



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2001
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 March 14, 2001. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

The Tribal Council engaged in a silent prayer.

II. General Business

A. Call To Order:

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting of Wednesday, March 14, 2001, was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Carol Bennett-Present	Kathy Berentsen-Present	Charles Fisher-Present
Tammy Kleeman-Present	Lisa McCatty-Absent	Elaine Porter-Present
Joan Spalding-Present	Janine Sam-Present	Connie Waitner-Present

Quorum established. 8-Present, 1-Absent

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED. UNDER NEW BUSINESS: ITEM B MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION; THE FORMER ITEM C IS NOW ITEM B; NEW ITEM C IS NOW CULTURE PRESERVATION ISSUES AND INCLUDES 1.) LAND USAGE (THAT THE TRIBE OWNS), 2.) CULTURAL ORIENTATION AT THE CASINO, 3.) INDIAN VILLAGE PROPERTY, 4.) SEEDING THE POW WOW GROUNDS, DANCE, AND VENDOR AREA, 5.) ELECTRICAL UPGRADE AT THE CASINO; ADD ITEM D, APPOINTMENT TO THE CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; ADD ITEM E, CMT REPRESENTATIVES. UNDER CLOSED SESSION ADD ITEM C, BIDS AND CONTRACTS. by Connie Waitner, supported by Elaine Porter.

Roll Call

Kathy Berentsen-Yes	Charles Fisher-Yes	Tammy Kleeman-Yes
Lisa McCatty-Absent	Elaine Porter-Yes	Joan Spalding-Yes
Janine Sam-Yes	Connie Waitner-Yes	Carol Bennett-Yes

Motion carried. 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent

D. Tribal Council Minutes

MOTION TO TABLE THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OPEN SESSION MINUTES UNTIL AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT; by Kathy Berentsen; supported by Tammy Kleeman.

Roll Call

Charles Fisher-Yes	Tammy Kleeman-Yes	Lisa McCatty-Absent
Elaine Porter-Yes	Joan Spalding-Yes	Janine Sam-Yes
Connie Waitner-Yes	Carol Bennett-Yes	Kathy Berentsen-Yes

Motion carried. 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent

E. Public Comment Period

Tom Davis, Marketing Department, Little River Casino, talked about a press release draft regarding the Tribe's intentions as they announce their plans for the casino expansion. This draft was given to the Tribal Council last week and now Davis is looking for feedback before the eventual release to the public.

A Council member talked about a work session where the Council discussed the press release draft. From this session, comments were accumulated—verbiage, target dates, projected costs—and this information will be forwarded to Davis. It was clarified by a Council member the Tribe is actually doing the expansion—it's not a casino expansion. Davis acknowledged this correction already has been made. Wording was discussed at length regarding how the public may perceive casino regulating bodies, i.e. Federal and Tribal governments, Gaming Commission, etc. Davis' intent in the press release was to explain the type of business and how closely it is regulated. Thoughts from the Council were shared for clarification in the press release. House added her legal viewpoint saying it's not a self-regulated industry, it's regulated to the Tribal-regulated industry. Council wanted to make sure they understood the press release before the public was expected to understand the announcement.

Return to Item D, Approval of Meeting Minutes.

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE ITEM D, APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES; by Kathy Berentsen, supported by Tammy Kleeman.

Roll Call

Tammy Kleeman-Yes	Lisa McCatty-Absent	Elaine Porter-Yes
Joan Spalding-Yes	Janine Sam-Yes	Connie Waitner-Yes
Carol Bennett-Yes	Kathy Berentsen-Yes	Charles Fisher-Yes

Motion carried. 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRIBAL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2000 WITH THE ADDITION OF THE SIGNATURE OF THE RECORDER AND THE SIGNATURE OF THE PREPARER; by Janine Sam, supported by Connie Waitner.

Roll Call

Elaine Porter-Yes	Joan Spalding-Yes	Janine Sam-Yes
Connie Waitner-Yes	Carol Bennett-Yes	Kathy Berentsen-Yes
Charles Fisher-Yes	Tammy Kleeman-Abstain	Lisa McCatty-Absent

Motion carried. 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain, 1-Absent

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

No "Grants & Contracts" business discussed today.

IV. Old Business

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #01-0314-01 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PER CAPITA FUNDS HELD IN TRUST FOR CERTAIN MINORS REACHING THE AGE OF MAJORITY IN FEBRUARY 2001 AND MARCH 2001; by Elaine Porter, supported by Tammy Kleeman.

Roll Call

Elaine Porter-Yes	Joan Spalding-Yes	Janine Sam-Yes
Connie Waitner-Yes	Carol Bennett-Yes	Kathy Berentsen-Yes
Charles Fisher-Yes	Tammy Kleeman-Yes	Lisa McCatty-Absent

Motion carried. 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent

V. New Business

A. Authorizing use of the Tribal Seal in connection with Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Annual Pow-Wows.

MOTION TO APPROVE #01-0314-02 AUTHORIZING USE OF THE TRIBAL SEAL IN CONNECTION WITH LITTLE RIVER

BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS ANNUAL POW-WOWS; by
Connie Waitner, supported by Elaine Porter.

Roll Call

Joan Spalding-Yes	Janine Sam-Yes	Connie Waitner-Yes
Carol Bennett-Yes	Kathy Berentsen-Yes	Charles Fisher-Yes
Tammy Kleeman-Yes	Elaine Porter-Yes	Lisa McCatty-Absent

Motion carried. 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent

B. Approving Cancellation of the March 20, 2001 Tribal Council Meeting.+

**MOTION TO PASS #01-0314-03 APPROVING CANCELLATION
OF THE MARCH 20, 2001 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING;** by
Kathy Berentsen, supported by Tammy Kleeman.

Roll Call

Carol Bennett-Yes	Kathy Berentsen-Yes	Charles Fisher-Yes
Tammy Kleeman-Yes	Elaine Porter-No	Joan Spalding-Yes
Janine Sam-No	Connie Waitner-Yes	Lisa McCatty-Absent

Motion carried. 6-Yes, 2-No, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent

C. Cultural Preservation Committee Issues

Phil Memberto, Cultural Preservation Chair, requested a work session to discuss various issues as listed his March 12 memo to the Tribal Council:
1) land usage (that the tribe owns), 2) cultural orientation at the casino, 3) Indian Village property, 4) seeding the pow wow grounds dance and vendor area, 5) electrical upgrade at the casino.

Tuesday, March 27, 2001 at 3:30 p.m. work session was agreed upon.

D. Appointment to the Cultural Preservation Committee.

**MOTION TO APPOINT PHIL MEMBERTO AND
BRENDA HYMA FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS TO SERVE ON
THE CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE;** by
Kathy Berentsen, supported by Elaine Porter.

Roll Call

Charles Fischer-Yes	Tammy Kleeman-Yes	Elaine Porter-Yes
Joan Spalding-Yes	Janine Sam-Yes	Connie Waitner-Yes
Carol Bennett-Yes	Kathy Berentsen-Yes	Lisa McCatty-Absent

Motion carried. 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent

MOTION TO APPOINT STELLA GIBSON TO THE CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; by Elaine Porter, supported Kathy Berentsen.

Roll Call

Tammy Kleeman-Yes	Elaine Porter-Yes	Joan Spalding-Yes
Janine Sam-Yes	Connie Waitner-Yes	Carol Bennett-Yes
Kathy Berentsen-Yes	Charles Fisher-Yes	Lisa McCatty-Absent

Motion carried. 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent

E. CMT Representatives.

MOTION TO MOVE THE CMT INTO CLOSED SESSION; by Elaine Porter, supported by Tammy Kleeman.

Roll Call

Carol Bennett-No	Kathy Berentsen-No	Charles Fisher-Yes
Tammy Kleeman-Yes	Elaine Porter-Yes	Joan Spalding-No
Janine Sam-No	Connie Waitner-No	Lisa McCatty-Absent

Motion failed. 3-Yes, 5-No, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent

Spalding noted this resolution is an effort to set up THE CMT to have consistent individuals who can attend regularly because of the importance of the work being done on a weekly basis.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #01-0314-04 APPROVING NEW MEMBERS TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT TEAM; by Elaine Porter, supported by Connie Waitner.

Roll Call

Kathy Berentsen-Yes	Charles Fisher-Abstain	Tammy Kleeman-No
Elaine Porter-Yes	Joan Spalding-Yes	Janine Sam-Yes
Connie Waitner-Yes	Carol Bennett-Yes	Lisa McCatty-Absent

Motion failed. 6-Yes, 1-No, 1-Abstain, 1-Absent

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting is Saturday, March 17, 2001, 10:00 a.m.
- B. Public Comment Period

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 Connie Waitner; supported by Tammy Kleeman.

Roll Call

Charles Fischer-Yes	Tammy Kleeman-Yes	Elaine Porter-Yes
Joan Spalding-Yes	Janine Sam-Yes	Connie Waitner-Yes
Carol Bennett-Yes	Kathy Berentsen-Yes	Lisa McCatty-Absent

Motion carried. 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent

This portion of Open Session was adjourned.

Council reconvened in Open Session. There were no items to be placed in Open Session. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Fischer
Temporary Transcribing Assistant
11/6/02

Lisa M. McCatty
Tribal Council Recorder

