

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
March 2nd, 1997
10:00 a.m.**

Closed Session: No closed session was conducted.

Called To Order: 11:01 a.m.

Council Present: George Anthony, Shirley Oldman, Frank Ettawageshik, Barry Laughlin , Janet Shomin, Patti Dyer-Deckrow, Alice Yellowbank.

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Susan Keller, Michelle Chingwa, Bea Law.

Opening Ceremony: Opening ceremony was conducted by Bea Law.

Guests Present: See attached list.

After a brief discussion the Council members decided that all Council meetings will now begin at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA:

The agenda was reviewed and amended.

Motion was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to approve agenda as amended.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

BILLS:

Bills were reviewed.

Motion as made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to approve the bills as presented.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Image Quest

Bea Law presented a jacket with the tribal logo stitched on to the back. Tribal flags were discussed and it was decided that Bea will come up with some samples of different flag colors, using the traditional colors of the Odawa and bring them back to Council. Susan, Bruce, and Michelle will assist her.

MINUTES:

Council decided that they will use the video camera to videotape the next Council meeting.

Motion was made by **Alice Yellowbank** and was **Seconded** by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** to approve the February 15 Tribal Council meeting minutes.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Shirley Oldman** to approve the February 16 Tribal Council meeting minutes with corrections.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Patti Dyer Deckrow** to table the December 22, 1996, January 5, 6, January 22, February 1, meeting minutes.

Vote: 6 YES 1 Absent NO ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Recess: Recess was called at 12:52 p.m. Meeting was called back to order at 1:37 p.m.

Tribal Prosecutor

Pat Shannon gave a presentation on his job as tribal prosecutor. Pat stated that he is very excited about working for the tribe and feels very honored.

Public Comment: Public Comment opened at 1:58. There was no public comment issued. Public comment closed at 1:58 p.m.

Recess: Recess was called at 1:58 p.m. Meeting was called back to order at 2:17 p.m.

Tribal Chairman's Report

Chairman Ettawageshik handed out written information pertaining to his verbal report. He touched on issues such as the M.A.S.T. meeting held in Traverse City and the compact.

Election Ordinance

The Election Ordinance was discussed and the need to have people appointed by the end of April. It was noted that Patti Dyer-Deckrow, Janet Shomin, and Alice Yellowbank are up for re-election as members of Council. There is a need to have people to consider for appointment to commissions by the March 23 Tribal Council meeting. George Anthony would like the action taken on the NRC appointment at that next meeting.

Joint Land Research Project

Chairman Ettawageshik reported that Marianna Shulstad has explained to him that she needs a waiver under her exclusivity clause in her contract with LTBB in order to work collaboratively with Grand Traverse Band and Little Traverse Bay Band on this issue. Marianna has written a letter to Council asking for action from Council to wave exclusivity on this issue.

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to wave the exclusivity clause in the contract between LTBB and Leonard, Street, & Deinard to allow Leonard, Street & Deinard to sign a contract with Grand Traverse Band on a joint land research project.

Vote: 6 YES 1 **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Comments: Patti Dyer-Deckrow wanted it noted that she does not approve contracts that come to the meeting the same day.

Blackbird Lease

The Harbor Springs city council has extended the Blackbird contingent upon the hiring of a Cultural Preservation Officer and that an agreement is obtained with MSU for storing the artifacts. Chairman Ettawageshik needs authorization to sign the lease after review by Jim Bransky.

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** authorizing Frank Ettawageshik to sign the lease with the Blackbird Museum.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to accept the Tribal Chairman's verbal report.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Education Report

The Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver was discussed. Fred Harrington is requesting a Resolution of support from Council that supports the Indian Tuition Waiver. Fred verbally reported on a trip that was taken with tribal member students that tied culture and education together.

Motion was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to accept the Education Director's verbal and written report.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Administrative packets were discussed and it was decided by Council that there would be no late mailings of administrative reports due to problems that arise. Staff will be required to bring their approved copy of their report to the administrative meeting and present the report to Council.

Health Director's Report

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to approve the Health Director's written report.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Tribal Court Probation Officer's Report

Motion was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to accept the Tribal Court and Probation Officer's written reports.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Enrollment Actions & Reports

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** to accept the written report of the Enrollment Officer and Enrollment Clerk.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Francis Killer & Associates:

Francis Killer gave a written & verbal report on his draft indirect cost proposal. The Accounting Department will receive a temporary worker until a person can be hired to replace the staff that is leaving. Council authorized wages up to \$1000.00 for this temporary worker.

Council Departs: Patti Dyer-Deckrow departed at 5:30 p.m.

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to authorize up to \$1000.00 for temporary help in the Accounting Office.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Francis Killer stated the date has been pushed to the end of April because of staff leaving and the new person not being hired yet. He further stated that LTBB needs to get a replacement immediately so all of Accounting can be trained on the Fundware System to insure a consistent pattern in Accounting. The audit will be conducted in the summer of 1997.

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to adopt the Organizational Chart for year ending December 31, 1997, adopted today, implemented upon the approval of the inspector general.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to grant Chairman Ettawageshik authorization to sign the Indirect Cost Proposal pursuant to review and approval by Francis Killer, Jim Bransky, and Janet Shomin.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Much discussion was held regarding Francis report and Council stated they were pleased with his presentation and hard work.

Council Departs: Janet Shomin departed at 6:05 p.m.

Budgets were discussed. It was stated that Council could review the budgets and then conduct a conference call. The Indirect cost rate has to reflect what Francis has indicated in his report.

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to accept Francis Killer's verbal and written report

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Resolution #03029701

Chairman Ettawageshik read the resolution that has been drafted today by Jim Bransky and Fred Harrington in support of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver.

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Shirley Oldman** to adopt **Resolution #03029701** in support of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Training Conference

A discussion was held on an upcoming conference for tribal secretaries and administrative assistants that Susan Keller will be attending. It was decided by Council that Barry Laughlin, tribal council secretary, would benefit from this conference as well.

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to send Barry Laughlin to a conference in New Mexico pending the availability of funds on April 19 through April 23, 1997.

Vote: 4 YES 0 NO 1 Barry Laughlin ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Planner

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to approve the Planner's report.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

NRC

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to approve the NRC written report.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Housing

Motion was made by **Alice Yellowbank** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to approve the Housing report.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Gaming Administration

There was no report from the Gaming Administration.

Blackbird Museum

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Shirley Oldman** to approve the Blackbird Report.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Bills

A follow up discussion was held regarding the bills being approved in open session. It was stated that the specifics that are being worked on in certain cases need to be kept from becoming discoverable. Jim Bransky will discuss the issue with other tribes to see how this is handled and report back to Council.

Attorney

Jim Bransky informed Council that the Consumers Power parcel is complete. The information has been sent to the Secretary of Interior and Marianna Shulstad.

Motion was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept Jim Bransky's verbal report.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Tribal Administrator's Report

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Shirley Oldman** to accept the Tribal Administrator's written report.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to table the Operations Manager, Tribal Accountant, Human Services, and Substance Abuse Department reports.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Tribal Council Administrative Packet

The new format that Susan has developed for the administrative packets was discussed. Council felt the format for the packet is good and would like all packets to be constructed using this format.

Pow-Wow Report

Shirley Oldman stated that a Pow Wow meeting was held on February 5 where the committee appointed Marcia Sutton and Shirley Oldman as co-chairpersons. Shirley is requesting a Resolution of support for the 1997 Homecoming Pow Wow.

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept the Pow Wow Committee Report.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

1997 Homecoming Pow Wow Resolution #03029702

Shirley Oldman read aloud Resolution #03029702 in support of the 1997 Homecoming Pow Wow.

Motion was made by **Alice Yellowbank** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to adopt **Resolution #03029701** in support of the 1997 Homecoming Pow Wow.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Alice Yellowbank** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** in support of Shirley Oldman and Marcia Sutton being co-chairpersons for the 1997 Homecoming Pow Wow.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Facilities, Personnel, Nagwanatik, Gaming, Newsletter, Scholarship Committee

There were no reports for Facilities, Personnel, Nagwanatik, Gaming, Newsletter, or the Scholarship Committee.

Constitution

Jim Bransky gave a brief verbal report on the status of the Constitution. He stated that he should have a draft copy of the Constitution in the next two weeks.

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to accept the verbal Constitution report.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Shirley Oldman** to approve up to \$1800.00 for Wes Andrews to attend the BIA Sacred Sites Consultation in Virginia.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Council Departs: Alice Yellowbank departed at 7:35 p.m.

Stipend for Gaming Planning Session

A stipend for Council for the Gaming Planning Session being conducted March 7, 8, and 9 was discussed. It was decided that the Council members and Marilyn Williams will receive a \$150.00 stipend for this Gaming Planning Session.

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to pay Tribal Council & Marilyn Williams a stipend of \$150.00 dollars from Development Travel plus mileage.

Vote: 4 YES NO ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Comments: Mileage will be reimbursed after the gaming planning session is conducted and requests are turned into the Accounting Department.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 8:04 p.m. There was no public comment issued. Public comment closed at 8:04.

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to adjourn the Tribal Council meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Vote: 4 YES NO ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

These minutes have been read and approved as written:

Barry Laughlin, Tribal Council Secretary Date

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