



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
Saturday, January 8, 2000

I. PRAYER

*Silent Prayer time was given*

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER: 1:15 P.M. – Joan Spalding, Speaker

B. ROLL CALL: Carol Bennett, Kathy Berentsen, Chuck Fisher, Don Koon,  
Lisa McCatty, Elaine Porter, Joan Spalding, Janine Szpliet. (Connie  
Waitner absent)

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA. **Agenda was approved with the following  
amendments: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**

VI. CLOSED SESSION (**Addition**)

I. PERSONNEL MATTERS.

IV. NEW BUSINESS (**Addition**)

H. RESOLUTIONS REQUESTING TRUST ACQUISITION BY  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR OF DONTZ FARM PROPERTY  
AND MANISTEE FORGE PROPERTY.

I. RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONTRACT WITH BIA FOR  
FY1999 APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR ATTORNEY FEES  
FOR U.S. v MICHIGAN MATTERS.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

**\* 12/18/99 Regular Meeting Minutes approved: 7 for, 0 opposed,  
1 abstention and 1 absent.**

**\* 12/21/99 Emergency Meeting Minutes approved: 7 for, 0 opposed,  
1 abstention and 1 absent.**

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3. MANAGERS REPORT. *Report was accepted for filing: 7 for, 1 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.*
4. ATTORNEY REPORT. *Report was accepted for filing: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.*
5. FINANCIAL REPORT. *Dan Broton gave verbal report, no action was taken.*
6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS. *The following reports were noted as received:*

*Tammy Carter, Assistant Manager  
Housing Department  
Mary Thomas, Administrative Assistant to Tribal Manager  
Donna Kosiboski, RN  
Conservation Department  
Community & Economic Development Department  
Public Safety Department  
Enrollment  
Barb Stoevsand, Health Clinic  
Rhonda Czarneke, Social Services*

7. COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES. *The following minutes were noted as received:*

*Management Team Meeting – December 14, 1999  
Enrollment Meeting – December 2, 1999  
Elders Committee – December 11, 1999  
Housing Commission – December 14, 1999  
Election Board – November 18, December 2, December 6, and  
December 13, 1999.  
Gaming Commission – August 17, September 15, October 20,  
November 23 and December 22, 1999.*

**\* Short recess was taken in order to move from Conference Room to Community Center for continuation of the meeting. Meeting was reconvened at 2:43 p.m.**

- D. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS. *No guests were identified.*
- E. PUBLIC COMMENT. *Dan Stewart asked questions and discussion was held relating to Elder budget. Pat Ruiter requested a write-out of how much money the Casino has made, what money has been spent on and how much the Tribe has in the bank now. Joan Spalding mentioned that she was planning on putting something together regarding Casino revenues, expenditures and the balance of unspent revenues and trying to get it in the upcoming newsletter. John Koon made request for current list of Committees/Commissions and dates/times when they meet. Bill Willis was instructed to obtain list and make available to John Koon and other interested tribal members.*



III. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF GAMING COMMISSION STIPENDS. *Item was tabled: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.*

B. APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE – LITTLE RIVER CASINO.

*\* Motion – That probationary employees be left in the policy along with regular employees to access the grievance procedures: 4 for, 4 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent. (Motion fails)*

*\* Motion – That the words “ or performance evaluations” be stricken from the last sentence in the second paragraph under item II., Coverage: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.*

*\* Policy approved as amended: 6 for, 2 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.*

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES OVER \$2,500. *Expenditures approved for David Olson and Jackpine: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.*

B. CONSIDERATION FOR CONTRACT HEALTH SEMINAR FOR HEALTH BOARD. *Item was tabled: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.*

C. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR CONTRACT SERVICES FOR ENROLLMENT. *Issue was resolved within the department, therefore item was removed: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.*

D. REQUEST TO BIA FOR APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR ATTORNEY FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000.

*\* Motion – The resolution under consideration authorizing submission of request to BIA for appropriated funds for Attorney fees for Fiscal Year 2000, in the sixth paragraph that the following words be stricken “the Tribe has never been determined by any court, nor”: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.*

*\* Resolution # 00-0108-01 “Authorizing submission of request to BIA for appropriated funds for Attorney Fees for Fiscal Year 2000” approved as amended: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.*

E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL ATTORNEY CONTRACT FOR GAMING COMMISSION. *Item tabled until worksession can be scheduled with Gaming Commission: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.*

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F. APPROVAL OF FEES AND EXPENSES FOR MARK SLONIM FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1999.

**\* Motion – Amend document “Approving statement of Fees and Expenses for November 1999 for payment to Ziontz, Chestnut, Varnell, Berley & Slonim” to reflect that the billed charges be stricken and the correct number of \$12,163.33 be corrected, and that Connie Waitner’s name as attestation under Certificate of Adoption be stricken, with Elaine Porter’s name to be inserted there: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**

**\* Resolution # 00-0108-02 “Approving statement of Fees and Expenses for November 1999 for payment to Ziontz, Chestnut, Varnell, Berley & Slonim” approved as amended: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**

G. RESOLUTION APPROVING STATEMENT OF FEES AND EXPENSES FOR CALCUTT, CUNNINGHAM, ET AL. FOR 1999.

**\* Motion – To insert the word “Band” before “Community Center”, under the Certification of Adoption section, on page 2 of the resolution: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**

**\* Motion – Amend the document “Approving Statement of Fees and Expenses for Calendar Year 1999 for payment to Calcutt, Cunningham, Davison, Rogers, Boynton & Petterson”, by striking the attestation signature of Connie Waitner and adding Elaine Porter to the document: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**

**\* Motion – To add the word “during” after “Indians”, under the Certificate of Adoption section, on page 2 of the resolution: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**

**\* Resolution # 00-0108-03 “Approving Statement of Fees and Expenses for Calendar Year 1999 for payment to Calcutt, Cunningham, Davison, Rogers, Boynton & Petterson” approved as amended: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**

H. RESOLUTIONS REQUESTING TRUST ACQUISITION BY DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR OF DONTZ FARM PROPERTY AND MANISTEE FORGE PROPERTY.

**\* Resolution # 00-0108-04 “Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the Tribal Council Speaker to submit the Trust Acquisition Request for the Dontz Farm Parcel-A” approved: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**

**\* Resolution # 00-0108-05 “Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the Tribal Council Speaker to submit the Trust Acquisition Request for the Manistee Forge Property” approved: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**



I. RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONTRACT WITH BIA FOR FY1999 APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR ATTORNEY FEES FOR U.S. v MICHIGAN MATTERS.

**\* Motion – Amend the resolution to read “Little River Band Community Center”, under the Certificate of Adoption section, on page 2: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**

**\* Resolution # 00-0108-06 “Requesting Negotiation and Execution of Contract Documents for FY1999 appropriated funds for Attorney Fees” approved as amended: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**

V. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT. *Tom Davis asked for guidance from the Tribal Council regarding the use of “Logo” on t-shirts for Casino basketball team.*

B. NEXT MEETING DATE.

Worksession: *Monday, January 10, 2000 @ 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, January 11, 2000 @ 9:00 a.m.  
Friday, January 14, 2000 @ 1:00 p.m.*

Regular Meeting: *Monday, January 24, 2000 @ 6:00 p.m.*

C. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION. **Adjournment approved: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**

D. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION. **Motion approved: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**

VI. CLOSED SESSION

A. OLD BUSINESS

I. PERSONNEL MATTERS.

**\* Motion – That Bill Brooks be included with the conversation: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**

***Discussion and Update Only. No official action was taken on matter.***

**\* Carol Bennett departed @ 6:35 p.m.**

**\* Kathy Berentsen departed @ 7:35 p.m.**

**\* Meeting was adjourned by procedure @ 7:35 p.m., due to lack of quorum being present to conduct official business.**

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