



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MAY 5, 1996

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I. GENERAL BUSINESS

Meeting called to order by Bob Guenthardt at 12:10 p.m. Roll Call: Jerry Koon, Kathy Berentsen, Bob Guenthardt, Bonnie Kenny, Margaret Chandler all present. Guest present: Wes Andrews.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA. New Business add (J) Council Meeting times, place, and dates. Old Business add (H) Land Acquisition Committee. Motion to accept agenda with the addition of (H) & (J). Moved by Bonnie, seconded by Kathy, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. No changes to April 14, 1996 minutes. Motion to accept minutes. Motioned by Jerry, Margaret supported, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried. Special meeting on May 1, 1996 to do the resolution to submit the Tribal rolls to the BIA. Bonnie moved to accept, Kathy seconded, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried. Note that we have 1217 members in the Tribe as of May 2, 1996, that enrollment turned into the BIA. More then we thought we'd have when we started.

FINANCIAL REPORT. Since the month just ended on Tuesday and Chris just put these together on Thursday, they have been reviewed but kind of tentatively. Since Chris's office is down on River Street and not up here he probably can't answer specific questions as to why there is so much more on this line anyway. Chris would like the Council to look these over at their own convenience and if they have any questions call him and he'll be glad to answer them. These reports are always hanging up on the wall the same day he prints them so they are public. They will also be at the other office. He's always available to answer any questions. Two meetings ago, we decided to add another person to the bank account so it would be easier to get checks signed. Chris looked back through the minutes of the meeting because he thought that the Council had passed a resolution to actually add Diane and what actually occurred at the meeting was since Diane wasn't there the meeting minutes said that we were suppose to ask her, that was the extent of it. We asked Diane and we got the signature cards but we need an actual resolution to add her before the bank will

accept the new signature card. So Chris wants it to be resolved that Diane Lonn be added as a signer to the one checking account. Margaret motioned, Jerry seconded, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS. Diane's report. Diane talked about turning in the rolls to the federal government at 1217 members. She said she has around 100 more applications she's working on, they are still coming in. Diane talked about going up there about one month ago with around seven boxes of files. They approved around 95% of files. The 1217 people approved can vote on the constitution but the ones she is receiving now won't be able to vote on the constitution. Susan's report. This was enclosed in the packets sent to the Council members. Tammy's report. This was enclosed in the Council packets and Diane spoke for her saying that she has been catching up on work while she was gone. Was asked about the holdup on the newsletter. Diane said Tammy was waiting for the post office representative to come and go over the mailing that Jay, Bob, and Bill worked on. Bob said he saw first hand all the work that goes into a newsletter. Jay & Bill need to be complemented for all the work they did.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS. Wes Andrew's is the guest who is on the agenda under Battle Point.

II. OLD BUSINESS

FLAG/BANNER. The flag was approved at the last round table meeting. It was the four color design which will be the representation of the tribe. The Council needs to vote on it. Kathy motioned, supported by Bonnie, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

OFFICE/CLEANING POSITION. Kathy's recommendation was Missy Nummerdor and Lavern Oren. One will clean Water Street office and the other one will clean River Street office. The tribe will furnish supplies. Bonnie averaged out the wages and it averaged to \$8.00 an hour. This will start this week. It was suggested that two nights they will clean and they can work out what nights. They will have to get with Chris and Bob to work out the supplies deal, the key situation, and the W-2's (will have to be filled out). Margaret motioned to accept, Kathy seconded, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried. Will start as of 5/5/96. Will need a letter sent to other applicants that position has been filled.

WAYNE STATE SURVEY. Mark wasn't there to present anything so Diane said she could since she did the phone calls. Diane talked to Chuck Fisher and he said some of the tribes had not gotten in all the stuff and he is still waiting. He said that he could do an update but it wouldn't be totally conclusive but he could

do it. Chuck talked to Mark after this but she doesn't know what has come of this. Kathy said the purpose of asking was so that we have it noted of the final results and we were happy with it and was it worth our time for the people to go out and do it, just so we know. Diane said she would find out more information.

RED SZYMAREK. Diane again talked and said she talked to Homer Ramsdell and that we were concerned why we have not been informed of whether we were to clean it or not. He said at this time he had enough help so they were just going ahead and cleaning it themselves. Diane doesn't know if Mark has talked to Homer since then. This issue has been closed. Kathy made a motion because it is being taken care of by the City and no other interest in it. Supported by Jerry, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

BUSINESS CARDS. It was complemented to Chris on the good job done on the Business cards. Bonnie said that people she deals with have complemented on them. She didn't have any of her personal cards for work so she had to use her Indian Business cards and they were impressed by them. She wanted to complement and a cheaper way of doing things. They showed everyone present at the meeting what they looked like.

WAGE GRID. This was carried over from the last Council meeting. Under Level 1, stick unskilled job functions that was discussed on April 14. But leave the others as is. Jerry made motion to accept wage grid, supported by Kathy, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE GREAT LAKES FISHERY TRUST. This has to be tabled until Bill Brooks can be here to explain it. What it is, is that we have representation on our Great Lakes Fishery Trust in the fish filled settlement with Consumers Power that's going to the State. We don't have a vote on it but we have representation where we can comment. We probably will have someone from the Natural Resource Committee sit in on this. With all the money given out that's millions of dollars in there. We will have a vote through Fish and Wildlife. They'll kind of be backing on what we say and do for us. Bonnie made motion, supported by Kathy, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

Bob showed a picture of the flag to everyone present. It was talked about how the Cultural Committee presented it at a round table meeting and it was voted on then. Then again at another meeting it was presented again for a vote because the vote was so close last time so it was voted to have this one. The Cultural Committee is going to have a flag/banner made for the Pow Wow that's being held in Onekama.

LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE. People that Kathy has for this committee

are Bill Memberto from Cultural Preservation Committee, Bill Willis will step in, in case Bill Memberto is not available. Jay from the Natural Resource Committee, and Kathy from the Health Committee. We still need people from Education, Constitution, Election, Enrollment and Housing Committee's. Thus far we have not been able to meet with just these people. We need the committees when they meet next time to nominate someone so we can start holding meetings with the Land Acquisition Committee. Anybody else we would like participation and representation. The reason we choose to have one person from each committee to be on the Land Acquisition committee is that each committee might have different aspects as to where they want different land to have their buildings. Equal representation from each committee to where they might want something in the future. Anyone interested can be on the committee and no set number. Lavern volunteered to be on this committee and so did Bob Hardenburgh.

III. NEW BUSINESS

GREAT LAKES FISHERY TRUST. We tabled this because Bill Brooks was not here to present it, we will talk about it at the June meeting. Bonnie moved, supported by Margaret, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR EAGLE FEATHERS/BODY PARTS. These items would be coming from the federal government or where we could get them. We would be putting our name on a list and as things become available we would be able to get the different parts. How this came about is that we had a conservation officer here and someone shot two eagles on the Big Manistee River. One was a Golden Eagle and he wanted to give them to us but they wouldn't let him do it. They are shipped over to Michigan State University. This is going through US Fish and Wildlife Federal Departments of Rapture. Rapture Repository Act the State administers that. We can start using for different ceremony's. Bill Willis and Mark are working on this already filling out the application. Bonnie moved, Jerry seconded motion to have an ordinance for the Cultural Preservation Committee to fill out an application to obtain the items of Eagle feathers and body parts. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION. Dave Schultz, John Koon, and Jay Sam these three would be the commission and John Koon would be the Commissioner, because he is the Chair of that committee. They are still looking for two more people. Jay sent out letters to anyone interested in this commission and Jay said there are a couple people here today that he sent letters to. Any questions John said he has an up to date ordinance that he received from Bill Brooks for the commission. John could give it to people who are interested. Bob and Allen Hardenburgh are interested in this. Jerry moved to adopt ordinance to

create a Natural Resource Commission. Kathy seconded, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried. Ordinance number that he gave John was #7077. (1) Commissioner of that commission and (4) associate commissioners. Appoint (1) commissioner and (2) associate commissioners who serve the four year term and later the (2) would serve the two year term so we have alternative terms involved. Recommendation was made by Dave Schultz to recognize John Koon for the commissioner of the commission for Natural Resource. Jerry made motion, Margaret seconded, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried. Need another motion to appoint (2) four year associate commissioners which would be Dave Schultz and Jay Sam which is part of the original committee. Kathy motioned, Bonnie supported, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried. Two volunteers it was suggested that the ordinance be give to them any they can read it and decide if they are still interested and be at the next meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 1996. Jay had ordinance with changes on it so he made copies for Bob and Allen Hardenburgh.

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION POLICY. Kathy said personally she isn't for this policy. Susan wrote this request and she said she'd talk on this. We do have a policy for Indian Preference for hiring and that is clearly stated but then when we are hiring someone non-Indian who works for the tribe there has been a recurrence of statements about people being less good because their not Indian. Once the hiring is done based on the Indian Preference Policy then her concern is that sometimes that can be interfering with the ability to continue functioning in a real productive way. Then it was brought up by the Health Committee that we should do some screenings for the tribe and they were interested in doing this but when this was set up tentatively at the request of the Public Health Department and they would like to do this and help us out in anyway. Last year they helped. Then this year it was thought that it would be better not to have the Public Health Department do screenings because it would be better to have Tribal members do them even though we can't say there is an equal organization within the tribe as there is the Public Health Department it's a real valuable resource. It's confusing to her as stuff to know whether we have a policy. Where we should not involve agencies outside of Tribal agencies if this is the case it would be good to know ahead of time. So when they approach us we'd know we are only going to deal with Indians so we don't need their help. It was brought up if she went through the right channels, through Mark why people feel this way. No one has come to the Cultural Preservation Committee with this it is felt that we should use our own people first if available if not then use others. We have said with the Cultural Committee that the traders and food people have to be Native American but we have never said anything about the Health Committee. It was brought up that is why we have the Round Table meetings to ring issues like this up, then let the committee's know how they feel rather than to the Council. June Sam brought up about confidentiality dealing with the

Health Department. Pam Medahko also said June was correct because she works at Mental Health now off and on. She also suggested that we work with our people before we bring in the Public Health Department, even though they are volunteers they tend to be bossy and they have to remember this is all volunteer. Most of them as a majority do not care for our people. It was recommended that the Health office look into our tribe or another tribe who are interested in volunteering their services for us at the Pow Wow. Even though offer was made by Public Health possibility that Grand Traverse because they assisted us at the last screening we had done at Manistee Hall. It was suggested that they sign confidentiality at least if something happens we can go after them legally. The Health Committee will be meeting on Monday night (May 20) they will talk about it then, then make a meeting with the Council.

RECOMMENDATION OF VIDEO PROJECT COORDINATOR. Motion by Bonnie, seconded by Kathy, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried to have Jay Sam as Video Project Coordinator. Motion by Kathy to back date contract to March 24, 1996. Susan and Jay were suppose to discuss this further. Seconded by Jerry, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

HEALTH BOARD MEMBERSHIP LIST. Bonnie made motion to accept Health Board Membership list as is. Jerry seconded, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

HEALTH BOARD BY-LAWS. Kathy made motion to accept by-laws as is. Jerry seconded, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

WELL & SEPTIC. They did this last year and it helped five people. They stated that they could only help people in Manistee County. The Health Committee sent out letters to the people only in Manistee County and they had to be homeowners. Kathy doesn't know if the same stipulation will apply this time and Susan said she hadn't heard anything. Another stipulation Kathy would like to put on it for the resolution. Kathy said 8 or 10 people needed this done last year but IHS could only afford to pay for five not sure if this is correct number or not. She recommended that the other five get considered first. Bob said this isn't what we are looking for all we need is a resolution to let Grand Traverse administer it. There were a few that weren't finished from last year. We'll have to check and see if they were paid for and why they weren't completed and carry through with it. Chris asked did they say why only Manistee County. Was that a choice here or was that a choice there. Kathy said that was a choice that came from Grand Traverse. Chris said that Manistee County is the only one of our service counties that is in Grand Traverse Band service area also. He would hope to think that this wasn't the reason he would hope that it was our choice. Kathy said when they brought it to our attention last year they said only Manistee

County she doesn't recall if it was specified because it was in their service area also or because they only had so much money so they wanted to service Manistee County area first. Chris was concerned about us not helping our members he hopes that the reason that we are not covering the other area has nothing to do with the fact that it's their service area. Otherwise, there is no point in letting them administer for us. Letting them administer for us restricts it to people in their service area. He would think that they could administer to whatever area we would tell them. Suggested that this be tabled until June when it could be discussed with Mark. Motioned by Margaret, supported by Bonnie, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried. Diane suggested that a report be given on how they were done. If anyone present could give a brief oral report. Margaret spoke up and said they just needed their septic done and they said her old septic was too close to their well. They were one of the first ones approved because it was too close to the well and they came in and they had a contractor from Benzie County and they did an excellent job and they are satisfied. Question from Bob Hardenburgh said that even if we have to go through Grand Traverse Band and they limit it only to Manistee County he assumes that this work done is to no cost to the person. They had to pay for their own permit at minimal cost. He said we have to help our people as much as possible and keep this in mind even though we have to limit it to this area we still have a lot of people in this area that could be helped. Diane spoke up and said we did a lot of the work through the office for them basically only the money went through but the office staff did the calling and letter writing. Stipulation was also in there that the contracting had to be done locally. Bonney Brothers were the contractors.

BATTLE POINT. Wes Andrews was introduced to give a presentation on the Battle Point the repairing and preservation of a Grand River Ottawa Cemetery. He is a member of the Little Traverse Band. He was called by the State Archaeologist where the cemetery is located from the Grand River between Grand Rapids and Grand Haven. It's on the North bank through the Old Fort Village of the Grand River Ottawa Bands. When the river has gone up and down it has exposed the remains along the bank. They are falling out into the river. The land is owned right now by the State of Michigan but originally it was part of the Grand River Ottawa Bands. There was even a title change done on the property ownership that shows this Band has owned parts of that land for a very long time before it was taken over by the State recently. What the State wanted to do was to try and protect the cemetery somehow and the State Archaeologist said is there somehow we can do it and he got a hold of the Army Corp. of Engineers. The Army Corp. of Engineers has the legal federal responsibility to deal with the erosion along applicable streams of the great lakes. They do have a project under the flood protection act of 1940 that will enable them to use money to build erosion barriers along the river banks so there won't be anymore

falling out of the graves into the rivers. There have been a lot of archaeologist who have really been interested in this cemetery for a long time. They are becoming the full focus of the decision making process what happens to the cemetery. Mr. Andrews wanted us to be aware of what's going on and see if we'd like to become a part of the decision making process of what happens to the cemetery. The project through the Army Corp. of Engineers needs a sponsor and because the Department of Natural Resource owns the land. The way this project would be done is that the sponsor if it so wishes but the State can also be a sponsor because the Department of Natural Resource owns the land. The way this project would be done is that the sponsor would pick up 25% of the cost, the Army Corp. of Engineer would pay 75% of cost. The plans will have to be approved by the Dept. of Natural Resource, the tribe and the US Army Corp. of Engineers. If everything is approved through all of the channels it is something that could be done in the next three years. Right now the human remains that are falling out of the banks are picked up on a regular basis by a archaeologist from Grand Valley University and put in their museum. Under NAGPRA, this band would be able to repatriate those particular human remains eventually. Wes suggestion is that if the band is interested that they appoint someone who would be a representative or fact finding person who would attend some of the meetings. Wes has been able to prevent the Army Corp. and the State of Michigan to hold off on setting up a date for a meeting until he notifies the band of our potential interest in participating as an interested party in this entire project we still could be an interested party what he is trying to assure is that the tribe has a voice in the decision making process that goes on so that its not treated as an archaeologist site in reality but as one of our cemetery's. No approximate cost would come as part of the meeting process with the contracts. Katie brought up what are they doing with the remains, are they throwing the remains in one big pile for people to come look at. Wes said this is not the situation he said he hasn't been to the cemetery but from what he understands from talking to people who have been there is that it is a wooded area and it's owned by the Dept. of Natural Resource and it's just an open grassy and wooded area right beside the river, there is no public exhibit of any kind. The human remains that are falling out are being picked up by this one archaeologist on a yearly basis that she can find and they are put in the museum at Grand Valley just to house. Wes passed around maps showing the general area it's near a little town called Fruitport. He also passed around a more detailed map of the exact location it, this was a U.S. Geological Survey map. It was asked if there is a set number of how many people we could have at the meetings. Wes said he was just suggesting minimally we have one person responsible for fact finding he said he'd encourage more. The Council will turn this information over to the Cultural Preservation Committee and they will pick however many representatives they want and present to the Council and they will approve them for sure. Lavern asked if more tribes could be involved. Wes said he could talk to the other tribes

and maybe they could give letters of support. Bob said they'll ask the Cultural Preservation Committee any suggestions that they have on how to act on this. Bob said that is why they have this committee and he doesn't want to go over their heads and step on any ones toes. A few people asked for copies of the map. Jay said the Cultural Preservation has a represented body going up to the NAGPRA conference on the 21st of this month to handle situations where one tribe or in this case more than one tribe may actually be involved. Because technically how NAGPRA is laid out any Indian tribe could claim that sight until the Archaeologist determines who's it is and Jay would think that a portion of the Natural Resource Committee would want to go over issues with Wes. Jay was suggesting the graves reparation act which is part of the Cultural Preservation. Wes talked to his own Tribal Council and they are willing to provide a letter of support and Wes would be willing to attend on behalf of his own tribe to support. His tribe was reluctant to take the lead they felt this band or one of the Grand river Band that are associated with the cemetery should be the ones involved in the decision making. Wes also talked to Bill LeBlanc at the Indian Commission and he is willing to write a letter of support for us on this project. Chris suggest that we consider this 25% offer being a negotiating point and we probably could talk them into zero if we really thought about it. It's the Corp. of Engineers duty to maintain that waterway. They do not get to say well we'll have you kick in 25% because this is part of a cemetery if there were expenses involved that have to do with cemetery portion over and above what it takes for them to maintain their waterway. Then it might be reasonable for us to be part of that. What Chris is saying is let our Cultural Preservation Committee be involved in the decision making and get them to try and beat these guys down so it doesn't cost anything. He doesn't really think that it should cost anything, he thinks that they just came out and said 25% as a starting point. Chris said we could argue for it for nothing. Cultural Preservation will look into it. Moved by Kathy to change the Council meeting dates to the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the new office on River Street. Jerry supported, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried. Meetings will be the first Monday of the month starting June 3, July 1, and August 5.

IV. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Adding A(1) PUBLIC COMMENT. Concluding Business Lavern had a question someone she ran into wanted to know why us Indians were taking our Casino to Detroit. He told her it was in the paper and she didn't know of anything. Sonny said he could answer this question, the biggest problem we have is people read the headlines and don't open the paper to the rest of the story. Bob said what every ones question is on the Detroit issue part on the Compact. The way it was written in there was from advice from all the people from Lansing we are working with. The only way our or any compact has a way of going through the

legislature, that's why it was put in there. What the compact does it guarantees us if it's ratified of one in Manistee. That's the bottom line that we get one in Manistee for us to do one in Detroit it would have to go back to the governor through the section 20 article IGRA which means it's an off reservation casino which we don't think can even happen the reason this language was even put in there is we need Democratic votes in the house of representatives. Don't think that we're moving it and it's been already said and it's written down that if it ever comes to that it will be a referendum vote of the people of the tribe. This is not going to be a Council decision it's not going to be Connie and Sonny's Committee decision it's going to be your decision. Do you want it to go to Detroit if you have the option if it's passed this way you may have the option of doing that then it will be put to us. Sonny said the reason it went like that is that we may be the ones authorized to get a casino. The other two may not get it because of the language. Lavern said none of us knew anything about this. Kathy said Bob received a call on Wednesday and had ½ hour to make this decision. Lavern said that's why the members were upset. Sonny said they have only known a week and it's hard to get everyone together to tell them. Bob said we have to remember and tell people this is our casino not yours. Bob said if anyone has questions please feel free to call him at the office any time. The language was put in there because according to the people as Bob and Sonny stated if we did not put it in there, there would be a 99% chance we would have no casino period. We want to be self sufficient the fastest and most logical way to do this is to have a casino so putting that language in. If we have a chance of having a casino at least we have it in there that we will have one. If it does get passed then we can say well we are having it in Manistee they know we want it in Manistee just because that language is in there doesn't mean it's not going to be in Manistee that's our first priority. Lavern wanted to know what gave the News Advocate the notion it was going down there. Sonny said he could answer that. The Detroit picked up on it so Mark and them all called to the News Advocate to try and hold it out of the newspaper, they said they can't because the Detroit News already opened it up. If one paper gets it then the other ones figure they've been scooped. This is a bunch of politics. It was going to the floor and Bob received a phone call at 2:30 p.m. from Senator McManus right off his desk on the floor and it said we're going to introduce this bill and Bob said what bill and he said he'd fax him a copy. Bob knew of the changes going into the bill the addition of the Detroit thing, but the Detroit issue in there we need 19 votes in the Senate we have 19 votes right now exactly with that issue without that issue we have 15. We have a potential of getting 26 but he thinks we won't get them. What the bottom line comes down to is we need the Democratic vote and without them we are stuck. The other two tribes are going to carry through the Senate on our coat tails, like the federal recognition we went through. We are the ones taking the heat and making the decisions. The Pokagon's don't want to share one in Detroit they've got one where their going which will be the Chicago Market plus one by Indianapolis. They probably have the best of both worlds. They

don't need to share one with any other group. Katie asked why they are getting two and it is because it's in a different state. Lavern wanted to know who's idea it was for the tribes to get together to have one. Bob said that came from the legislature from the Ad Hoc Committee put together by Senator Sugars. Sonny said to tell you how it works as the committee understands it they don't want anything on the Western side of Michigan they want it on the Eastern side and most of them are saying 12 casino's are enough in the State of MI. Bob said the West side of Michigan like Grand Rapids and Muskegon they don't want gaming in this area they were willing to taking it away (we have the forms here the summary of the report by the commission) like all service clubs, Vegas night like VFW. Bob said we're trying to do the best for the whole group. Bob said our chances are still not good in the House no matter what we do. He said the Senate we could still get through, we'll know Tuesday. The language in there will guarantee the one in Manistee with the option of having the chance to go to Detroit to do a casino by not doing one in Manistee or as he told the paper Mason County now that they come up with all the other stuff in there. If it doesn't pass they can go to the Secretary of Interior which all of our attorney's and people who are working for us in Washington say it will be another three years. This will be a nationwide decision that he has to make so he'll have to check with every tribe in the nation plus all the committees that it will go to. If it is being opposed by the state it will be tied even longer. We figure this is probably our only chance with the language in. What we've stated that if they took the Manistee option out of it then we are strictly opposed to it we've got to have that option in it or we will not talk to them we will go like the other two have gone and take our chances with the Secretary of Interior. Sonny, Connie and the rest of the committee have put a lot of time into this. Bob Hardenburg asked how Manistee is as a community are they receptive to the idea here. Bob said they are and he mentioned a group called No Dice that we've read about in the paper. According to Senator McManus when we talked to him the other day, they turned in to him 12 pages of signatures against gaming in Manistee. Bonnie mentioned they went door to door. Bob said they have a meeting set up with No Dice on Monday (Bob, Mark, and the Committee). They will give them their point of view. They want to see exactly where their coming from. If they are so against gaming, why aren't they against Catholic Bingo's. Sonny said that's how it started now she stepped down off her pulpit she's not against gaming, drinking, or the Indians. She's against the casino coming to Manistee. People don't want to see changes. Bob Hardenburgh asked if anybody had put any numbers together on the capital it brings into the community. Bonnie and Bob said yes. Bob said it's the job situation a lot of jobs. We have facts for all the stuff they have is hear say. Bob said they are going to bring up to them Monday. Bob said he has to go down Tuesday to testify for a Senate hearing committee on this and Sonny, Connie, Bill Willis are going with him to do the best they can with what they have. They don't have any experience at this, they are taking advice from a lot of people who get paid a lot of money to do this. Bob said until she made this

statement he wanted to tell her that what she was talking about was racism as far as he was concerned. Your not going after the Catholic Church or lotto and everything else and your going after Indian gaming then your being racist. Apparently that's not it. If he can't answer questions Connie can. Bob said if anyone has any influence with any political people please use it. Bob asked if anymore questions or comments. Someone asked about Wes Andrews presentation about those issues and it's going to the Cultural Preservation she wanted to know if at the next meeting she can get an update on that.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 3, 1996. Bob asked if we read the comment that was in the paper about the people on the street. It's like their Indians if you read that we're not their Indians we are our Indians. We're our own Tribe not Manistee tribe. We have to look at it this way. We're working on an (800) number here just for tribal members if we have questions. Janine brought up what she'd like to see especially with the local paper she likes it when she reads "sources close to the tribe say," why not have a direct quote Robert Guenthardt or Mark Dougher at this time we have no comment because she doesn't feel that anything should be put in the newspaper until these people know what's going on. Connie said they put in a call to the editor to get a meeting going as soon as all this stuff came out in the paper they felt very strongly about putting some faces behind these voices that are out there so that they would know. He was sick and could not be seen until Monday. Bob said he already started some heated discussion with the City Manager over the articles that came out he didn't think they were right. They are having a special meeting to see if they are going to keep their support or resent their support for the tribe because of the Detroit issue in there. Bob is going to meet with them Monday to tell them to really think that decision over if they try and kill it for us with any chance of it going through we're seriously going to have to think about really belonging to Manistee. June brought up is that if articles in the paper don't say Chairman Bob Guenthardt if there's no name in the paper then ignore it. Bob said they've talked about that before he said he'd be playing a much bigger role in that. Connie said that people look at these articles that if there is not a direct comment by someone that's a chair or even committees, people reading the articles assume that they are true because there's no comment. Katie said they don't think this is true but that they are trying to hide something from us. Katie wanted to know why you go into closed session. Bob said it's about personnel issues. June said the biggest problem we have with our members right at the moment is that they have the feeling that things have been done behind their back from the very beginning. What they are saying is come out and tell us what's going on. Sonny said that if any person wants to take his place on that committee he's on come down and take it. Someone said it's not the committee but Sonny said that's where it all starts from. We are the committee that gets all the stuff thrown at it, we are the ones that have to take it up to the board. Sonny said let them come down and take his place because he'll walk out now. No one wanted him to do this. It was

asked if we have a MI and Bob said we have MRG (Marketing Resource Group) out of Lansing that does all our press releases on the gaming issue. Katie said he came to her one time and showed her a picture of the casino that they want to build in Detroit on his 15 acres. Bob said that was the one going in with the Bay Mills Band. That property has already been taken care of with the Tiger Stadium going their. That property is worth many many more times then what they paid for it to start with. Katie said he owned it and Bob said he did but he's going to sell it. What happened in this compact Bob's feeling is when the compact was signed we hit it at a bad time this Tiger Stadium issue would of not gone with the Michigan strategic fund it's Governor John Englers personal fund he can say where that money goes that's where your 8% goes to the state. They gave 55 million dollars of that to build the new Tiger Stadium and all of a sudden all of his Republican party they blow up because they didn't have a say in giving this money to Detroit where all the Democrats are so then we're caught in the cross fire. Bob said it feels like we are on the wagon train and they are circling us. If our timing would of been different then, that it would of been through. We missed a yearly budget because of the month we were recognized we couldn't get into the previous years budget. That's why we're behind in everything. Our timing hasn't been good but we don't have any control over that. The other stumbling blocks we're looking at is the House of Representatives and that's basically it. If the membership votes to have it in Manistee our investor has no say because he is working for us. He's committed to Manistee that's why they offered this property that they have optioned on M22 (435 acres) and that is still going on. Just remember Sonny said that if something should happen and the casino is non existent for the tribe, this tribe can sue other things to put the people to work. Bob showed the layout of the casino and property to the people so they could see what it could look like. Also he discussed what kind of things could be built on that property.

Meeting adjourned.