

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Natural Resource Commission  
Regular Meeting  
July 10, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by John Keshick III, Chairman;

Roll Call: John Keshick III, Chairman; 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; Great Lakes Fishery Biologist, Chad LaFaver; Inland Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima Jr.; Inland Fisheries Biologist, William Parsons; Environmental Services Interim Manager, Caroline Moellering; and Office Coordinator, Debra Smithkey-Browne;

Absent: None

Guest: Matthew Robertson, LTBB Conservation Officer; Esther Humphrey, Leech Lake, MN;

Open Ceremony – Moment of Silence

Public Comment opened 6:03 p.m. Introduction of Esther Humphrey from Leech Lake, MN; Harvesting trees and killing trees from harvesting in the disrespectful fashion; Update on the Fairport dock, blocks arrived and pouring gravel; Public Comment closed at 6:12 p.m.

NRC reviewed the Agenda

**Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to approve the agenda as amended; Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner; supports.**

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

**Motion Carried**

NRC reviewed the minutes of June 26, 2019

**Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to approve the minutes of June 26, 2019 as presented; 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 Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the Natural Resource Director's Verbal Report as presented by Douglas Craven, Director; supported by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer.**

**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**  
**Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Program**

**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**

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

- Department was represented at the White Earth for a fallen officer;
  - 50-60 Officers attended;
  - Red Lake officer also had an officer walk on;
- Goose Island abandoned nets were pulled last week;

**Motion made by Frederick Holdorff, Treasurer; 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 Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the Natural Resource Great Lakes Fishery Written and Verbal Report as presented by Kevin Donner, Great Lakes Fishery Biologist; supported by Frederick Holdorff, Treasurer.**

**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; Frederick Holdorff, Treasurer; 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**

**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 requesting HASAP training be put on the CORA Agenda for the upcoming meeting to be held July 25, 2019 and pay for fisherman to attend; 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 Drawing was held for the LTBB Elk Applicants, LTBB has a total of 5 Elk Tags – 1 Either Sex (Bull or Cow) and 4 Cow tags. The following applicants were drawn for the 5 tags and the second set of 5 applicants were drawn as alternates in case that one or more of the first drawn applicates decline the tag, the alternates will be offered the tag:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Yarrow Young (Nowell)**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Nicholas Stead**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Patrick Ortiz**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Joshua Evans**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Justin Keshick**

**Alternates:**

- **1<sup>st</sup> James Lasley**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Weengush Craven**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Partick Ortiz**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Joshua Evans**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Linda Laughlin (Thiesson)**

The successful applicants will be notified on Monday, July 15, 2019.

Discussion was held on the LTBB Elk Season;

**Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the LTBB Elk Season Start Date of December 7, 2019 and Ending Date of December 15, 2019 with the 15 day extended LTBB Season Starting on December 16, 2019 thru December 30, 2019; supported by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer.**

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

**Motion Carried**

Discussion and review the Elk Allocation letter from the State of MI Department of Natural Resources.

Discussion was held on the Bear Season start dates;

Discussion was held on the CWD

Migratory Bird 2019 Regulations for LTBB differs with the Federal Register;

CORA meeting agenda item will be Grey Wolf delisting by the Federal Gov't.

**Public comment at 8:18 p.m.**

**Public comment closed at 8:20 p.m.**

**Motion made by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner; to approve a work session 2020 negotiations to be held on July 21, 2019 at 3610 Wah Be Noong, Harbor Springs, MI at 5:00 p.m. and receive lodging, mileage, per diem and stipend; supported by Frederick Holdorff, Treasurer.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.; supported by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.**

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

**Motion Carried**

Next scheduled meeting will be held on July 24, 2019

Approved:

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Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman

Date