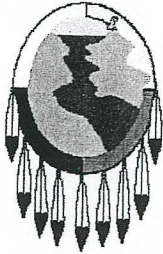


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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2002
LITTLE RIVER BAND COMMUNITY CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Community Center on January 30, 2002. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

The Tribal Council engaged in silent prayer.

II. General Business

A. Call To Order:

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting of Wednesday, January 30, 2002, was called to order at 10:03 a.m by Janine Sam, Acting Speaker.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Fisher stated that Parsons and Broton were attending tax negotiations on behalf of the Tribe. Sam acted as Speaker and Fisher would serve as Recorder.

Others Present: Kathleen Block, Jessica Burger, John Bussey, Leatrice Castonia Brian Medacco, Pat Morris, Bill Willis, Helen Ann Yunis,

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED;
by Kleeman; support by Ruiter .

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

D. Tribal Council Minutes: 12/5/01 and 12/12/01

12/5/01

MOTION TO APPROVE THE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2001 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED WITH CORRECTION ON PAGE 13 OF 14 STATING GRADE INSTEAD OF SALARY AND ON PAGE 2 INSERTING SPACE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND FOR; by Kleeman; support by Medahko

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

12/12/01

MOTION TO APPROVE THE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2001, OPEN SESSION MINUTES AS SUBMITTED; by Kleeman; support by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

E. Public Comment Period

Morris queried if Sam had brought a copy of the Casino budget to the meeting. Sam gave Morris information for her review and also indicated the Budget book was available to review.

Bussey stated some people attended the Acme Township meeting and on the bottom of their agenda it stated the Township would assist the physically challenged to allow them attendance at the meeting. Bussey wondered if the Council would consider similar action for Council meetings.

I. Continuing Business
A. Grants & Contracts

1. BIA Roads Study

A request for \$20,000 for a traffic study from Filer township to the intersection of M22 and US31 was submitted by Bussey and Shepard. Bussey stated the BIA would also be requested to help pay for the study. The actual study would be conducted by the county.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0130-01, SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR A ROADS STUDY; by Kleeman; support by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

B. CMT Business

1. **Bulletin #41 – Change order was approved at 1/23/02 Tribal Council meeting. Need approval of Resolution in the amount of \$3,504 for the additional floor boxes.**

Fisher stated this completes the motion of the Tribal Council meeting of 1/23/02.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0130-02, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT TEAM TO EXECUTE BULLETIN NO. 41 TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER TO ADD FLOOR BOXES FOR WORKSTATIONS, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BOXES AND SLEEVES FOR ARMORED CAR AREA, THE MAIN CASINO ENTRANCE, THE VAULT AND LOADING DOCK THAT WAS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE PROJECT'S BASE SCOPE OF WORK AT A COST OF \$3,504; by Fisher; support by Kleeman.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

2. Payment for natural gas for Casino expansion

Fisher stated the Tribe would save 10% of the bill by paying it directly and also it would allow better monitoring of winter conditions expenditures.

3. Electric service permanent power to SBR plant

Fisher stated negotiations have been on going regarding a power supply to the SBR plant. Originally \$100,000 was the estimated cost, however, Advantage Electric had given a quote for 2/3 of that cost. Fisher stated Brooks was in favor of developing a contract with Advantage.

4. Pump house bid package

Fisher stated three quotes had been received, however, they are not ready for action. Brooks would review the draft contract and return it in final form at the next meeting. Discussion was held regarding the responsibility of the payment of the bond. Fisher indicated he would have an answer regarding the payment of the bond at the next meeting .

5. Hydropneumatic building bid package

Fisher stated Davis Contruction was low bidder on both the pump house and hydropneumatic building. Consensus of the group was because items 3,4,5 were informational in nature to move them to the next agenda.

II. Old Business

A. Director of Operations Report

Sam stated this report was provided at the January 19, 2002 meeting, however, it was tabled until this meeting.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT OF DECEMBER 2001; by Porter; support by Kleeman

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

B. Commercial Fishing Training Program

Sam stated the revisions to this program have not been completed.

MOTION TO POSTPONE THE COMMERCIAL FISHING TRAINING PROGRAM UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING; by Kleeman; support by Medahko.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

V. New Business

A. Little River Casino Resort Employee Handbook

Sam indicated the Handbook had been adopted by the Business Board. Discussion followed regarding the numbering system, the at will concept and peacemaking.

MOTION TO POSTPONE UNTIL THE RESORT HANDBOOK HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT; by Ruiter; support by Kleeman.

Roll Call

C. Bennett – Yes	Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – No	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Absent
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) – February 6, 2002

B. Public Comment Period

Medacco queried whether or not when the new employee handbook was drafted were problem issues which occurred under the old handbook considered. Sam answered in the affirmative.

Burger stated that the Tribal Advisory Board would be meeting the 3rd week of February for a full week. She encouraged Council's attendance at that meeting. The meeting would be held in Minneapolis. She would forward the information to Council. This Board determines allocations of Federal funds. Burger stated Tribal representatives need to be present at

the Advisory Board meeting to have input on where the money was allocated.

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

This portion of Open Session was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION; by Kleeman, support by Fisher

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Council reconvened Open Session at 11:55 p.m.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

MOTION TO MOVE THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #02-0130-3 AND 02-0130-4 MOTION AND ROLL CALL VOTE.

By Kleeman; support by Ruiter

House stated there have been motions made now need a motion to bring from Closed to Open Session.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Ruitter, support by Kleeman.

Roll Call

C. Bennett – Yes	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – No	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Absent
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruitter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sadie Riffle
Transcribing Assistant


Janine Sam
Tribal Council Recorder