

Committee Appointments

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 1995

PREPARATORY AGENDA FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL REVIEW

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
Any additions, corrections or deletions?

D. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:
Included are a draft of meetings from November, December, and January's meetings. Please review and identify any revisions or corrections needed. (need to approve all three)

E. FINANCIAL REPORT:

As of the day this packet was sent out, we had not yet received the financial report from Loretta. Loretta and Valerie Ulmer will be in our office during our meeting on Sunday. Valerie will be providing training to Loretta on the new accounting practices that we need to implement.

Also, in this packet is a notice from Gavigon, Burkhart and Freeman - the accounting firm that performed our audit. They are sponsoring a training session for tribal accountants on February 23rd in Sault Ste. Marie. Please read the notice.

F. STAFF REPORTS:

Enrollment Report - please read the notice in your packet that is being sent out with the tribal membership cards (blue letterhead - signed by Diane). Diane worked with Bill Brooks to revise the letter. (For your information)

Director's Report -

1. GAMING AND THE MEDIA: There are several newspaper articles in your packet about Little River and "Gaming Rumors". These are for your information only, no discussion recommended. There is also a publication called CENTRAL STATES GAMING, which has many interesting articles about gaming in the Midwest, particularly about tribal gaming.

2. GAMING AND OUR RFP: A copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP), our cover letter and the list of ten companies/tribes it was mailed to, is in your packet. This is for your information only, no discussion recommended. The Economic Development Committee that is appointed will be charged with reviewing the proposals that we receive, and recommending to the Tribal Council which company we should joint-venture with.

3. THANK YOU, BRIAN: Included in your packet is a letter that went out to Brian Moulton, thanking him for his hospitality and for the invitation. (for your information = FYI)

4. LETTER FROM BENNETT: In your packet is a letter from Bennett Westbrook, Harrah's to Bob Guenthardt that includes information about "Social Impacts of Gaming" - programs sponsored by Harrah's that deal with the problem aspects of gaming (i.e. gambling addiction, etc.). (FYI)

5. BIA FUNDING REQUEST: In your packet is a letter from the Anne Bolton, Superintendent of the BIA, Michigan Agency (dated January 23) seeking our interest in attending any of three training sessions that the BIA wants to sponsor in Michigan sometime this year. The training sessions are on: Tribal Constitutions, Enrollment and Tribal Elections. (information on each is in your packet)

Included is a response letter from Daniel requesting financial assistance to attend training sessions and other BIA-sponsored meetings over the next year. We have received a verbal response from the BIA that they will be able to fund the training and travel costs for three (3) members from each of the "new tribes" to attend the training sessions identified in the letter. The first one: on Tribal Constitutions is scheduled for April 18 & 19 in Mt. Pleasant. (FYI)

6. ITC BOARD MEETING: Included is a letter from the Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) Acting Director, Sylvia Evans inviting Little River to their next Board meeting to officially welcome the Tribe into ITC. Also included in a response from Daniel requesting financial assistance to cover travel expenses to attend this and future ITC Board meetings. (FYI) & RESPONSE.

7. STRATEGIC PLANNING: When Kim Epley and Gary Forbes were here to facilitate the strategic planning meeting we had set a tentative date for them to return on the weekend of February 18th. They will not be able to make it that weekend. The only time between now and the end of March are the weekends of March 11th or March 25th. What works best for everybody?

8. JUDGEMENT FUND DISTRIBUTION PLAN: In your packet is a letter from Jeff Parker, Chairman of the Bay Mills Indian Community regarding a proposed meeting among the 1836 Treaty Tribes regarding the Land Claims Distribution Plan. THIS MEETING DID NOT TAKE PLACE - YET. Frank Ettawageshik also received this letter and he called Jeff Parker and requested that it be rescheduled because it was too short of notice. We have not yet been notified when it will be rescheduled.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

Expect people to ask:

1. What's going on with Gaming? We can explain the RFP process and that the Economic Development Committee will be charged with reviewing any and all proposals that are submitted. The Economic Development Committee will make a recommendation to the Tribal Council regarding which company we should joint-venture with. But there are still many other legal issues to work out and we need to coordinate with Little Traverse Band.

2. How come you got to go to Lake Tahoe? The Tribal Council was invited by one of the companies that intends to submit a proposal so that the Council could inspect their operations as well as an operation with another tribe that has joint-ventured with this Company. And frankly, it would be

foolish for Little River to consider entering into a multi-million dollar joint-venture with a company without first inspecting one or more of their operations.

Both the Pokagon and Little Traverse Tribal Councils have each been on several such expeditions in the last couple months as they proceed with their evaluations of potential "gaming" partners.

The tribal community needs to understand (particularly considering the latest media craze over these rumors floating around Manistee) that this is a very sensitive issue and that they need to trust that we are working very hard on this, and strivng to do so in a way that is best for the whole tribe. A big part of that means that we need to maintain confidentiality to insure that the tribe's interests are not jeopardized.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. ANA BUDGET REVISION.

We have recieved verbal notification that the ANA grant application we submitted back in October was approved. The budget we had submitted was for \$144,000, but the grant is being approved for \$100,000. So I have prepared a revised budget - cutting \$44,000 from the budget. A copy of the Original Budget and the proposed Revised Budget is included in the packet. I need tribal council approval to submit the revised budget to ANA. This program is scheduled to begin in April.

2. HEALTH

A. Tribal Management Grant

This grant application is being prepared for submission - it must be mailed to I.H.S. on or before February 17, 1995. At the meeting I will hand out the proposed objectives for the health program, a proposed budget and Resolution # 95-0212-02 for your approval.

B. In your packet is a letter from Dr. Kathy Annette, Area Office Director for the Indian Health Service, dated January 27. The letter is in response to the proposal we submitted last month for interim funding from IHS - to hire a Health Director to begin setting up our health department.

3. EDUCATION

A. HEAD START PROGRAM UPDATE

As previously mentioned, we were told by the Inter-Tribal Council that because the Tribe does not have a community land base, we need to obtain the consent of FIVE-CAP to operate our own Head Start Program. Please refer to the letter from Mary Trucks, Director of FIVE-CAP.

4. NATURAL RESOURCES

A. INLAND HUNTING & FISHING

Anne Avery will give a verbal report on the meeting she attended in Lansing that involved a presentation from staff of the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC). We should seriously consider joining this inter-tribal organization. They have a lot of expertise that could assist us with many issues - including providing technical assistance in developing and operating a fish hatchery, the Weir, and other hunting and fishing regulatory matters.

B. STATUS OF WEIR ON LITTLE MANISTEE RIVER

We had previously sent a letter to the Director of the DNR inquiring about the status of the management contract between the DNR and Tempotech - the company that operates the weir on the Little Manistee. Our letter also expressed interest in the possibility of the Tribe contracting to operate the weir - should the State cancel the contract with Tempotech.

In your packet is a letter of response from the DNR. How shall we proceed with this endeavor?

C. Meeting with GTB Conservation Comm. → ANNE?

5. HOUSING UPDATE

A. REPORT ON HUD CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

I will give a brief verbal report on the HUD Housing conference that I attended in Chicago a couple weeks ago.

B. PLAN TO ORGANIZE HOUSING CONFERENCE FOR NEW TRIBES

Refer to letter from Daniel to Mohammed Rahmah, Acting Administrator, Eastern Woodlands Region, HUD. It is self-explanatory.

6. LEGAL ISSUES

A. CONSUMERS POWER UPDATE

Bill Brooks will be submitting a written report to update us on the progress of negotiations with the State, Consumers Power and the other parties involved in this settlement. He didn't have his report prepared prior to my sending this packet out, but I will have it for our meeting.

B. PROPOSED ATTORNEY CONTRACT WITH FRAN AYER & PATTY MARKS

Refer to letter from Daniel to Fran Ayer. The letter outlines a proposed scope of work for contracting with their firm to represent Little River on several legal and budgetary issues. We anticipate that Fran Ayer will respond with a proposed contract which we will then negotiate.

7. FOREST FESTIVAL

Diane will give a verbal update on the Forest Festival Committee activities.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROPRIATIONS HEARINGS

In your packet are two letters - one to Rep. Ralph Regula and the other to Sen. Slade Gorton. They chair the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees that deal with Indian Affairs. The letters are self-explanatory. (FYI)

IV. CONCLUDING BUSINESS