

Traditional Tribal Burial Ground, Inc.
Board Meeting
Regular Meeting – June 29, 2013
LTBB Bear River Health Park

Board Members Present: Wes Andrews, Chairperson; Alice Yellowbank, Treasurer; Mary Gasco, Secretary, Nichole Biber

Absent: None

Speakers/Guests: Kevin Willis, Gwen Gasco

Meeting called to order at 10:14am

Additions to the Agenda

- I. Begin looking for a contractor to perform an annual audit for the Traditional Tribal Burial Ground, Inc. Board (“Board”). Annual Audit is due to Tribal Council 120 days after the first of the year; the reporting period would be for the previous year.
- II. Formation of a committee to draft the Board’s Bylaws
 - a. There is not due date for this
 - b. It is a requirement of the Board per the Statute/Charter

Motion made by Treasurer Yellowbank and supported by Chairman Andrews to approve the Meeting Agenda for June 29, 2013 with the additions.

YES – 4 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstained – 0

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Yellowbank and supported by Chairman Andrews to approve the Meeting Minutes from the February 9, 2013 Regular Meeting.

YES – 4 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstained – 0

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco and supported by Chairman Andrews to approve the Meeting Minutes from the May 18, 2013 Regular Meeting.

YES – 4 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstained – 0

Motion carried.

Community awareness

- 1) Board member Biber to write an article to be included in the Odawa Trails regarding the Board and ‘green burials’.
 - a) Include the Board’s Corporate Charter and Statute that govern the Board
 - b) Will be included in the September edition
- 2) Website development
 - a) Talk with the LTBB Web Master regarding the possibility of being linked to the LTBB website.
 - b) Also ask regarding the possibility of having a tribal email address that would distribute the emails to the Board members.
 - c) Important to have a website where the Board could post meeting minutes, announcements and other information for the community.
 - d) Also a place to store the Board’s resolutions
 - i) Implement a system that would make it easy to search for certain resolutions.

- 3) LTBB Health Fair on August 9th at the Tribal Health Department
 - a) Develop a pamphlet to distribute to community members.
 - b) Board member(s) available for questions
 - c) Ask for input on ideas for the Traditional Tribal Burial Grounds
- 4) Board logo design
 - a) Community contest for a design for a logo; possibility?
 - b) Board member Biber would also work on a preliminary logo
- 5) Anishinaabemowin board name
 - a) Speak with the LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department regarding the development of a name.
 - b) Also ask for community input regarding name.

Motion made by Chairman Andrews and supported by Board Member Biber to rescind the motion from the May 18, 2013 meeting regarding the approval of Chairman Andrews and Treasurer Yellowbank as the authorized signers on the Board's bank account(s) due to a potential conflict of interest.

YES – 4 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstained – 0

Motion carried.

Motion made by Board Member Biber and supported by Secretary Gasco to approve/appoint Chairman Andrews as an authorized signer on the Board's bank account(s).

YES – 3 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstained – 1 (Chairman Andrews)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco and supported by Board Member Biber to approve/appoint Treasurer Yellowbank as an authorized signer on the Board's bank account(s).

YES – 3 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstained – 1 (Treasurer Yellowbank)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Chairman Andrews and supported by Treasurer Yellowbank to appoint Secretary Gasco as an alternate signer on the Board's bank account(s) in the absence of either the Chairman or the Treasurer.

YES – 3 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstained – 1 (Secretary Gasco)

Motion carried.

Property discussion

- 1) Osborne Road property would not be suitable for a green cemetery
 - a) Repatriation remains are buried on the property including any objects that have had chemicals applied to them to preserve them. The chemicals used could leak into the ground and cause contamination of the grounds around it.
 - b) Not all the repatriation burial sites on the Osborne property have been recorded – for a short period of time when Chairman Andrews was not holding a position within LTBB, the location of burials of repatriation remains were not documented by the Archives and Records Department.
 - i) It is important survey the land and keep record of the burial sites from the beginning of use.
- 2) Waawaashkesh Park
 - a) LTBB Natural Resources Department (“NRD”) is the authority to speak with regarding the use of the land.
 - b) Recommend attending a Natural Resources Commission (“NRC”) meeting. They meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.
- 3) Murray Road property

- a) LTBB Housing Department has oversight of the property.
- b) Recommend talking with John Givens, Housing Director, and/or the Housing Commission.
- 4) Wilderness property
 - a) Property is very small; about two acres.
 - b) Wouldn't be suitable for use as a cemetery.
- 5) Just a Plain Farm property
 - a) It was discussed in a Tribal Council work session regarding the farm on Gill Road.
 - b) Has not been purchased by the Tribe, but would like the Board to speak with the Committee and express their wish to have the cemetery to be considered as part of their plans to purchase the property.
 - c) Recommend attending the next Land and Reservation meeting on July 12, 2013 and propose a purchase that would also accommodate land to use as a green cemetery.

Motion made by Board member Biber and supported by Secretary Gasco to approve Chairman Andrews to attend the Tribal Council Land and Reservation meeting on July 12, 2013 at the LTBB Government building.

YES – 3 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstained – 1 (Chairman Andrews)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Board member Biber and supported by Secretary Gasco to approve Treasurer Yellowbank to attend the Tribal Council Land and Reservation meeting on July 12, 2013 at the LTBB Government building.

YES – 3 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstained – 1 (Treasurer Yellowbank)

Motion carried.

2013 Meeting dates – All meetings will take place at the LTBB Mina Mskiki Gumik Conference Room

- a. August 3rd at 9am
- b. September 21st at 9am
- c. October 26th at 9am
- d. November 9th at 9am
- e. December 14th at 9am

Next meeting scheduled for August 3, 2013 at 9am at the LTBB Mina Mskiki Gumik Conference Room.

Motion made Chairman Andrews and supported by Board Member Biber to adjourn the meeting.

YES – 4 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstained – 0

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.

These minutes have been approved by the Traditional Tribal Burial Ground Board on during the Regular Board Meeting held on 8/3/2013.

Date:

Mary Gasco, Board Secretary