

Waganakising Odawa
Tribal Council
Land and Reservation Committee
Room 312
September 3, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m.

Roll Call:

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

Legislative staff present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick

Guests: Legislative Leader Bea Law, Tribal Vice Chairperson Bill Denemy, General Counsel Jim Bransky

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

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Councilor McNamara, to approve the presented minutes of July 21, 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 of August 6, 2008.

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 August 16, 2008.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent
Motion carried.

Old/On-going Business

Chairperson Kiogima notified the Committee of a 'Land' article that was written and would be included in the October edition of the Odawa Trails. The article will be accompanied by a photo of the land tour group that was taken in front of Bell's Fishery.

Chairperson Kiogima led discussion on the 'Tim Buck Too' lease that LTBB has in Cheboygan County. It was decided to request a written status report from the Housing Department pertaining to this lease that is due to expire in April 2009. This report would be followed up with

a request for the LTBB Housing Director to meet with the 'Land' Committee at the next scheduled 'Land' meeting. Chairperson Kiogima to make needed requests.

10:32 a.m. Recess called.

10:44 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

New Business

Attorney Budnick spoke briefly of the Amicus Brief LTBB is filing in the Ottawas of Oklahoma case. No other new 'land' cases were known at this time.

Chairperson Kiogima notified the Committee that the 'Indian Town' Project is underway.

Chairperson Kiogima notified the Committee of a telephone call that he received concerning a proposed project for the Victories Casino property. Discussion held. It was decided that this proposal would not change the direction the Tribal Council has elected to pursue for this property.

Discussion held on the Murray Road property and its proposed housing development project. It was pointed out that the house and barn that is currently on the property is scheduled to be torn down in the near future. Because of Tribal Council's duty to oversee 'land use plans', it was decided to request an update, complete with copies of all documents, of the project that is underway. Chairperson Kiogima would request the needed information and schedule an appropriate Executive staff to meet with the Committee.

'Land' Training Session of September 8 & 9, 2008

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) grant budget was reviewed and confirmed to be within budget. Discussion was held concerning a proposed budget modification. Attorney Budnick has spoken with appropriate ITLF staff about the proposed changes. ILTF indicated that the recommended modifications seemed to be appropriate and would consider them upon receipt of an e-mail notice with the needed breakdown of costs. Attorney Budnick was approved to follow through with the proposal.

Councilor Bentley notified the Committee that the survey that was being developed for collection of data from Tribal Citizens would be complete after the upcoming 'training session'. A budget modification request is being made to the ILTF to cover the expenses.

The proposed agenda for the 'training session' was reviewed and approved. Chairperson Kiogima would e-mail the approved agenda to the participants that had provided an e-mail address.

The list of citizen participants was reviewed. Currently, there are 64 participants. Councilor Bentley would meet and speak to the Elders during their luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008, to remind them of this opportunity. It was decided to hold additional seats open for last minute requests for attendance.

The logistics were reviewed. It appeared that all was in order.

Honorariums were discussed for the presenters. Councilor Bentley would coordinate.

11:46 a.m. Public Comment opened. No comments were received.

11:47 a.m. Public Comment closed.

No further action items needed to be addressed.

The next meeting date was tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 17, 2008, from 1 – 5 p.m.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Councilor Bentley, to adjourn at 11:59 a.m.

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

Motion carried.