

Waganakising Odawa
Tribal Council
Land and Reservation Committee
Room 312
October 17, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m.

Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley; Committee Chairperson Mel Kiogima

Committee Members Absent: Councilor Dexter McNamara

Legislative Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick

Guests: Elders Coordinator Marie 'Tootsie' Miller; Planning Director Bryan Gillett; Tribal Vice Chairperson Bill Denemy; Legislative Leader Bea Law

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Committee Chairperson Kiogima, to approve the presented agenda.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Committee Chairperson Kiogima, to table the correction of the Minutes of October 1, 2008, until the next scheduled meeting.

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

Motion carried.

Old/On-going Business

Chairperson Kiogima reports that no updated information has been received relative to the lapsing/termination of the lease at Tim Buck Too Trail property in Topinabee, Michigan.

Planning Director Gillett reports that the Murray Road Work Group had a short meeting, and that activity may be slow until next year's road construction phase of the project.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Committee Chairperson Kiogima, to go into a Closed Session for 'land' matters at 1:18 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Committee Chairperson Kiogima, to return to Open Session at 1:35 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Planning Director Gillett reports that he is not aware of any activity to initiate the Facility Study. Discussion held on the process in which the Committee's requests/recommendations are

forwarded to the Executive Branch. A policy/procedure detailing the process may be needed. Chairperson Kiogima to discuss the matter with Tribal Council.

New Business

Attorney Budnick is not aware of any recent court cases pertaining to 'land' matters.

Committee Chairperson Kiogima reports that no contact has been made yet pertaining to an outside interest in the Victories property. Committee Chairperson Kiogima to pursue matter.

Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) Project

Committee Chairperson Kiogima led the wrap-up discussion for the two-day training session. Overall, it was considered to have been a great success as was evidenced by the favorable comments received on the Training Session Evaluation Forms. It was pointed out that 'land' sessions need to be held on a regular and on-going basis, including a session geared toward the youth of our Tribe.

Councilor Bentley led the discussion on the survey that has been developed. The survey will be used to get more 'land' information from the citizens. It will be mailed out to each Odawa household in the next couple of weeks. Attorney Budnick to coordinate the logistics to bring this all together so that an envelope stuffing session can be held at the next Tribal Council Work Session – Regular Meeting weekend.

The budget was received and reviewed. The project continues to operate within budget. It was determined that the budget is projected to have approximately \$4,300 leftover. It was decided to approach the ILTF with another budget modification request. It was proposed that the funds could be used to hold a mini-'land' session for the youth. Attorney Budnick will contact ILTF with our request.

Committee Chairperson Kiogima reports that the Draft Report due the ITLF by November 6, 2008, is still a work in progress.

Discussion was held about our goals for the future. It was acknowledged that in order to keep the citizens informed about land matters, plans needs to be developed to accomplish this. Several avenues to keep the message in the forefront were discussed: a mini-session needs to be held for the youth of the Tribe; a follow-up session to the first two-day training session within the next year; developing a day long session that could be taken 'on the road' to our citizens living away from our homelands; the development of a video from the tape footages that Archives/Records had recorded of the two-day training session. It was decided that with the proposed budget modification request to the ILTF, we should first pursue the youth training session.

3:01 p.m. Public Comment opened. There were no comments received.

3:02 p.m. Public Comment closed.

No additional action items needed to be addressed.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 1, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., and would be held in the Court Room

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Committee Chairperson Kiogima, to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

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

Motion carried.