

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS
OF ODAWA INDIANS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2006

1345 US 31 N
PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

Meeting called to order by Chair Kishigo at 9:53 am.

Bkwenenjige by Chair Kishigo and invocation by Vice-Chair Bott.

Roll call:

Present: Cheryl Kishigo, John Bott, Patricia Dyer-Deckrow and Laura Blumberg

Absent: Michael Givens, 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 and amended, supported by Vice-Chair Bott.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Givens)

Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to adopt the minutes of March 11, 2006 as presented, supported by Vice-Chair Bott.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Givens).

Motion passed.

Open public comment at 10:16 am.

Carrie Carlson, Enterprise Accountant, came in at 10:17 am.

Patricia Dyer-Deckrow, Theresa Keshick, Susan A. Swadling, Cheryl Kishigo, John Bott, Carrie Carlson and Laura Blumberg.

Close public comment at 10:26 am.

Council Feedback

Discussion was held regarding information received from the Tribal Council office.

Staff report.

The Odawa Enterprises plan will be presented by Don Hunkins, Brett Hunkins and Larry Linwood on April 20, 2006 at the Government Complex in the Commissions, Boards and Committees room 312. This meeting will begin at 9:30 am.

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On April 20, 2006 at 1:00 pm in the conference room at the Health Park, there will be a mandatory training for program managers.

Kings Inn is scheduled to open in May, 2006. There are several items on the safety list from Norm Emery, Safety Coordinator, which have to be addressed. Tribal Administrator Al Colby, Jr will talk to the Tribal Chairman about these issues along with issues concerning Bell's Fishery.

An email was received from a tribal member concerning activities available for tribal youth. Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow referred to monies that should be available from the Trust Board that was set aside for the youth when the 1836 land claims money was received.

Reviewed the information received regarding car wash equipment from a tribal business that manufactures them.

The Economic Development Department continues to be under the direction of the Tribal Administrator until a new director can be hired.

Discussion was held regarding the State of Michigan and Tribal Economic Forum meeting that was held in Mount Pleasant on April 6, 2006. The next forum will be hosted by LTBB on May 11, 2006 at 1:00 pm.

Chair Kishigo left at 11:03 am.

Chair Kishigo returned at 11:04 am.

Discussion was held regarding the Tax Agreement. A temporary staff person has been hired to assist with data entry for the agreement. Information regarding the resident tribal member's tax exempt utility bills was discussed.

The tax summit will be hosted by Sault Ste Marie in July this year. Issuing vouchers or certificates would be preferred over the reimbursement system that is now in place.

Reviewed information from the meeting with Derrer regarding the credit card updates from BP and signage for Biindigen. Discussion was held regarding the fuel contracts for gas and issues of quota purchases and money for tax exemptions.

Chair Kishigo left at 11:35 am.

Chair Kishigo returned at 11:35 am.

Continued discussion on fuel quota issues.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to accept the staff verbal report, supported by Vice-Chair Bott.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Givens).

Motion passed.

11:44 am break

12:28 pm reconvene.

Chair's report

Commissioner Blumberg left at 12:29 pm.

Chair Kishigo discussed information regarding the Odawa Enterprises. At the meeting on April 20th the final presentation will be distributed.

Commissioner Blumberg returned at 12:30 pm.

Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow left at 12:44 pm.

Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow returned at 12:45 pm.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Bott to accept the Chair's verbal report, supported by Commissioner Blumberg.

Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Chair Kishigo), 1 absent (Commissioner Givens).

Motion passed.

Vice-Chair report.

Chair Kishigo left at 1:11 pm.

Chair Kishigo returned at 1:17 pm.

Reviewed information received regarding Individual Development Accounts (IDA) conference from Oweesta Corporation to be held June 13th to 15th in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Received notification of "I'm Home Program"; this program assists with building homes for low to moderate income people.

Chair Kishigo left at 1:24 pm.

Chair Kishigo returned at 1:25 pm.

An invitation to the 2006 Annual Great Lakes Community des Grands Lacs meeting and related events in Sheboygan, Wisconsin to be held May 2nd to 4th, 2006.

Reviewed information received from White Earth.

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

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

Motion passed.

Treasurer report – no report.

Secretary report

Commissioner Blumberg gave a verbal report on the Michigan Petroleum Association/National Association of Convenience Stores conference held in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to accept the Secretary's report as presented by Commissioner Blumberg, supported by Vice-Chair Bott.

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Vote taken: 3 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Commissioner Blumberg), 1 absent (Commissioner Givens).

Motion passed.

Annual meeting

The Annual Community Meeting will be held on May 13, 2006 at the Petoskey Middle School. The handouts have been delivered and a brochure is being written by Chair Kishigo. A group picture will be taken at the work session on Sunday, April 9, 2006.

CDFI – no report

Strategic plan – tabled

Odawa Enterprises – no further discussion.

Open public comment at 2:00 pm. – no comment

Close public comment at 2:00 pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to go into closed session, supported by Vice-Chair Bott.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Givens).

Motion passed.

Went into closed session at 2:01 pm.

Out of closed session at 2:14 pm.

Next meeting will be on May 6, 2006 in the conference room at 1345 US 31 N starting at 9:30 am.

Motion made by vice-Chair Bott to adjourn the meeting, supported by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Givens).

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Michael Givens, Secretary