

Waganakising Odawa
Tribal Council
Land and Reservation Committee Meeting
Court Room
April 22, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m.

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

Committee members absent: none

Staff in attendance: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick

Guests: Tribal Councilor Alice Yellowbank; Legislative Office Administrative Assistant
Michael Smith

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Councilor Bentley, to approve the agenda
as amended.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Councilor Bentley, to approve the corrected
minutes of March 26, 2008.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Motion carried.

1:17 p.m. Public Comment opened. No comments.

1:18 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Held a general discussion on possible land acquisitions, including the need for a plot of land for a
Tribal cemetery.

Discussed the upcoming meeting with Dr. James McClurken, Historian, on Saturday, April 26,
2008. The meeting will be held at Dr. McClurken's office in Lansing, Michigan. Mapquest map
distributed. Committee Chairperson Kiogima to confirm the meeting and make final
arrangements with Dr. McClurken.

There has been no response yet from the Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) for the grant
application submitted on March 28, 2008. Legislative Services Attorney (LSA) Budnick to
inquire of IITLF on the status of same.

Councilor Bentley will oversee the development of questions for the survey to be taken to aid in
the establishment of the Committee's short and long range goals.

Councilor McNamara will make arrangements for the tour of Little Traverse Bay Band's
(LTBB) existing properties.

Committee Chairperson Kiogima will compile all current statutes, regulations, and policies that are in place that impact the duties assigned this Committee.

Committee Chairperson Kiogima will put together a draft of short and long range goals for presentation to Tribal Council at their next scheduled regular meeting.

After the meetings with Historian Dr. McClurken and Attorney Bill Brooks, Committee Chairperson Kiogima to draft a letter, for approval by the Committee, to the Odawa Trails.

Discussed the development of a procedure to streamline the inquiries/offers for land purchases received by LTBB. LSA Budnick to write a draft procedure.

Discussed the book *Our Land and Culture: A 200 Year History of Our Land Use*, compiled and printed in November 2005. Book was a result of a previous ILTF grant.

Discussed the binder titled *The Indian Country Statute – 60 Years Later* which was recently presented to Tribal Council by Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount. LSA Budnick to summarize information that is pertinent to 'land' matters.

Discussed the opportunities to make LTBB's presence more visible in the surrounding communities with the display of signs, flags, bumper stickers, and window decals with the LTBB coat-of-arms displayed. LSA Budnick to review the WOS 2006-015 The Tribal Seal of the Waganakising Odawak Nation Statute.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Councilor McNamara, to have Committee Chairperson Kiogima check on the status of having LTBB signs posted on all LTBB properties.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Motion carried.

Discussed the *Ottawas of Oklahoma* court case.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Councilor McNamara, to have Committee Chairperson Kiogima request an update from the Executive Branch on LTBB's response, if any, to this case.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Motion carried.

Legislative Office Administrative Assistant Michael Smith notified the Committee of the need by the Legislative Office, Archives and Records Department, and the Accounting Department for more storage space for Tribal records. Need is noted and filed for future considerations.

The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at a location to be determined.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Councilor Bentley, to adjourn at 3:58 p.m.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Motion carried.