West of Minneapolis. As a result of the support of their Council, both financially and in their mission statement Wozupi can afford to acquire nothing but the best to further the success of this worthwhile Agricultural operation.

After our farm tour was complete, the four of us loaded ourselves back into the rental car and began the 12 hour drive home.

*Maricella R. Reyes*