

1 **Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**
2 **Elder's Commission**
3 **Regular Meeting**
4 **September 7, 2016**
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6 Meeting called at 5:08 p.m. by Richard Wemigwase, Chairman;

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8 Roll Call Commission: Richard Wemigwase, Chairman; Lisa Flynn, Vice-
9 Chairman; Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; JoAnn Carey,
10 Commissioner.

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12 Absent: Janice Shackelford, Treasurer;

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14 Elder Department Staff: Tamela Okuly-Shananaquet, Elder Outreach
15 Coordinator;

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17 Guest: Regina Gasco-Bentley, LTBB Tribal Chairman; Virginia Lewis,
18 LTBB Tribal Elder; Francis Holdorph, LTBB Tribal Elder; Joyce Munson,
19 LTBB Tribal Elder; John Kawegoma, LTBB Tribal Elder;

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21 Commission reviewed the Agenda.

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23 **Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the agenda**
24 **as presented; Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; supports.**

25 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Shackelford) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

26 **Motion Carried**
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28 Commission reviewed the Minutes of August 3, 2016.

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30 **Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the Minutes**
31 **of August 3, 2016 as corrected, Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman; supports.**

32 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Shackelford) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

33 **Motion Carried**
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35 Public Comment opened at 5:24 p.m.

36 Public Comment closed at 6:15 p.m.

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38 **Elder Department Director – Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet, Elders**
39 **Outreach Coordinator**

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41 **Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the Elder**
42 **Department Report as presented by Tamela Okuly-Shananaquet, Elder**
43 **Outreach Coordinator; Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman; supports.**

44 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Shackelford) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

45 **Motion Carried**
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47 **Budget Report**

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 - Review and discussion was held on the Elder Commission budget.

1 **Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the Budget**
2 **Report presented by Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; Lisa Flynn,**
3 **Vice-Chairman; supports.**

4 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Shackleford) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

5 **Motion Carried**

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7 **Commissioner Report – Commissioners**

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9 **Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the**
10 **commission report as presented by Commissioners; Janice**
11 **Shackleford, Treasurer; supports.**

12 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Shackleford) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

13 **Motion Carried**

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15 Public Comment opened at 5:45 p.m Virginia Lewis commented on a survey
16 conducted at the Elders Luncheon and the results.

17 Regina Gasco Bentley addressed some of the Elder comments from the survey.

18 John Kawegoma stated that elders do not know the commissioners or efforts
19 being made on issues;

20 Richard Wemigwase stated that the commission has sent letters to reach out
21 to the community;

22 Lisa Flynn stated that the commission will make an effort to get out in the
23 community in the future;

24 Virginia Lewis asked what was the most important issue that the commission
25 has accomplished this year;

26 JoAnn Carey– stated water to Flint residents; Pipeliine protest;

27 Francis Holdorph – stated the elders did not know the commission was
28 involved;

29 Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet – addressed that elders stating that we (the
30 elders) are not being heard by the dept., commission and tribal council;

31 It was determined that the commissioners names and contact information will
32 be made available to the elders during the luncheons.

33 Public Comment closed at 6:37 p.m.

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35 **Motion made by Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; to approve Elder**
36 **Commission Work Session to be held on September 13, 2016 and**
37 **receive mileage, per-diem and stipend, JoAnn Carey, Commissioner;**
38 **supports.**

39 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Shackleford) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

40 **Motion Carried**

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42 **Motion made by Lisa Flynn, Vice Chairman; to adjourn the meeting at**
43 **7:00 p.m., Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; supports.**

44 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Shackleford) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

45 **Motion Carried**

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47 Next scheduled regular meeting will be held on October 5, 2016

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Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary

Date