

**Waganakising Odawa**  
Tribal Council  
Land and Reservation Committee  
Court Room  
November 1, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Committee Chairperson Mel Kiogima  
Committee Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick

Guests: Legislative Leader Bea Law, Treasurer Gerald Chingwa, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Marvin Mulholland, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Tribal Citizen Katie Bauer

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

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Councilor Bentley, to approve the minutes, as presented, for the meeting of October 1, 2008.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Councilor McNamara, to approve the corrected minutes for the meeting of October 17, 2008.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Councilor McNamara, to approve the corrected minutes for the Closed Session held on October 17, 2008.

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

Motion carried.

Old/On-going Business

No items addressed.

New Business

Attorney Budnick led discussion about the 'Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe v. Jennifer Granholm' court case being heard in the Eastern District Court of Michigan. It is a court case where a decision for a 'motion in limine' was made. The preliminary decision states "*(the)*

*defendants (State of Michigan) may not rely on the time-based equitable defenses of laches, estoppel, acquiescence, or impossibility.” This is preliminary, but is very encouraging. It was pointed out that LTBB lies in the jurisdiction Western District Court of Michigan.*

#### Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) Project

The ILTF Grant budget was reviewed. The Committee continues to work within budget.

Attorney Budnick continues to work on a budget modification request for the ILTF grant funds. Preliminary discussions with the ILTF office were very encouraging for a modification. The tentative plans are to hold a mini-‘land’ session with the Tribal youth. Attorney Budnick is working on the logistics and should have the modification request ready by the next meeting.

The ‘land’ survey, cover letter, stamped return envelopes, and envelopes are ready for stuffing this weekend and will be ready for mailing by mid-week. There will be approximately 2600 surveys mailed to Tribal households. To be eligible for the drawing for the Pendleton blanket, the completed survey must be returned by December 1, 2008. Planning Director Bryan Gillett has offered to assist with compiling the results of the returned surveys.

Chairperson Kiogima reports that the draft report to the ILTF, due November 6, 2008, continues to be a work in progress. An electronic version of the report will be submitted by the due date with a hard copy put in the mail the same day.

Chairperson Kiogima led a general discussion about the Committee’s plans for the future. It was reiterated that plans continue for a mini-‘land’ session for the youth; compilation and interpretation must be made for the returned ‘land’ surveys; it was recognized that a budget source for land purchases must be considered; compilation of existing LTBB land laws must be finalized; and, the LTBB Strategic Land Plan must be developed.

9:58 a.m. Public Comment opened. No comments were received.

9:59 a.m. Public Comment closed.

No additional actions items needed to be addressed.

The next meeting date is tentatively planned for Saturday, November 15, 2008, at a time and location to be determined.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Councilor Bentley, to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

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

Motion carried.