

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 8, 1993  
GARLETT'S CORNERS

I. General Business

A. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Kenny, Chairperson at 6:15 pm.

B. Roll Call. All board members were present. Guests Dale Chandler, Jerry Guenthardt, and Kathy Berentsen's son. *Nickolas*

C. Adoption of Agenda. The agenda was adopted with one addition by Bonnie, under New Business.

D. Adoption of Minutes. Review and adoption of the minutes from the previous meeting were deferred due to time constraints.

E. Financial Report. Mark reported that we haven't yet received written confirmation on the next ANA grant (to begin on April 1).

F. Director's Report. Mark reported that the Campaign for Human Development (CHD) grant application was submitted on January 30th. We will not receive notice of funding until June and, if funded, we will not be able to drawdown funds until September, 1993. *no written notice as of 3/8/93*

On a separate matter, Mark notified the Board that we have not yet heard from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa regarding their pending contract with Jim McClurken. According to the terms of Jim's contract with Grand Traverse, they cannot proceed until consent has been obtained from both the Little Traverse and Little River boards.

II. Old Business

A. Status of Legislation:

1. Mark handed out a written memo (date January 22, 1993) to the board concerning recent phone discussions with Larry Rosenthal, from Congressman Kildee's office in Washington, DC and with Patty Marks. He reviewed the contents of the memo to the board. (memo included in board meeting files)

2. Mark handed out a second memo (dated February 8, 1993) to the board concerning a meeting with Patty Marks on February 5, 1993 in Mt. Pleasant involving Dan Bailey, Jim McClurken, Jim Bransky and Mark. The memo was prepared by Jim Bransky and outlined the various issues discussed with Patty. (memo included in board meeting files)

3. Mark handed out a third memo (dated February 3, 1993) that was sent to Rep. Kildee which outlined the argument for a legislative solution to the recognized status of both Little River and Little Traverse. Dale Kildee requested this memo which he would use at a future meeting with the new Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs.

4. Dan Bailey and Bonnie Kenny reported on their attendance at the last Little Traverse Bay Bands Board meeting in Petoskey on January 24, 1993. Their purpose in attending was to discuss the legislation and the particular provisions defining Little Traverse and Little River's service areas.

B. Status of Acknowledgement Petition.

Mark reported that Jim McClurken has begun writing the ethnohistorical report for Little River's federal acknowledgement petition. Jim predicted that he would have the report completed for the Board's review by April.

C. Michigan Indian Press

Mark shared a conversation he had with Ms. Terry Bussey, Acting Director of the Michigan Indian Press. The Press has offered to publish a written history of the Little River community. They would finance the publication and distribution costs through a grant the Press received from ANA. Little River would retain the copyright. But the Press would need a manuscript by September in order for them to publish the book within the time constraints of their grant. Mark conferred with Jim McClurken and he would not be able to prepare a manuscript by then, given his other contractual obligations. Unless the Press would be able to defer the deadline, this would not be a viable venture. The Board requested that Mark find out if the Press could extend the deadline.

III. New Business

A. CHTI - Trip to Washington, DC

Mark reported on the Confederated Historic Tribes, Inc. (CHTI) board meeting held on January 20, 1993 at the Burt Lake Band office in Brutus, Michigan. Both Mark and Dan Bailey attended the meeting. At that meeting it was decided that CHTI would fund the travel costs for one delegate from each of the member tribes to attend meetings later scheduled for February 23-25, 1993 in Washington, DC. CHTI scheduled meetings with staff from the Administration for Native Americans, Branch of Acknowledgement and Research, BIA and with various congressional staff and representatives. The Board requested that Dan Bailey attend as the Little River Band delegate with CHTI and that Mark also attend, if we have sufficient travel funds.

B. Resignation Letter from Bonnie Kenny as Board Chairperson.

Bonnie explained that due to increasing responsibilities with her job at Manistee/Bensie Community Mental Health she feels she cannot adequately fulfill her obligations at Board Chairperson. Although she would like to remain of the Board. Anne motioned to accept her letter as written, Marcella seconded, approved. Bob nominated Dan as Chairperson, Margaret seconded, approved. Anne motioned to nominate Bonnie as Vice-Chairperson, Bob seconded, approved.

IV. Concluding Business:

A. Next Meeting. The next board meeting was scheduled for March 8, 1993 at the tribal office at 6:00 pm. Bonnie referred to her

attendance at the Little Traverse Bay Bands Board meeting regarding several things about the way they ran their meetings. First, she said that each staff member submits a written report to the board each month. Second, a financial statement of monthly expenditures is provided to the board. She thought we should do this, too. The Board informally agreed and directed Mark to implement this policy.

This led into a discussion about the status of the enrollment and how many files have been completed relative to Little Traverse. Bob suggested that 25 completed files be submitted to the Board each month and that next month the Enrollment Officer include the Board members files for their review. Anne offered this as a motion and Margaret seconded. Approved.

There was further discussion about the need for the Enrollment Committee to assist Katie with completing the membership roll. Bob suggested that the other tribal staff should be able to assist as well so that Katie would not be as burdened to meet the Board's timelines for completing the roll. Bob motioned to authorize Mark and Ginger to assist Katie with completing the enrollment, under Katie's supervision, Marcella seconded. Approved.

B. Adjournment

Bob motioned to adjourn at 7:45 pm, Dan seconded. Approved