

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Election Board

Chairman: Merle Carson (2015)
Vice-Chairman: Alice Hughes (2017)
Secretary: Carol Quinones (2017)

Member: Jon Shawa (2017)
Member: Christine Shomin (2015)

Minutes SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2015

Call To Order: 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman, Merle Carson Present
Vice-Chairman, Alice Hughes Present
Secretary, Carol Quinones Present
Member: Jon Shawa Present
Member: Christine Shomin Present
5 - Present 0 - Absent/Excused Quorum – Yes

Guest: Andrew Stitch

Agenda

Motion made by member Shomin, supported by Secretary Quinones, to approve the agenda for this meeting as amended by adding Closed Session (Legal) under New Business. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5– Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

Minutes

Motion made by member Shomin, supported by Chairman Carson, to approve the minutes of Saturday, January 17th, 2015 as written and presented. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

4 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstained (member Shawa) 0 – Absent

Motion carried

Public Comment (Recommended 3 minutes per comment)

Tribal Citizen Andrew Stitch asked if the date has been set for the Appellate hearing. Andrew inquired about the cost for the Special Election for the Tribal Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Chairman Carson explained that as of today there is no date for the Appellate hearing. The cost for the Special Election will run close to the cost for the election that is in process now. The Special Election process will be the same as the election for Tribal Council. The time frame will be much tighter. Andrew wanted to know if we would be holding one or two “Meet the Candidates Forum”. Chairman Carson stated that the Election Board is still debating that and other issues for the Special Election.

Public Comment closed

OFFICER'S REPORTS

CHAIRMAN CARSON

Discussion Items

- **New Computer Installation**
- **Search for new office space**
- **Budget Modifications**
- **Attorney Carlos Alvarado's Contract for 2015**
- **Voter Registration Requests**
- **Action Item**

Motion made by member Shawa, supported by Chairman Carson that we not send the new computer to Election Services for the installation of new software. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

Motion made by Vice- Chairman Hughes, supported by member Shawa to accept the verbal report of Chairperson Carson. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

VICE- CHAIRMAN HUGHES

Discussion items

- **Total Tribal Enrollment as of 01/31/2015 is 4,566**
- **Total deaths for January 2015 is 1**
- **No reported relinquishments**
- **Enrollment will share address changes with the Election in timelier manner.**

Motion made by member Shomin, supported by member Shawa, to accept the verbal and written report of the Vice- Chairman. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5 – Yes 0- No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

SECRETARY/TREASURER QUINONES

- **2015 Election Schedule needs to be posted at the Government Complex**
- **2015 Election Schedule needs to be posted at 911 Spring Street**
- **11 new Voter Registrations**
- **Undeliverable Call to Election Notices**
- **Voter Registration list**

Motion made by member Shawa, supported by Vice- Chairman Hughes, to accept the verbal and written report of Secretary/Treasurer Quinones. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5 – Yes 0 - No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

- **Voter Registration up-date**
1,736 Registered Voters as of 01/31/2015

NEW BUSINESS

- 1:45 p.m. Closed Session - Legal

Motion made by member Shawa, supported by Chairman Carson, to return to open session at 2 p.m. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by member Shomin, supported by member Shawa to adjourn this meeting at 2:15 p.m.

5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015**

APPROVED