



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS  
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TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORT NARRATIVE

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**From:** Regina Gasco Bentley

**Date:** 7-25, 2010

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**Re: United Tribes, Mast and Summit**

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On Sunday evening a welcome dinner was provided. It gave tribes a chance to interact with each other. Share some of their concerns on issues related to their tribe.

Monday morning began with the United Tribes meeting. The meeting started with smudging, honor song for flags and prayer.

First issues of discussion was the Indian mascot; Roll call vote of the statue opposing the use of mascots referring to Indians. Statue passed 4 in support 2 opposed. Jessica Burger and Cathy Abramson spoke on the need for a Regional health board. We are the only area without a board and IHS is asking for support of getting a board started.

Melissa Claramunt from the Mi. Department of Civil Rights spoke in regards to the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. The Department of Civil Rights is now overseeing the tuition waiver instead of Inter Tribal Council. The tuition waiver will be accepted at Western and Ferris.

After lunch I attended the Mast meeting Kevin Cornelius spoke in regards to all of the HUD Grants available to tribes.

Jenny Jenkins from IHS talked about the possible diabetes grants that will soon be available.

On Tuesday morning Jessica Burger and Jennifer Cooper for NIHB gave a presentation on



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- Chairman Ernie Stevens NIGA – Confirmed
- Senator Al Franken MN - Invited
- Congressman Dale Kildee MI – Invited
- Congressman Jim Oberstar MN - Invited
- Congressman Steve Kagen WI- Invited
- Diane Rosen Superintendent BIA –Midwest Region Office - Confirmed
- Cristal Thomas, Region V Director HHS -Confirmed
- Dr. Kathleen Annette – IHS – Confirmed
- Mark Montano – Tribal Budget Advisory Council Report Invited
- Jessica L. Burger, RN –NIHB – Confirmed
- Cathy Abramson, Region V Health Board - Confirmed
- Attorney Brian Pierson – Godfrey & Kahn -Confirmed
- Kevin Fitzgibbons - HUD Confirmed
- Federal and State updates on Tribal Issues
- Tribal Leaders Roundtable(s)
- MAST Updates

For further information or for requests to be added to agenda please contact  
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(Meeting begins with lunch at noon on 07/01/10 and ends on 07/02/10 at noon. Nearest airport MBS)