

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Natural Resource Commission
Regular Meeting
August 14, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:20 p.m. by John Keshick III, Chairman;

Roll Call: Chairman, John Keshick III; Vice-Chairman, Renee Dillard; Treasurer, Frederick Holdorph; Commissioner, Gerald V. Chingwa; and Commissioner, William R. Ortiz.

Absent: None

NRD Staff: Director, Douglas Craven; Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis; Inland Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima Jr.; Inland Fisheries Biologist, William Parsons; Great Lakes Fishery Program Manager, Kevin Donner; Environmental Services Interim Manager, Caroline Moellering; and Office Coordinator, Debra Smithkey-Browne;

Absent: Great Lakes Fishery Biologist, Chad LaFaver;

Guest: James Bransky, LTBB Tribal Attorney; Edward Gasco, LTBB Tribal Elder;

Open Ceremony – Prayer, Renee Dillard

Public Comment opened 6:22 p.m. EPA, Endangered Species and Donald Trump; BIA Eagle Retention Policy; Late night trolling in Little Traverse Bay; Public Comment closed at 6:24 p.m.

NRC reviewed the Agenda

Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chair; to approve the agenda as amended; Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

NRC reviewed the minutes of July 24, 2019

Motion made by William Ortiz, Commission; to approve the minutes of July 24, 2019 as presented; Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve submitting the Phone Poll dated August 15, 2019 into the meeting record; William Ortiz, Commissioner; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Natural Resource Department Director's Report – Douglas Craven, Director

Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to approve the Natural Resource Director's Verbal Report as presented by Douglas Craven, Director; supported by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Inland Fish and Wildlife Managers Report – Archie Kiogima, Inland Wildlife and Fish Biologist

Motion made by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner; to approve the Natural Resource Inland Fish and Wildlife Verbal and Written Report as presented by William Parsons, Inland Wildlife Biologist; supported William Ortiz, Commissioner.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Public comment opened at 6:56 p.m. – Edward Gasco commented on the destruction of the sweet grass plot on wagly swamp by non-tribal people selling it in braids. Think these people should be fined for picking all the grass by the roots. Need to have a law against picking to the devastation; Devero owns across from there has had 3 big farm trucks full of sugar beets, thought it was against the law to feed that much. They are trying to feed the deer so that they stay right on their property; NRC addressed some of the topics to come up with some explanations; such as privately owned or public property, cultural easement clause;

Closed at 7:05 p.m.

7:07 p.m. Edward Gasco departs meeting;

Natural Resource Conservation Law Enforcement Report – Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer

Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the Natural Resource Conservation Law Enforcement Verbal Report as presented by Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer; supported by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Natural Resource Great Lakes Fishery Report – Chad LaFaver, Great lakes Fishery Biologist submitted written report

Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to approve the Natural Resource Great Lakes Fishery Written and Verbal Report as presented by Kevin Donner, Great Lakes Fishery Biologist; supported by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Natural Resource Environmental Services Report – Written Report submitted by Caroline Moellering, Environmental Services Interim Manager

Motion made by; Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the Natural Resource Environmental Services Written and Verbal Report presented by Caroline Moellering, Environmental Services Interim Manager; supported by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.

**5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

7:44 p.m. break

8:00 p.m. meeting reconvened

Commissioner's Report – Commissioners

Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the Natural Resource Commission verbal report as presented by commissioners; supported by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer.

**5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve commissioner attendance for CORA / Executive Council meetings on August 21st and August 22nd and receive mileage, lodging, per-diem and stipend; supported by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer.

**5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Break at 7:12 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

Discussion and review were held on the Bear applicants and LTBB Allocation.

Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the LTBB Bear applications and allow over the counter tags with follow up survey, supported by; Frederick Holdhoph, Treasurer;

**5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Discussion was held on the CWD baiting and use of artificial light in the CWD Core area;

Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to amend the 2019 Rules and Regulations for the use of artificial lighting in the CWD Core area from an elevated platform; Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman, Supports.

**5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Discussion was held on the LTBB NRD CWD Testing Reward

Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the LTBB NRD CWD Testing Reward Policy as stated in the policy submitted by NRD, no yearlings, informational meeting in the CWD Core Area, William Ortiz, Commissioner; supported.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

8:45 p.m. Archie Kiogima William parsons depart meeting;

Discussion and review were held on the CORA / Executive Council Packet;

Discussion was held on the H.R. 4647 Recovering American's Wildlife Act and Letter of Support request.

Discussion and review were held on the LTBB Commercial Fishermen Safety Equipment Application.

Motion was made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve Recovering America's Wildlife Act – Letter of Support be submitted by Tribal Council; Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; Supported.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion was made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the LTBB Commercial Fishermen Safety Equipment Application for John Schlappi in the amount of \$2,500.00 for safety equipment, Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; Supported.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the Eagle Retention Policy;

Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to enter into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. for 2020 negotiation talks; supported by, William Ortiz, Commissioner.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to close Executive Session and enter into Open Session at 10:15 p.m.; Supported by, William Ortiz, Commissioner.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Public Comment opened at 10:16 p.m. no public present to comment.

Public Comment closed at 10:17 p.m.

Motion made by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner; to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 p.m.; supported by; William Ortiz, Commissioner.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Next scheduled meeting will be held on August 28, 2019

Approved:

Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman

Date

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