

# Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Election Board

**Carol Quinones, Chairperson (2021)**  
**Vice-Chairperson Vacant (2019)**  
**Secretary Vacant (2019)**

**Jon Shawa, Treasurer (2021)**  
**Alice Hughes, Board Member (2021)**

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018** **MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 9: 10 a.m. by Chairperson Quinones.

### **ROLL CALL**

Carol Quinones, Chairperson	Present
Jon Shawa, Treasurer	Present
Alice Hughes, Board Member	Present

Quorum Present

Guests: Tribal Citizen, Kathryn McGraw, Tribal Citizen, Andrew Stitch, Tribal Elder, Judy Field

### **Public Comment:**

Started at 9:35 a.m. and ended at 11:35 a.m.

The Public Comment became a question and answering session and information sharing session. All three Citizens had questions about the entire Recall process and about the costs for the Recall Elections. The Election Board shared the information that was requested in regards to cost of the Recall that was held in September for Tribal Vice-Chairperson, Stella Kay and Tribal Councilor, Marci Reyes, and the Recall that will be held on November 26, 2018 for Tribal Councilor, Shanna Wemigwase.

Citizen McGraw asked what the total costs of all Recalls that have been held over the last 10 years. She wanted to know what the Tribe spent in regards to the 14 month court case with the Fred Kiogima and Deb DeLeon Recall. She stated that she was part of a group of ladies that were interested in revamping the recall process so that a recall cannot happen at the whim of a Tribal Citizen. The Election Board directed her towards the Accounting department for the information regarding total costs of the Recall Elections and Court cases.

Tribal Elder Field expressed that she finds all of the recalls to be very disheartening because it takes away the focus of the work that Tribal Council and Tribal Exectives were elected to do. Citizen Stitch was also interested in the costs of all the recalls and about how much time the Election Board spends in preparing for all of these elections.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Treasurer Shawa, supported by Board Member Hughes to approve the agenda for Saturday, October 6, 2018 as corrected by changing the date of the agenda from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of October.

**Motion read back by Chairperson Quinones.  
3 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Abstained 0 Absent  
Motion Carried**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion made by Treasurer Shawa, supported by Chairperson Quinones to table the minutes of Monday, September 24, 2018 and Saturday October 6, 2018 until the next regularly scheduled meeting of November 3, 2018.**

**Motion read back by Chairperson Quinones  
3 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Abstained 0 Absent  
Motion carried.**

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

**Chairperson's Report**

- I worked with Attorney Alvarado in preparing information needed for the Court hearing held on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- I worked with Election Services in preparing for the Wemigwase Recall on November 26, 2018.
- Up-dated the voter registration list.

**Motion made by Board Member Hughes, supported by Treasurer Shawa to accept the verbal and written report of Chairperson Quinones.**

**Motion read back by Chairperson Quinones  
3 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Abstained 0 Absent  
Motion carried**

**Vice-Chairperson's Report**

**NO VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

**Treasurer's Report**

- Budget Mod approved for Wemigwase Recall in the amount of \$13,218.20. This amount includes the indirect costs incurred on the \$12,000.00 requested for the election.

**Motion made by Board Member Hughes, supported by Chairperson Quinones to accept the verbal and written report of Treasurer Shawa.**

**Motion read back by Chairperson Quinones.  
3 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Abstained 0 Absent  
Motion carried.**

**Secretary's Report**

**NO SECRETARY**

**Board Member Report**

**NO REPORT**

**VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE**

**1,827 Registered Voters as of 10/20/2018**

**ACTION ITEMS**

- **Motion to verify the Recall Petition for Tribal Chairperson, Regina Gasco-Bentley**  
"Considering the up-dated review of the signatures collected by citizen Okuly-Shananaquet at the work of the Election Board on Friday, October 19, 2018, I, Board Member Hughes, move to certify the validity of the Recall Petition and signatures delivered by citizen Okuly-Shananaquet. Supported by Chairperson Quinones.

Motion read back by Chairperson Quinones.

3 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Abstained 0 Absent

Motion carried.

- **Motion to direct Election Board Attorney Alvarado file a dismissal for the court case**  
I, Treasurer Shawa make a motion to instruct Election Board Attorney, Carlos Alvarado, along with Tribal Citizen, Tamela Okuly-Shananaquet, a mutual dismissal of the pending Tribal Court case CL-18-016. Supported by Board Member Hughes.

Motion read back by Chairperson Quinones.

3 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Abstained 0 Absent

Motion carried.

- **Motion to set date for the Bentley-Gasco Recall Election**

I, Treasurer Shawa, supported by Board Member Hughes set Monday, January 14, 2019 as the date for the Recall Election of Tribal Chairperson, Regina Gasco-Bentley.

Motion read back by Chairperson Quinones.

3 Yeas 0 Nays 0 Abstained 0 Absent

Motion carried.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**NO ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**ANNOUNCE DATE OF NEXT MEETING/WORK SESSION**

- **WORK SESSION: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018 at 5 p.m.**
- **REGULAR MEETING: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018 at 9 a.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:07 p.m.**