

Waganakising Odawa
Tribal Council
Land and Reservation Committee
Odawa Hotel
March 20, 2009
2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 2:26 p.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, Paralegal Intern Michael Lyons

Guests: Planning Department Administrative Assistant Ellie Payton

Motion by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Councilor McNamara, to adopt the Agenda as presented.

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

Motion carries.

Indian Land Tenure Foundation 'Land' Survey Report

Ellie Payton led discussion on the draft report received from the Planning Department. The overall results to the survey were favorable. Planning Director Gillett will be interpreting and summarizing the report in draft overview prior to the next meeting. After some discussion and at the request of the Committee, Payton will make some slight modifications to the report and re-submit it the Committee.

Old/On-going Business:

Committee Chairperson Kiogima led discussion on Land Parcel #27. No changes have occurred since receiving the e-mail notice of a cash offer on this property. In light of the current budget, and Tribal Council's reluctance to pursue this matter at this time, the Committee acknowledges the receipt of the information and will notify Tribal Council of same.

New Business

Attorney Budnick is not aware of any new developments in recent land court cases.

Attorney Budnick presented to the Committee with the Land Use Plans for the Governmental property located in the northwest quadrant of the Pleasantview and Hathaway Road intersection and for the Wah-Wahs-Noo-Da Ke Housing Development located off State Road north of Harbor Springs. The plans had been received by the Legislative Office from Planning Director Gillett and will be filed in the Legislative Office.

Indian Land Tenure Foundation Project (ILTF)

Committee Chairperson Kiogima reports that the Committee continues to operate within budget for the ILTF grant funds.

Attorney Budnick reports that we have not yet received a response from the ILTF for the extension request made for the final report.

The Committee felt the just completed Youth Land Training Session went extremely well. More discussion will be held at the next Committee meeting.

Committee Chairperson Kiogima led discussion on the next, and final, steps that need to be taken to fulfill the obligations of the ILTF grant, which includes interpretation of the Land Survey results, some in-depth strategizing for recommendations to be made to Tribal Council for the development of a two to five year land plan for LTBB, a presentation to be made to Tribal Council on our findings, and the submission of a final report to the ILTF. There was also mentioned the need to begin planning for a followup session to the two Land Training Sessions held to date.

4:00 p.m. Public Comment opened. No comments were received.

4:01 p.m. Public Comment closed.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at a location to be determined.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Councilor McNamara, to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

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

Motion carries.