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LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
JANUARY 19, 1994
MEETING MINUTES

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm by Chairman Dan Bailey, at the Little River office.

B. ROLL CALL: Board members present: Dan Bailey, Bonnie Kenny, Bob Guenthardt, Margaret Chandler, Kathy Berentsen, and Jerry Guenthardt for Marcella Luesby. Staff present: Mark Dougher.
Guests: Dale Chandler

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: motion made by Bob, seconded by Bonnie to accept the agenda without revision. Approved unanimously.

D. ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The minutes were read by the Board and Bob made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes without changes, seconded by Margaret, approved unanimously.

E. FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report was reviewed by the board and accepted.

F. STAFF REPORTS: Diane and Ginger's written staff reports were read and accepted. Mark gave a verbal staff report. Mark handed out a letter from Jim McClurken regarding the Native American exhibit underway at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. The museum requested that the board agree to release certain photographs of the Little River community for use by the museum in the exhibit. Bob moved to agree to the release, Bonnie seconded, approved unanimously.

Mark also brought up two issues that had financial implications for the organization. The first concerned moving the office next door which would afford us more space. The second concerned sending Diane and Ginger to a training session for tribal administrative staff in Lake Tahoe, Nevada in April. Mark recommended that these decisions be deferred until we hear whether our next ANA grant was funded. Even if we do get refunded by ANA, there may be a cut in the proposed budget, thereby prohibitingng these expenses. It was agreed to defer these decisions until the next board meeting, by then we will know on the status of ANA refunding.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. STATUS OF FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PETITION: Mark was notified by Jim McClurken that the final three chapters of the Little River ethnohistory will be completed and submitted to the board by the end of February. Barbara Madison, CHTI Geneologist has been working with Jim McClurken on preparing the chapter in the ethnohistory concerning the historical composition (by Bands) of the Little River community. She will submitted a separate report with supporting documents to our office.

B. STATUS OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION: Mark reported that there has been no recent news. We are still expecting that the hearing on S. 1357 before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee will take place sometime in February.

C. TRAINING SESSION ON TRIBAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Mark reported that the Manistee Township Hall has been reserved for the community meeting on February 19 & 20; notices have been sent out to the membership; and everything is confirmed with the presentors. The only matter left undone is the provision of food and refreshments for both days. The board decided that the board members, staff and several community members could prepare most of the food, instead of having the food catered. The office will purchase the refreshments and incidentals.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. HEALTH INSURANCE: Because of rising health insurance costs, Mark was directed to evaluate other health insurance policies for board review. Mark provided the information on several other options and their associated costs. After review and discussion of the various policies it was decided to go a with Blue Cross/Blue Shield policy offered through the Widgren Agency. Bob moved and Bonnie seconded to adopt this new policy and cancel the policy with IBA, except for the IBA dental coverage plan. Approved unanimously. In order to receive the groups rates from this particular coverage we needed to join the local Chamber of Commerce, which Mark was directed to do so.

IV. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

A. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for February 7 1994 and the place to be determined later.

B. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.