

<p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED HOUSING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING Wednesday, January 15, 2025</p>

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

PRESENT: Daniel Grover, Chair Patricia Kakazu, Vice-Chair
Chad Martin, Board Member Leslie Ramczyk, Board Member
(Entered at 9:07 am)
Jamie Fleming, Secretary Carole DeMain, Board Member
Tanya Manuelito, Board Member

ALSO PRESENT: Marcy Gouge, Interim Executive Director
Shauna Coons, Attorney
Officer Sean Anderson, LCOPD

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Patricia Kakazu, seconded by Tanya Manuelito to approve the January 15, 2025, agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2024

A motion was made by Leslie Ramczyk, seconded by Chad Martin to approve the meeting minutes of December 18, 2024, with changes to the spelling/date. Motion carried 6-0-0.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT – OFFICER SEAN ANDERSON, LCOPD

- He apologized for no report being sent over.
- Officer Anderson stated there had not been any major issues this past month. There was an act of violence before the new year, which ended with evictions.
- Reported that it has been peaceful since then.

ATTORNEY – SHAUNA COONS, DISCUSSION & UPDATES

- Homebuyer's, Useful life and binding commitments, and Down Payment Assistance Policy (pending BOC review/approval).
- Tax Credit VI – WHEDA still needs a few final documents to close; updated Alta survey, final radon testing.

TRIBAL COUNCIL

None present.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – MARCY GOUGE, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

(Submitted and reviewed)

- Dates for the retreat are being planned. Request for the TA was lost at HUD, Marcy re-sent it. Retreat is intended for board training and policy review in Hinckley, MN.
- Staff are reviewing issues in housing such as rehabs, septic's, bigger roofs that need to be replaced, furnaces, etc.

- In contact with Tribal PD to offer assistance with camera purchase – can be taken out of Crime & Prevention.
- New Path – staff is working on the revision of the program. May require a MOU with other programs.
- Trauma informed training for staff is being planned.
- Audits are being completed on our six (6) Tax Credit projects.
- Legislative Conference – last meeting Tanya and Dan were interested in attending this conference. Asked the board for input on the paper that we are developing. A short one-page on what we are asking and also our success stories.

Financial

Reviewed

Waiting list

Reviewed

Housing Management Services

Reviewed

PROJECT REPORT - CHRIS RUSK, PROJECT MANAGER

Reviewed

(10:00 a.m. – Walk-in request of tenants)

Thelma Nayquonabe, George Morrow, Caroline Yellow Thunder, Elizabeth Rice and Elaine DeBrot into meeting. Here today regarding eviction. They expressed their concerns and asked what can be done now. The board suggested applying to the Pardon & Forgiveness Board as well as the New Path Program as soon as it is implemented.

(Jamie Fleming left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.)

(Jamie Fleming returned at 11:25 a.m.)

(Shauna Coons left the meeting at 11:29 a.m.)

NEW BUSINESS

Review/Approve Housing Code – review

BOC/Staff Retreat – updated in Admin report

OLD BUSINESS – REVIEW/APPROVE HOUSING CODE

Tabled until next meeting.

INFORMATION SHARING

Leslie shared that they are still meeting on the LCO Constitution Reform. It is not only one body to get things done, it's all of us, as tribal people. Working together we are stronger. The meetings are on Thursday nights from 5-7 pm. The new sign out front of Kinnamon was made by the members of the reform group.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE FEBRUARY 19, 2025

Noted

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Carole DeMain, seconded by Tanya Manuelito to adjourn at the meeting at 11:33 a.m. Motion carried 6-0-0

Jamie Fleming, Secretary
Lac Courte Oreilles Housing Authority Board of Commissioners