

TRADITIONAL TRIBAL BURIAL GROUND BOARD
Regular Meeting – August 23, 2014
Okemos Conference Center, Okemos, MI

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

Absent: None

Speakers/Guests: Gwen Gasco, TTBI Board Consultant

Public: Steven Sochay, JoAnne Pricco, Mary Hoar, William Hoar, Margaret Compo, Jazlyn Compo, Russell Genia, Moses Biber

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Roll call

Introductions to guests

Motion made by Vice Chairman Willis and supported by Chairman Andrews to approve the meeting minutes from the July 26, 2014 Regular Meeting with changes.

YES – 5 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstained - 0

Motion carried.

Motion made by Board Member Biber and supported by Vice Chairman Willis to approve the meeting minutes from the June 21, 2014 Regular Meeting with changes.

YES – 5 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstained – 0

Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS

- Chairman's Report
 - Site Plan Proposal update
 - Grant through US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Posting revised Bylaws to the Board's Blog
 - Red Maple Land Surveying update
 - Brochures approved for printing
 - Potential visits to other green cemeteries
 - Completed invitation to Lansing tribal members to attend August meeting
 - Old Cemetery discussion

Motion made by Vice Chairman Willis and supported by Board Member Yellowbank to accept the written and verbal Chairman's Report as presented by Chairman Wes Andrews.

YES – 4 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstained – 1 (W.Andrews)

Motion carried.

- Treasurer's Report
 - Account statement and update

- Quicken registration update – Quicken will be able to link to the PNC Board bank account.

Motion made by Board Member Biber and supported by Chairman Andrews to accept the written and verbal report from Treasurer Biber as presented.

YES – 4 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstained – 1 (N.Biber)

Motion carried.

- Secretary’s Report – no report at this time
- Board members report
- Consultant Report

Open Discussion/Public Comment

1. Will the Board have the ability to move remains from one cemetery into the Burial Grounds?
Chairman Andrews answers: the Board has discussed the topic. Is it feasible? Cost of moving the remains would most likely be the responsibility of the family members and not the Board.
2. Will there be separate sections for different types of burials?
Chairman Andrews answers: The Board does not have any plans to separate the burial grounds by types of burials. The Board would like to encourage bringing our community back together instead of separating and dividing people and families; even in death. We do not want to institute stringent guidelines that would exclude some folks from utilizing the grounds.
3. How or what is the process of a traditional burial?
Board member Yellowbank answers: That depends on that person’s and/or their family wishes/beliefs. Frequently, fires are lit for four days and tended to by family members. Because people have different beliefs, a traditional burial will vary from family to family.
Chairman Andrews adds: The Board is not about sanctioning one particular way.

Motion made by Chairman Andrews and supported by Treasurer Biber to obtain debit cards on the Board’s PNC account for the Vice Chairman and Secretary.

YES – 3 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstained – 2 (K.Willis, M.Gasco)

Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

- Regulations discussions
- Financial Standards and Policies
- Begin 2015 Budget for submission to Tribal Council

New Business

- Begin drafting a Master Plan

Motion made by Chairman Andrews and supported by Treasurer Biber to adjourn the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

YES – 5 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstained – 0

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

The next scheduled Regular Board Meeting is Saturday, September 6, 2014 to be held at the LTBB Health Park, Petoskey, MI. Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting minutes were approved during the Regular Board Meeting held on September 6, 2014.

Mary Gasco, Secretary

Date: