

Waganakising Odawa
Tribal Council
Land and Reservation Committee Meeting
Room 312
March 12, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Committee member present: Councilor Regina Bentley, Councilor Dexter McNamara,
Councilor Mel Kiogima

Committee member absent: none

Guests: Tribal Councilor Shirley Oldman, Citizen Fred Kiogima

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Councilor Bentley, to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Councilor Bentley, to table the correction of the minutes of February 27, 2008, until the next scheduled meeting.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Motion carried.

4:11 p.m. Public Comment opened. Tribal Councilor Shirley Oldman spoke on the need for this committee to be looking at real estate for purchase. Discussion held. Citizen Fred Kiogima inquired on whether any maps showing Tribal properties were available for distribution.

Notified Kiogima of the maps available on the LTBB website and also recommended he contact the LTBB GIS office for available maps.

4:23 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Discussion was held on the options for officers for this committee. It was agreed to have only one officer for this committee - a chairperson.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Councilor McNamara to nominate Mel Kiogima for Committee Chairperson.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Motion carried.

Discussed the planned meeting with Bill Brooks, attorney, on Friday, May 9, 2008, to discuss 'land and reservation' matters.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Councilor McNamara, to approve the meeting with Bill Brooks, attorney, in May 2008.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Motion carried.

Discussed the pending offer, and possible date, to visit Dr. Jim McClurken's Lansing office to view documents. Approved by Committee to pursue.

Acknowledged the receipt of LTBB Land Holding Status document of February 1, 2008, from Enjinaaknegeng.

Acknowledged the receipt of Land Survey examples done by other municipalities. Committee members to begin developing LTBB Land survey.

Discussed various court cases dealing with taxation of tribal properties and jurisdictions on reservations with established reservation boundaries.

Discussed the need for a compilation of current statutes, regulations, and policies that are currently in place. Committee Members to research and compile.

Discussed the drafting of a letter for the Odawa Trails newsletter detailing the purpose for the Tribal Council Land and Reservation Committee. Chairperson Kiogima to draft a letter.

The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. at a location to be determined; tentatively planning to coordinate with an Elder's lunch.

Motion by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Councilor Bentley, to adjourn at 5:19 p.m.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Motion carried.