

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS
OF ODAWA INDIANS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2005

GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX
HARBOR SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

Meeting called to order by Chair Kishigo at 10.20 am.

Smudging by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow and invocation by Chair Kishigo.

Roll call:

Present: Cheryl Kishigo, Patricia Dyer-Deckrow and Michael Givens.
Absent: John Bott excused.

Quorum established.

Staff: Susan A. Swadling, Economic Development Assistant
Theresa Keshick, Economic Development Research Assistant

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to adopt the agenda as presented,
supported by Commissioner Givens.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Vice-Chair Bott).

Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Givens to adopt the minutes of January 8, 2005 as
presented and amended, supported by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Vice-Chair Bott).

Motion passed.

Open public comment at 10:37 am.

Patricia Dyer-Deckrow, Susan A. Swadling, Cheryl Kishigo, Michael Givens and
Theresa Keshick

Closed public comment at 10:40 am.

Council Feedback

Tribal Council has posted the vacancy on the Economic Development Commission.

Reviewed the packet of information received from the Tribal Council.

Commission, Boards and Committee quarterly reports will be due the second month after
the close of the quarter.

Economic Development Director Report

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Susan A. Swadling, Economic Development Assistant, submitted the written report from Jaime Barrientoz, Economic Development Director.

The commission requests a summary of the meetings attended by the Economic Development Director.

Discussion was held regarding the package of materials to be submitted to Tribal Council regarding Bell's Fishery, a detailed projection for this coming season was requested to accompany the package.

An enterprise accountant has been hired.

Discussed the energy meeting and looking into how Little River Band developed their electric system into one meter for wholesale rates.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of developing a pharmacy as an economic enterprise for the Tribe.

Development of a code for a utility company was discussed and contacting Wenona LaDuke as a possible resource.

Break at 11:34 am.

Reconvene at 11:42 am.

Discussion was held regarding the small business loan program.

Preparation for the 2005 Kings Inn season was discussed.

The tax agreement meeting will be hosted by the Little River Band and held in May 2005. Several issues were discussed and will be mentioned at the meeting.

The swipe card system at Biindigen is progressing; testing will be conducted within the next couple of weeks.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to accept the Economic Development Director and staff written and verbal reports, supported by Commissioner Givens.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Vice-Chair Bott).

Motion passed.

Chair's report

Chair Kishigo reported on the following:

- 23rd Annual Native American Finance Officers Association Conference to held on May 4-6th, 2005 in Cabazon, CA
- Wind energy and the plans for Victories II
- Wind energy grant that Heidi Yapple, Grants Writer, will be submitting.
- CDFI Grant application
- CDFI training to be held in March
- Quarterly report to Tribal Council will be submitted on Sunday, February 6th.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to accept the Chair's verbal report, supported by Commissioner Givens.

Vote taken: 2 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Chair Kishigo), 1 absent (Vice-Chair Bott).

Motion passed.

Vice-Chair's report, no report.

Treasurer's report, no report.

Secretary's report

Secretary Givens report included the following:

- Odawa Enterprises Board of Directors position posting
- Letter regarding bio-diesel went out.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to accept the Odawa Enterprises Board of Directors job description as amended, supported by Commissioner Givens.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Vice-Chair Bott).

Motion passed.

Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik came in at 12:50 pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to accept the Secretary's verbal and written report, supported by Chair Kishigo.

Vote taken: 2 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Commissioner Givens), 1 absent (Vice-Chair Bott).

Motion passed.

Chairman Ettawageshik discussed the following:

- Corporation Charter, Board of Directors, business plan, goals/deadlines and exit plan.
- Land mark case in Canada, the Supreme Court ruled that Canadian Tribes owned the bottom lands of the lake.
- New Constitution approved.

Break at 1:28 pm, Chairman Ettawageshik left.

Reconvene at 1:45 pm.

Discussion on the agenda for the February 6, 2005 work session.

Read the Corporation Charter.

Strategic plan – tabled.

Public comment opened at 2:22 pm.

Cheryl Kishigo, Patricia Dyer-Deckrow, Michael Givens, Theresa Keshick and Susan A. Swadling.

Closed public comment at 2:44 pm.

No closed session.

Next meeting will be on March 12, 2005 at 9:30 am.

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Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to adjourn the meeting, supported by
Commissioner Givens.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Vice-Chair Bott).

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Michael Givens, Secretary