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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2002  
LITTLE RIVER BAND COMMUNITY CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Community Center on January 9, 2002. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Bob Stone offered the opening prayer.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call To Order:**

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting of Wednesday, January 9, 2002, was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

**B. Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Present	C. Fisher – Present	T. Kleeman – Present
L. McCatty – Present	P. Medahko – Present	S. Parsons – Present
E. Porter – Present	P. Ruiter – Present	J. Sam – Present

Quorum established.

Others Present: Kathleen Block, John Bussey, Jo Anne House, Brian Medacco, Bob Stone, Bill Willis

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Parsons had a request from Brooks that New Business Item C – MOA – be removed from the agenda, because Brooks had not heard from Jim Oegema if changes needed to be made. The effective date would still be January 1, 2002.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA , AS AMENDED, WITH  
REMOVAL OF NEW BUSINESS C; by Kleeman; support by  
Fisher.**

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**D. Tribal Council Minutes**

**11/21/01**

Fisher stated on page 4 “Council” should be stricken. Medahko stated page 3, third paragraph, 7 lines down change “that” to “they”. Sam stated in the same paragraph her statement should read “decision in a court case”.

**MOTION TO APPROVE REVISED OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2001, WITH CHANGES THAT WERE DISCUSSED;** by McCatty; support by Kleeman.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**11/28/01**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2001 OPEN SESSION;** by McCatty; support by Medahko.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Abstain	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam - Abstain

Motion carried (7-0-2-0)

**E. Public Comment Period**

Stone asked about the State tax the Mt. Pleasant Tribe was paying. Stone asked if that State tax affected the Little River Tribe. Sam stated that decision was rendered, however, due to the manner in which Little River’s compact was written, Little River will continue to pay 8 percent. Stone asked if contracts were going to be extended for longer terms. Parsons stated Little River has a 20 year compact with the State. Parsons

stated that was the goal with the 7 original Tribes. This was based on what Parsons had read. Medacco asked about being able to change taxes and have leverage with the contract. Parsons stated originally the seven tribes had exclusive rights to gambling in the State of Michigan. When the Detroit casinos opened the Tribe no longer had "exclusivity.". Porter stated this had to do with non-Native casino opening.

### III. Continuing Business

#### A. Grants & Contracts

##### 1. Resolution Approving Family Violence Prevention and Services Program Grant

Bussey stated application was made for this grant again. The grant was due January 7, however, an extension was received until January 9. This grant was for families in crisis. A dollar amount was not known at the present time because the grant was based on a formula, however, Bussey believed it was around \$25,000. McCatty asked how these funds would be disbursed to the membership. Bussey stated Sheri Ivens was in charge of distribution. A check cannot be issued to an individual, but to a service provider. This would be done through the Family Services Department. Medahko asked if there was a match for the grant. Bussey stated there was not. Medacco asked about guidelines. Fisher stated the grant has a number of stipulations for qualifications.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0109-01,  
APPROVING FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
AND SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT; by Kleeman;  
support by Fisher.**

#### Roll Call

C. Bennett – Yes	Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

#### B. CMT Business

##### 1. Winter Conditions – FYI

Fisher stated winter conditions were reviewed in work sessions and provided materials for review by Council. The material had been submitted to Cunningham-Limp but no response had been received. Parsons commended the CMT for the comments sent to Cunningham-Limp. Parsons stated any unspent money for the winter conditions reverts back to the Tribe.

**2. Bulletin #42 – Trellis – FYI**

Fisher provided a blueprint of the trellis for Council's review. The trellis was designed to give surveillance better camera location. Design personnel have had consultation with Operations, surveillance and the Gaming Commission. The cost of the trellis will be from the FF&E budget, not the construction budget which means there will be no change in the maximum guaranteed price. Discussion was held regarding the guaranteed maximum price and incentives offered for early completion of the Casino.

**IV. Old Business**

**V. New Business**

**A. Authorizing Release of Judgment Fund Monies Held In Trust for Certain Minors Reaching Age of Majority**

Parsons stated this was a standard procedure done monthly.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0109-02,  
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF JUDGMENT FUND  
MONIES HELD IN TRUST FOR CERTAIN MINORS  
REACHING AGE OF MAJORITY; by Kleeman; support by  
Sam.**

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruitter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**B. Resetting and Staggering Terms of Office of Members of Commissions in Accordance with the Commissions Ordinance**

House stated the purpose of Resolution #02-0109-03 was to establish

staggered terms of office for members of Commissions according to the recently approved Commission Ordinance. Rules and Regulations regarding membership on Commissions were discussed. Bennett requested a limit be placed on the number of Commission a single member may serve at any given time. Sam requested Council liaisons be identified and approved at this meeting as well as the Resolution.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0109-03, RESETTING AND STAGGERING TERMS OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMISSIONS ORDINANCE; by Kleeman; support by Porter.**

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL TO IDENTIFY AS THE TRIBAL COUNCIL LIAISON THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONS: NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION – LISA MCCATTY; ENROLLMENT COMMISSION – PAT RUITER; BINOJEEUK COMMISSION – PAMELA MEDAHKO; GAMING COMMISSION – ELAINE PORTER; HOUSING COMMISSION – TAMMY KLEEMAN; AND FURTHER THE TRIBAL COUNCIL WILL NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONS TO THIS EFFECT; by Sam, supported by Kleeman**

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Abstain	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

- C. Resolution authorizing the Tribal Ogema or Tribal Council Speaker to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with Manistee Gaming regarding assessment of Gross Gaming Revenue Tax**

Removed from the agenda.

- VI. Concluding Business**
  - A. Next Meeting Date(s) – January 16, 2002**
  - B. Public Comment Period**

Parsons reminded those in attendance Open Session meeting were held on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Center. The Closed Session are held at the Tribal Council Conference Room in the Downtown Building.

Medahko stated many letters of thank you have been received by the membership in response to the "Gwiidokidadins" program.

Fisher announced he would not be in attendance at the Tribal Council meeting on January 16.

***The purpose of closed session is to discuss business matters considered privileged or confidential, involving consideration of bids/contracts, pending legal issues, and/or personnel matters.***

**MOTION TO ADJOURN OPEN SESSION;** by Kleeman; support by Ruiter.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

This portion of Open Session was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**VIII. Open Session**

**A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

**MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION;** by Kleeman; support by Medahko.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

House requested Resolutions be opened and not the contracts.

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTIONS 02-0109-04 AND 02-0109-05 TO OPEN SESSION;** by Medahko, supported by Kleeman.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Porter asked for clarification of required reports from Commission liaisons. House stated if there was action needed it should be brought to a Saturday meeting of Tribal Council. Parsons suggested a monthly update.

**IX. Adjournment**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN;** by Kleeman; support by Ruiter .

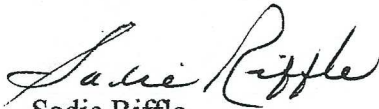
**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Absent

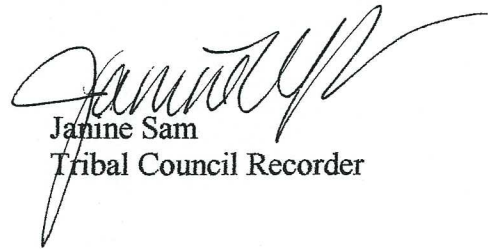
Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sadie Riffle  
Transcribing Assistant



Janine Sam  
Tribal Council Recorder