



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
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TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORT NARRATIVE

From: Marcella R. Reyes, Tribal Council Treasurer

Date: February 22 & 23, 2017

Re: United Tribes of Michigan / Lansing, MI

Thank you fellow Council members and the Citizens of LTBB for allowing me the opportunity to attend the MEDC annual meeting and the United Tribes of Michigan meeting held in Lansing, MI.

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

1:00 – 2:30PM The Governor's Office and MEDC are hosting the annual meeting with the State/Tribal Liaisons and Tribal leaders and staff at the Lansing Center (connected by walkway to the Radisson Hotel).

The primary focus of the six panelists and the discussions held during this meeting were geared towards "Regional Economic Development".

At NCAI it was divulged that the budget for MEDC will increase from \$3 billion to \$10 billion – encouraging tribes to explore projects that are mutually beneficial to the community at large, ie; Infrastructure Development Requests.

RonKitchens.com/SW Michigan ~ Cohesion, cooperation and partnerships at all levels, makes excellent economic development. Critically important that we work together. We, as tribes should be invited and therefore expected to attend Regional Development

Plans.

*Vicki Schwab/Delta County (Escanaba & Hannahville) ~ EDA – Economic Development Alliance. MOU – Aquaculture, 3rd year, new grant from MEDC. Virginia Tech is working to decrease the mortality rate of yellow perch. Feasibility study on raising trout. Involve tribes on local, regional and state level. **A rising tide raises all ships.***

CDC – Collaborative Development Council, so important to regional economy, tribes should be involved – Tribal Economic Developer.

Creating and financing new business start-ups.

Pure Michigan website has space available to post tribe's pow wows, cultural events and things that may be of interest to the community at large.

Chairman Payment suggested a part of "Pure Michigan" could highlight casinos in marketing for Michigan.

Thursday, February 23, 2017

Conference Room, Clark Construction, 3535 Moores River Drive, Lansing MI
7:00 to 8:00 AM Light Breakfast (provided courtesy of Clark Construction)

8:00 AM Opening Ceremony – presentation of flags, opening prayer *Councilor Mike Naganashe was asked to drum and sing a song, Virgil Johnson of Little River said the opening prayer.*

8:10 AM Call to Order, Roll Call, and Approval of Agenda – President Payment

8:15 AM Introductions

8:25 AM Welcome by Clark Construction – *Sam Clark, 3rd generation*

8:30 AM President's Comments

8:40 AM Approval of Minutes: 10-26-16 Meeting

8:45 AM Treasurer's Report – Ogema Larry Romanelli
8:50 AM Executive Directors Report – Frank Ettawageshik
IRS 990 Review and approval
2016-17 Engagement Letter Godfrey Wise Berg

9:10 AM Pipeline Safety Advisory Board – Homer Mandoka *Encourages*

*consultation with tribes. Not tasked with shutting Line 5 down, their job is to determine “**risk assessment and alternatives, ie; different routes**”*

9:30 AM MDCR, Tuition Waiver, Civil Rights -- Melissa Kiesewetter *see handouts*

9:50 AM Office of Governor Rick Snyder - Dave Nyberg

10: 10 AM PA 298 Implementation – Phillip Kurdunowicz (DHHS)
www.michigan.gov/stakeholder298
24 work group members, CMH, Medicaid, Consumer Advocates & Tribal Representatives

10:30 AM Tribal State of Emergency Declarations - FEMA – Bill Sulinckas *Youth Preparedness Council (check website), 8-12th grades, FT Tribal liaisons across US, seeking funding. There is a 4 hour training course available for Tribal Leaders. See pages 48-55 of agenda packet.*

11:00 AM Legal Update – Brian Pierson, Godfrey & Kahn *Lewis vs Clark – Sovereign Immunity “Current state of Sovereign Immunity if on shaky ground” see handouts*

11:30 AM Lunch - (provided courtesy of Clark Construction)

12:00 PM MI DHHS – Stacey Tadgerson *see handouts*

12:20 PM MEDC Tom Durkee & Andrea Robach *see handouts*

12:40 PM GITW Benefits - Dave Walker *Would like to come and do a presentation to Tribal Council see handouts*

1:00 PM NAFDPIR (Tribal Food Programs) – Joseph Van Alstine *2018 Farm Bill – Increase budget to increase funding, replace computer systems, currently operates with three antiquated systems that DO NOT interface.*

1:20 PM ITCMI Honoring Our Children – Michelle Schulte

1:40 PM Anishinaabemowin Teg - Isadore Toulouse *Requests funding for A-Teg, \$3000 to \$10,000 from each tribe.*

2:00 PM MI Department of Education – ESSA – Jennifer LaPointe *see*

handouts

2:20 PM Tribal Leaders Open Discussion - Mascots

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3:00 PM Closing remarks and Adjourn – President Payment
