

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Elder's Commission

1st Quarterly Report
January – February - March
2019



Commissioners

Richard Wemigwase, Chairman

Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman

Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary

JoAnn Carey, Treasurer

Currently one (1) vacant position

The Elder's Commission meetings are open meetings and the Commission encourages membership attendance and participation.

The Elder's Commission meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday of each month, meetings begin at 5 p.m. unless posted otherwise. All meetings are held at the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Government Center in Conference Room 312, unless otherwise stated.

The Elders Commission and Elders Department Director have established a line of communication to discuss issues and concerns of the Elders Department and Community members. The Elder's Commission will continue to work with the Department to address, review and discuss department issues and concerns. The Commission will assist and support the department in reaching resolution wherever possible and work to strive with LTBB membership's best interest in mind.

Meetings attended by the Elders Commission:

- January 2, 2019 Regular Scheduled Elders Commission Meeting was canceled due to inclement weather conditions.
- February 6, 2019 Regular Scheduled Elders Commission Meeting was rescheduled due to inclement weather conditions. Reschedule date of February 18, 2019.
- February 18, 2019 Rescheduled Regular Elders Commission Meeting from February 2, 2019.
- March 6, 2019 Regular Scheduled Elders Commission Meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- April 3, 2019 Regular Elders Commission Meeting
- April 15-17, 2019 MI Indian Elders Association (MIEA)
- May 1, 2019 Regular Elders Commission Meeting
- June 5, 2019 Regular Elders Commission Meeting
- July 3, 2019 Regular Elders Commission Meeting
- July 23-25, 2019 MI Indian Elders Association (MIEA)

At this time there is a vacant position on the elder's commission that has not had an appointment made by Tribal Council. If you are interested in being appointed to the elder's commission position please contact LTBB Executive Office and submit your letter of interest.

The Michigan Indian Elders Association April Conference will be hosted by LaVieuz Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Watersmeet, Michigan on April 15-17, 2019. The Elders Commission has at least 1 (one) commissioner attend these meetings to keep abreast of what is happening with MI Indian Elders and their concerns and upcoming meetings.

The Elders Commission would like to bring forward MIEA Resolution #18-002 Ban on Single Use Plastic Straws at the LTBB Annual Membership Meeting to be held on May 4, 2019 if possible. Resolution #18-002 was passed with 22 Yes votes at the MIEA October 9, 2018 Business Meeting. The LTBB Elders Commissioners are in support of this Resolution and would like to have LTBB Government Buildings and Odawa Casino take steps to ban Plastic Straws. The Elders Commission would like to include a copy of the Resolution with this report if we receive a copy of the Resolution before this report will be submitted.

The commissioners are dedicated to establishing a line of communication with the Elders Department and assist the department to the best of our abilities in the future.

