

Waganakising Odawa
Tribal Council
Land and Reservation Committee
Room 312
October 1, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:24 a.m.

Roll Call:

Committee Members present: Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley; Councilor Dexter McNamara, Committee Chairperson Mel Kiogima
Committee Members absent: none

Legislative Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick

Guests: Legislative Leader Bea Law; Tribal Vice Chairperson Bill Denemy; General Counsel Jim Bransky; Planning Director Bryan Gillett; Housing Director John Givens; Head Start Director Mickie Kilpatrick

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Councilor Bentley, to approve the amended agenda for October 1, 2008.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Councilor Bentley, to approved the corrected minutes of September 3, 2008.

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

Motion carried.

Old/On-going Business

The Committee received a written report from Housing Director Givens for the leased property of 6901 Tim Buck Trail of Topinabee, Michigan. Discussion held. Director Givens plans to meet with Don Gary, USDA, to discuss the conditions of the house; and, clean and repair the house as needed for return to the USDA. Director Givens recommends that LTBB withdraw from the lease as soon as possible due to the cost of continuing the insurance coverage of the property.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Councilor McNamara, to recommend to Tribal Council that the Tim Buck Trail property be prepared for termination of the lease. Attorney Budnick to draft a Tribal Resolution for Tribal Council to consider.

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

Motion carried.

New Business

Head Start Director Mickie Kilpatrick led discussion on Head Start's need for a bigger facility in which to hold their activities. Discussion ensued about the current state of the facility being

used, possible revenue sources that could be accessed to help in the funding of a project of this magnitude, and existing LTBB Master Land Use Plan that has been in place since 1999.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Councilor McNamara, to recommend that Tribal Council request the Executive Branch begin a facility study for the construction of a building for Head Start and other programs.

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

Motion carried.

10:42 a.m. Recess called.

10:53 a.m. Meeting resumes.

Old/On-going Business (continued)

Planning Director Gillett led discussion on Murray Road Project. Gillett advises that the early phase of the project is done and that the roads will be put in next year. The associated Work Group meets, if needed, on Monday mornings after the Director's meeting.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Councilor Bentley, to recommend to Tribal Council that a 'Land' Committee member, or designee, attend the Murray Road Work Group meetings.

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

Motion carried.

New Business (continued)

The Committee acknowledged the receipt of the draft McClurken Report by LTBB. Discussion held.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Councilor McNamara, to recommend to Tribal Council that the McClurken Report Review Work Group be established and requests of the Executive that the following members participate: Tribal Chairperson and Tribal Vice Chairperson; Enjinaaknegeng; GIS Department; Planning Department; Tribal Council Legislative Leader; Tribal Council's Land and Reservation Committee members; and the Legislative Services Attorney. The lead person of the Work Group will be General Counsel Jim Bransky.

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

Motion carried.

Old/On-going Business (continued)

Chairperson Kiogima led discussion on Land Parcel #27 and Land Parcel #28. Chairperson Kiogima would meet with the Tribal Council Appropriations and Finance Committee later today and discuss the matter with them.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Councilor McNamara, to recommend to Tribal Council that LTBB pursue Land Parcel #27 and Land Parcel #28.

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

Motion carried.

New Business (continued)

Committee Chairperson led discussion on the receipt of an ‘interest in leasing the former Victories Casino sites on US 131.’ Discussion held.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Councilor Bentley, approving Committee Chairperson Kiogima to followup with the interested party to determine the extent of our mutual interests for this property.

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

Motion carried.

The Committee acknowledged the receipt of a Letter of Appreciation for the invitation to the recent ‘Land’ Training Session and a copy of a court case (SSM v. USA; 2008) from Chief Judge Jenny Kronk.

Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) Sponsored Land Training Session

- due to time constraints, no in-depth discussions were held concerning the recent ‘training session’;
- acknowledged the overall general favorable responses received from the Training Evaluation Forms – copies to be provided to Tribal Council;
- the development of a survey for the Waganakising Odawa households is on-going;
- acknowledged the receipt of the approved Budget Modification from the ILTF;
- acknowledged the receipt of, and reviewed, the ILTF grant budget – budget is within projections;
- Chairperson Kiogima reports that the draft Report due the ILTF is a work in progress;
- Attorney Budnick to write-up a preliminary draft of an article for the Odawa Trails; Chairperson Kiogima to finalize; and
- the next steps are, tentatively: presentation of an abbreviated ‘Land’ training session to the youth of LTBB; and, a Phase II Land Training Session for 2009.

1:21 p.m. Public Comment opens: no comments received.

1:22 p.m. Public Comment closed.

No further Action Items needed to be addressed.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 17, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. at a location to be determined.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Councilor McNamara, to adjourn at 1:27 p.m.

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

Motion carried.