

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
March 16, 2008  
Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle

Closed Session: none

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:40 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Shirley Oldman

Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Gerald Chingwa, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Marvin Mulholland, Councilor Shirley Oldman

Absent: none

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Linda Gokee-Enrollment Department, Pauline Boulton Enrollment Department Director, Dorothy Boda-Citizenship Commissioner, Alice Hughes-Citizenship Commissioner, Marcia Sutton-Citizenship Commissioner, Carol McFall-Citizenship Commissioner

Guests: Elizabeth Murner, Avery Hanel, Fred Kiogima

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Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt the agenda as amended for March 16, 2008 in honor of "Hap" Irving McCue for his efforts revitalizing Anishnaabemowin.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Harrington that we approve the Minutes of March 2, 2008 as corrected.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Citizenship Statute draft mark up with the Citizenship Commission.

Tribal Elder Comments: no comments.

Citizenship Statute draft mark up with the Citizenship Commission continued and then concluded.

11:06 a.m. Recess called.

11:17 a.m. Meeting reconvened

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Oldman to send the Support the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Building Fund Prior Period Funds in the Amount of \$3,000.00 back to the Appropriations and Finance Committee for further review.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 1 – No (Councilor Yellowbank), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to send the Preliminary Analysis and Feasibility Study for Victories Property in the amount of \$35,000.00 from Prior Period Funds to the Appropriations and Finance Committee for further review.

Motion on hold in consideration of Public Comment.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Michele LaCount spoke regarding concerns with daycare assistance income guidelines using an all or nothing income scale. Fred Harrington, Jr., spoke regarding “Hap” Irving McCue.

12:00 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Discussion regarding previous motion continues.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

12:03 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:33 p.m. Meeting resumed.

Proposed Legislation, Dissolution of Marriage Statute document was worked on.

Proposed Legislation, Natural Resource Protection Statute document was tabled until the next agenda.

Proposed Legislation, Fair Employment Statute document was worked on.

Proposed Legislation, Management and Labor Relations Statute document was worked on.

3:01 p.m. Public Comment opened: Michele LaCount regarding fair employment for all government workers including those who work for the Tribes non-gaming enterprises.

3:11 p.m. Public Comment closed.

3:15 p.m. Recess called.

3:26 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

The Trust Fund Board draft statute was worked on.

The Notary Public draft statute was worked on.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr., to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Business – Cooperative Service, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Rural Business Opportunity Grant.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept the Legislative Leader's verbal and written report with confidential materials contained therein.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept the Tribal Treasurer's verbal report.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept the Land and Reservation Committee's verbal report provided by the Committee Chairperson, Councilor Kiogima.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to accept Councilor Harrington, Jr.'s verbal and written report.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept the Legislative Services Attorney's verbal report.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adjourn at 5:01 p.m.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved:

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Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary

Date