

**Waganakising Odawa**  
Tribal Council  
Land and Reservation Committee  
Court Room  
August 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Roll Call:

Committee members present: Councilor Dexter McNamara, Committee Chairperson Mel Kiogima

Committee member absent: Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley

Legislative staff present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick

Guests: Legislative Leader Bea Law, Councilor Marvin Mulholland

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Committee Chairperson Kiogima, to adopt the amended Agenda.

Vote: 2 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Councilor Bentley)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Committee Chairperson Kiogima, to table the correction of the Minutes of July 21, 2008, and the Minutes of August 6, 2008, until the next meeting.

Vote: 2 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Councilor Bentley)

Motion carried.

Old/on-going Business

Discussion was held about the LTBB land tour of earlier today. Committee Chairperson Kiogima will write up a synopsis of the event.

Committee Chairperson continues to draft a synopsis of the first leg of the LTBB land tour that was held on July 19, 2008.

Legislative Leader Law has requested a copy of the 'Timbuktu' lease and is waiting on the receipt of same.

New Business

Attorney Budnick advises that she is not aware of any new court cases relative to 'land' matters.

In-depth discussion held on a piece of property being offered to LTBB. Due to the status of developing a LTBB Strategic Land Plan, no budget committed to the purchase of new properties,

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and the ramifications associated with the purchase of same, it was decided to recommend to Tribal Council that we not formally pursue the acquisition of this property as this time.  
'Land' Training Session of September 8 & 9, 2008

The requirements of the Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) grant were reviewed. Councilor Bentley, Attorney Budnick, and Planning Director Bryan Gillett continue to develop an evaluation form and a survey of land needs/wants. It was confirmed that the offer from Michigan State's Native American Institute's Assistant Director Nick Reo would not be utilized during this training event. Reo and the ILTF have been contacted about same. We may be able to request a budget modification from the ILTF to utilize the appropriated funds for a different, yet related, matter in the development of the LTBB Strategic Land Plan. Chairperson Kiogima will contact appropriate personnel to determine costs of other options in order to request a budget modification from the ILTF.

The Grant budget continues to be within the approved allocated amounts.

Chairperson Kiogima gave an update on the number of registrants received to date (20). Discussion was held on options that could be taken to increase the number of registrants. It was decided that the registration form, along with a short informational brief, would be run again in the Odawa Trails, the registration form would be better positioned on the LTBB website, registration forms would be made readily available at the government offices, and an e-mail notice may be sent to all government staff, past Tribal Council and Commissioners, and casino employees.

Chairperson Kiogima assessed the Day 1 training session held on Monday, August 11, 2008. Overall the session went well. The agenda for the upcoming two day training session was clarified and needs/supplies were identified. Mike Lyons, Archives/Records, will be recording the session. The Powwow Committee will be providing the sound equipment with the Communications Department operating it during the sessions.

It was decided that Bryan Gillett, Planning Department, would do a walk through of the Nominal Group Technique with the 'Land' Committee at our next meeting.

8:40 pm Public Comment opened. No comments were received.

8:41 pm Public Comment closed.

There were no Action Items to be addressed.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2008, from 9 am until no later than 1:30 pm, at a location to be determined.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Chairperson Kiogima, to adjourn at 8:43 pm.

Vote: 2 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Councilor Bentley)

Motion carried.

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