

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2002
LITTLE RIVER BAND COMMUNITY CENTER

APPROVED
11/13/02

OPEN SESSION
MINUTES

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Community Center on May 15, 2002. Following are the meeting minutes.

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, May 15, 2002, was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Jo Anne House, Kathleen Block, John Bussey, Pat Morris, Leatrice Castonia, Gary Markowski

Speaker Parsons stated Janine Sam is at a doctor's appointment and will be in attendance following that appointment. Lisa McCatty is filling in as recorder.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED; by Ruiter; supported by Porter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

D. Public Comment Period

Markowski asked the status of the Newland Property. Speaker Parsons stated the property had been purchased. Markowski asked if the membership has input when purchasing property.

Matthew Stratton arrived at 10:25 a.m.

Parsons stated this was done in Closed Session but would entertain any suggestions. Porter thought it may be possible to have input from the membership of what property and purchases to look at. House stated the Tribe purchases property and it is very hard to have a public discussion about something. House stated prices are already starting to skyrocket because of the Tribe being in the area. House would recommend property purchases actually begin on the Tribal Ogema's side, possibly through planning, and take guidance from the membership. McCatty suggested the membership have input into property and purchases. Markowski had heard the Tribe was looking at property in Ludington. Speaker Parsons stated the Council is not aware of any purchase in Ludington at this time.

Castonia stated the Tribe bought property in East Lake that would cost millions to clean up. Fisher disputed it would cost millions to clean this area up. Fisher stated he would get the environmental study for the area. McCatty stated the Eastlake property was safe for businesses but not residential. Markowski had a concern the East Lake property could only have people at the business for eight hours a day and is not safe for residential use. Porter stated it is not the whole property that has the contaminant. Porter stated we can better answer that question after the environmental study report is brought in. House stated blacktop or other material is sufficient to clean the property under regulations. Markowski asked if the Community Center could be moved to the East Lake property. House stated she would not suggest that because of the active railroad tracks, food products stored there, and children coming to the Community Center. House voiced her opinion that Eastlake is a good industrial piece of property. Fisher stated his home adjoins that property and he does not have a problem with contamination.

Stratton queried if the Council ever adopted a resolution to purchase the four acres at Indian Village. Stratton suggested the tax sale every three years could possibly provide property that could be bought for hundreds of dollars rather than paying full price.

Dan Shepard arrived at 10:36 a.m.

Porter stated there has not been talk about this property. Porter stated the Ogema has not brought this forward. Fisher stated there were negotiations to obtain that property for the Tribe in the past and there were difficulties

at that time. Fisher stated he is aware of the resolution. Ruitter asked Stratton what the property was going to be used for. Stratton stated this was where the first sacred fire after the Tribe was reaffirmed and many Elders grew up in this area. Stratton stated there is more to being a Tribe than a piece of paper saying Congress says you are a Tribe now. The Tribe is the community, the Tribe is the language, the Tribe is the culture. All three elements make up what the Tribe is. Once we start losing one of those elements, than we stop being a Tribe, we start being a business. Stratton continues to say, I really don't want to see that happen. Castonia asked where Indian Village was located. Stratton stated it is located on River Road in Manistee. Porter stated this is where our original reservation is located.

Pat Morris asked why no Tribal Council members attended Elaine Rivera's funeral.

Joe LaPorte and Lisa Foster arrived at 10:42 a.m.

McCatty asked Castonia if every time a Tribal member passes if she expects Council to attend the funeral or something should be sent from the Tribe to that family? Castonia responded, "Yes I do—if we can send to some members that pass, why can't we send to all?" Medahko stated she did know Rivera and she did send a card. Medahko stated the Council should be more consistent with sending condolences. McCatty stated there have been a lot of deaths and she has not attended any of the funerals because she does not want to show partiality. Ruitter stated she did tell Council about Elaine's passing.

Bridgett Cole arrived at 10:46 a.m.

Bennett stated need to work with the coordinators to be able to send flowers to all members. Shepard stated since there is a bereavement fund they are the first ones contacted and possibly should come from Enrollment. Cole stated she just attended a funeral for a Tribal member who was a child in Copemish and there were no flowers. Bennett asked Cole how this should be done. Cole stated the parents did contact the Tribe through the enrollment. Cole stated there is not a budget for flowers in Enrollment. Cole is under the understanding the Ogema's office has a budget for this. Porter suggested having one point person to send flowers. Speaker Parsons stated the key is to be informed of a death in a timely manner. Shepard asked if it would be appropriate for Kimberly Alexander to email births and deaths to government employees. Medahko thanked Morris for bringing this issue forward.

Cole asked Council go to the Administration office to view the children's art that was created over the weekend. McCatty asked about the activity.

Cole stated this was Super Saturday, which is a youth activity funded through the education budget.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Approval for Submission of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Indirect Cost Proposal for FY 2003

McCatty asked what changes were made to the new document as she did not receive a new copy since the work session. Bussey stated the dates were changed, page numbers on everything and the index was updated. McCatty asked about the section that was to be deleted. Bussey stated the depreciation section was deleted upon Sam's request. Bussey stated if we can get this rate, it will be negotiated with the Office of the Inspector General. 48.4% is the figure that is being put out for negotiation purposes. 42.96% was asked for last time and the Tribe received 34.3%. Bussey stated the space cost plan is included for 2003 which gives the square footage and dollar figure was done per square foot and brings in 1/2 million dollars to the Tribe.

Janine Sam arrived at 10:58 a.m.

Bussey stated we need to look at health dollars and may be shorted \$400,000 for indirect costs. Bussey stated there is a position for an indirect cost person and watching this budget for us. Porter asked when this was due to be submitted. Bussey stated the proposal is due July 1, 2002.

Speaker Parsons stated Recorder duties are back with Janine Sam.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0515-01, APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS INDIRECT COST PROPOSAL FOR YEAR 2003; by Porter; supported by Kleeman.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

2. COPS Tribal Resources Grant

Bussey stated there is an error on the paperwork and should list three 45-caliber pistols. Approval is requested to submit a COPS

Tribal Resources Grant to the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$118,609. The Grant requires a Tribal Cash Match of \$39,609. Bussey stated the funding would probably be approved around August or September. Markowski asked what this grant was for. Speaker Parsons read from the executive summary and provided the purposes of the grant. Castonia asked why clothes are provided. LaPorte stated uniforms have been provided by a police force since he has been involved in law enforcement. LaPorte stated the Tribe will be hiring five full-time and three part-time officers.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #02-0515-02;
 COPS TRIBAL RESOURCES GRANT; by Kleeman;
 supported by Medahko.**

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

LaPorte stated he received a thank you from the schools for the buddy reading system. Sam suggested contacting the News Advocate. Bennett asked how long this has been going on. LaPorte stated this has been happening since he was hired.

3. Questions for Gubernatorial Forum on June 28th

Bussey distributed documentation to go with this item. Medahko asked if these are the questions that will be asked. Bussey stated these will need to be narrowed down to three questions. Medahko asked if there were people committed to attend. Bussey stated he would not be doing that. Speaker Parsons stated the Ogema did share this with the Council and the Ogema will be passing this on to his successor.

B. CMT Business

1. FYI - FF&E/Provisions Update

Fisher stated the materials listed in book B has recently been ordered and there is a sixteen-day delivery on these items.

2. FYI - Art Update

Fisher stated there has not been much progress since the last report. Fisher is aware this matter does need to be addressed. Fisher

stated the CMT will be working on this matter tomorrow and make a conscious effort to get through this.

McCatty asked the delivery dates on the previous item. Fisher stated approximately two weeks.

3. FYI - Monthly Report

Fisher stated work is underway for the monthly report for Saturday's Council meeting. Fisher asked if the Council wanted to see anything additional in this report. Kleeman asked to see what has been spent in the contingency line and what is left. McCatty asked for some pictures of the resort be placed in the newsletter.

4. Change Order to Davis for \$6,560 for Sign Bases

Fisher stated the change order was not signed by Dave Schultz, but he is aware of this and is in agreement with it. Bennett asked if these signs were already installed. Fisher stated they have not yet been installed. Fisher stated there are many contractors involved in this project. Bennett asked the size of these signs. Fisher stated he could bring the sign package back to the Council. Sam stated she took a ride at the casino property and it was hard for her to read the signs because the lettering seemed small, and voiced concern regarding whether elderly customers would have trouble. Speaker Parsons clarified this item is from the contingency. McCatty asked Fisher if this was an additional proposal. Fisher stated it was always known that cement work would be associated with the signage. Fisher stated it was assumed that the concrete work included the bases, which it did not. McCatty stated rather than using Davenport would use Davis. Fisher stated this was discussed and Davenport was not willing to do it and this was also discussed with the Tribe's construction company.

John Bussey and Dan Shepard left at 11:22 a.m.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #02-0515-03, AUTHORIZIN THE TRIBAL OGEMA, OR IN THE ABSENCE OF, THE TRIBAL COUNCIL SPEAKER TO SIGN THE CHANGE ORDER TO THE DAVIS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY CONTRACT TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CMT FOR THE TIMELY COMPLETION OF CONRETE WORK FOR EXTERIOR SIGNAGE BASES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,560.00; by Kleeman; supported by Porter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

5. Change Order to Davis for \$16,442 for Retaining Wall

Fisher stated there is a picture included in the packet. Fisher stated he has in his possession a package of invoices that are related to the equipment that was scheduled to be purchased through the grant that Porter was referring to during discussion of the item. Fisher stated he was informed there should be no problem for the availability for those purposes.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #02-0515-04, APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CHANGE ORDER TO DAVIS CONSTRUCTION BY THE CMT UTILIZING THE TAX-EXEMPT CONTINGENCY LINE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,442.00 TO COVER THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RETAINING WALL NECESSARY TO ASSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THE EFFLUENT LINE TO THE DRAIN FIELD THAT IS CURRENTLY EXPOSED (BY PROVIDING A MEANS OF COVERING & INSULATING IT) AS IT EXITS FROM THE SBR PLANT: THIS MATTER REPRESENTS WORK AND A COST THAT WAS NOT ANTICIPATED IN THE PROJECT'S ORIGINAL SCOPE OF WORK; by Porter; supported by Ruiter.

Medahko asked about bids. Fisher stated there was a memo from Bayshores asking to consider Davis as a sole source. Fisher stated there would be a savings as Davis is already at the site. Sam asked if any conflict of interest forms have been signed by contractors regarding Cunningham-Limp or Bayshores. Sam would like a piece of paper stating contractors are not subsidiary of Cunningham-Limp or Bayshores. Fisher stated it is his belief Bayshore and Davis are not in any way related.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Approval of Truck Purchase for Commercial Fishing

Speaker Parsons stated this was on the agenda last week awaiting the Ogema's signature on last week's agenda for budget appropriation.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #02-0515-05, APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR PURCHASE OF "NET REEL TRUCK" BY NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT; by Ruiter; supported by McCatty.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

B. Authorizing the Days and Hours of Operation of the Permanent Facility

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #02-0515-06, AUTHORIZING THE DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION OF THE PERMANENT FACILITY, AND STRIKING "MAXIMIZING OPERATING INCOME" FROM THE NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED AND STRIKING IN THE FIFTH WHEREAS "RECOMMENDED"; by Porter; supported by Kleeman.

McCatty had a question regarding the "now therefore it is resolved that" stating the "General Manager based on business needs and maximizing operating income." Speaker Parsons concurred this may be awkwardly worded. McCatty suggested the wording "minimizing the expenses." Sam suggested striking "maximizing operating income" from the resolution. Bennett reiterated Castonia has a concern with children being brought in at 1:00 or 2:00 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

C. Approval of Expenditure by Public Safety Department for Purchase and Installation of Lap-Top Computer Systems for Police Vehicles

Funds used would be taken from the Tribal Resource Grant. Speaker Parsons stated this was reviewed in agenda reviewed yesterday. McCatty asked LaPorte if he received a copy of the packet. McCatty stated she cannot locate the budget for this year's budget. Lisa Foster stated this was from the Tribal Resource Grant from 2000 and is a carryover. Speaker Parsons clarified with LaPorte under technology is where the money is from. LaPorte stated we are attempting to use grants whenever possible. Castonia asked how many laptops are being purchased. LaPorte stated there will be one for every vehicle.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #02-0515-07, APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE BY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT; by Kleeman; supported by Porter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

D. Approving Supplemental Appropriation for Pow Wow Grounds for Costs Associated With Constructing Bathhouse and Installation of Septic System (Capital Improvements)

1. Appropriation for Capital Improvements

Fisher asked about discrepancy in resolutions that \$46,000 was budgeted but asking for \$52,465 of supplemental appropriation. Shepard stated this would need to be addressed as soon as possible because of a six-week lead-time. Sam stated it would be appropriate to determine what part of the general fund this appropriation would be from. Speaker Parsons stated there are two resolutions and can only address the appropriation of money before the expenditure can be approved. House stated \$52,465 is the total appropriation and only the bathhouse will come back for approval because the septic and electrical falls under purchasing policy and would not need to be approved by Tribal Council. Sam pointed out the sixth *whereas* addresses a modification to the FY 2002

operating budget and she believes this would need to be included in other resolutions like the net reel truck.

McCatty asked how many portapotties are used during the pow wow event. Shepard stated 7 or 8 portapotties at one end and 3 or 4 at the turnaround were rented. McCatty had a concern if this facility is going to be large enough. Shepard stated math was done on this with a 10% to 20% increase. Shepard stated there will be two tanks for efficiency purposes. Shepard stated that should be adequate. Shepard stated there will be a couple of portapotties strategically placed throughout the grounds. Porter asked if there will eventually be another bathhouse at the other end of the property. Fisher asked if there was thought given to separate bath and toilet areas. Shepard stated thought was given to dancers for changing but thought it better to have one big area. Medahko asked how the bathhouse could accommodate the pow wow attendees. Medahko stated the shower area is not going to be separated and others could walk in. Shepard stated it is not separated but will not be able to see them. Ruitter stated she has attended areas where the toilets and showers are in the same area and there is no problem with this. Parsons asked about time frame for building this bathhouse. Shepard stated it was estimated to be a 5 or 6 week project.

MOTION TO POSTPONE THIS UNTIL NEXT WEEK; by Ruitter; supported by Medahko.

Sam does not support putting this on next week's agenda.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

E. Resolution Establishing Election Board compensation

Council action is required to complete Ordinance requirements. Sam stated there was a work session with Council regarding this resolution. Sam stated the Election Board would be compensated in the same manner as Commissions. Sam also stated when the Election Board has to be here until a process is done, which may take longer than 24 hours, they could be paid an hourly rate. During that time if traveling in excess of 150 miles, McCatty stated the way she reads this, the Election Board would receive \$100.00 per meeting, up to 4 meetings a month, and for any additional meetings would get the \$15.00 per hour plus mileage. Sam stated if there were 6 meetings, only 4 meetings would be stipend.

McCatty clarified mileage would be received for the amount above 150 miles. Sam stated this was correct. Sam stated she did attend an Election Board meeting and reviewed this with the Board. House stated she did not speak with the Election Board and separated it completely regarding the meetings and rates in which Council would receive notification from the Election Board. House stated in 9.02 of the Commissions Ordinance, can bring forward a resolution to have additional meetings in a month for Council approval. McCatty stated the election period is still not clear to her. McCatty asked if the Election Board can establish the period end date of an election. House stated in the further it be resolved it states the Election Board will submit a resolution to the Tribal Council for election period. Discussion regarding special election circumstances ensued. McCatty asked if this resolution would take care of a staff person coming to work one day a week. House stated she is not aware this would do this but is aware there is an Election Board person who comes in 8 hours per week. McCatty voiced her opinion that this resolution should supercede an individual from coming in and getting paid. Speaker Parsons posed a question to House as follows, since the Election Board is a constitutional entity, is it possible they would have the ability outside the scope of meetings determine if one of their members would be eligible to come in one day a week and be compensated for that? House replied yes. Sam was under the understanding Sue Schultz was coming in on her own time and not being paid.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0515-08,
 APPROVING COMPENSATION FOR ELECTION BOARD
 MEMBERS;** by Kleeman; supported by Sam.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

McCatty asked for clarification if the 150 miles was as a group or for an individual.

F. Authorizing the Use of the Performance Contract Template

Sam verified Council received the performance contract template. Pamela Fahey stated Bill Brooks had originally worked on this template. Fahey stated paragraph 14b and 15a had changes made to them. This states in no way will sovereign immunity be compromised.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0515-09,
 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE PERFORMANCE
 CONTRACT TEMPLATE;** by Kleeman; supported by Porter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

F. Approving the Revised Promotional Policy for Little River Casino Resort

Sam stated this is in regards to eligibility to participate in giveaways for promotions. Sam noted the policy change regards people who reside in the same household of any person working for the resort in any of the categories identified by the policy, whether related or not, rather than naming parents, step-parents, children, and step-children of employees of the resort. McCatty suggested making a change to the “now therefore it is resolved that” regarding the wording. Sam made suggestion to read “changes to the promotional policy as follows:” and striking the rest of that paragraph.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0515-10,
 APPROVING THE REVISED PROMOTIONAL POLICY;** by Porter; supported by Kleeman.

Fisher raised the question Tribal Council and government employees were not included in this. Sam believes this is contained within the Gaming Commission regulations.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

H. Receiving Commission By-Laws for Review; Action Next Week

1. **Binojeeuk Commission**
2. **Enrollment Commission**
3. **Gaming Commission**
4. **Housing Commission**
5. **Natural Resources Commission**

Sam stated the deadline under the Commission Ordinance was this week. House stated all bylaws have been received from all of the Commissions at this time.

MOTION TO POSTPONE RECEIVING AND ACCEPTING THE COMMISSION BYLAWS RECEIVED FROM THE BINOJEEUK, ENROLLMENT, GAMING, HOUSING AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION UNTIL THE FIRST MEETING IN JUNE; by Sam; supported by Porter

McCatty stated the Commissions have worked very hard to get these bylaws in on time.

MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN BY SAM, PORTER WITHDREW SUPPORT.

MOTION THE TRIBAL COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE COMMISSION BYLAWS FROM THE BINOJEEUK, ENROLLMENT, GAMING, HOUSING AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION AND THEREFORE PLACE A NEW AGENDA ITEM FOR THE MAY 29, 2002 MEETING REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE BYLAWS; by Sam; supported by Porter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**I. Modification to Internal Controls
1. Credit Cards**

House stated this resolution becomes effective once this resolution is received by the Tribal Ogema. Medahko asked how the Ogema will receive notice. Sam stated she will hand deliver.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0515-11, AMENDMENT OF LIST OF AUTHORIZED HOLDERS OF TRIBAL CREDIT CARDS TO REMOVE ROBERT GUENTHARDT AND PROHIBITING FURTHER USE OF SUCH CREDIT CARD BY THE OUTGOING TRIBAL OGEMA; by Kleeman; supported by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

2. Check Signers

McCatty had question of “Certain Tribal Accounts.” House suggested striking “Certain” from the resolution. Sam suggested placing in the “now therefore and it is further resolved” the following verbage: “National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois, and any other financial institutions at which the Little River Band holds accounts or funds, within two (2) business days,”

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0515-12, AMENDMENT OF DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED CHECK SIGNERS ON TRIBAL ACCOUNTS TO REMOVE OUTGOING TRIBAL OGEMA, ROBERT GUENTHARDT FROM THE SIGNATURE CARDS FOR THOSE ACCOUNTS, AS AMENDED; by Kleeman; supported by Porter.

House raised concern there may be other accounts that are unknown that require both a signature from Tribal Council and the Tribal Ogema. Parsons stated he spoke with Dan Broton and he was reassured this would not be a problem as there is no requirement. House suggested the Council request a list of all accounts the Ogema is listed on.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

MOTION THE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TRIBAL COUNCIL SPEAKER REQUEST CERTIFICATION AND LISTING FROM THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF ALL BANK ACCOUNTS HELD IN THE NAME OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OR ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBE AND THAT LIST BE ACCEPTED OR REVIEWED BY TRIBAL COUNCIL IN CLOSED SESSION DURING NEXT WEEK, MAY 22, 2002; by Sam; supported by Kleeman.

McCatty stated she is meeting with Broton on Monday to review this and Council is invited.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

3. Payroll Account Procedures

This is to remove the Ogema as check signer for payroll checks.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0515-13, AMENDMENT OF PAYROLL ACCOUNT PROCEDURES TO REMOVE ROBERT GUENTHARDT FROM THE SIGNATURE LINE FOR PAYROLL CHECKS GENERATED FROM THAT ACCOUNT; by Kleeman; supported by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

4. Signature Stamp

House stated this would preclude the Ogema from using the signature stamp and requiring an original signature. Sam made suggestion to change in the “now therefore it is” should read “including, but not limited to, and also “signature stamp, or electronic facsimile.” McCatty asked in the first “it is further resolved” should read “shall take immediate effect.”

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0515-14, RESTRICTIONS ON ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE TRIBAL OGEMA TO PRECLUDE USE OF A SIGNATURE STAMP, AS AMENDED; by Kleeman; supported by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) – May 18, and May 22, 2002**
- B. Public Comment Period**

McCatty stated there is nothing in the resolutions prohibiting the Ogema from making a large purchase. Sam stated there is a limitation under the purchasing policies for making a purchase over \$10,000.

Medahko and Parsons thanked the firekeepers for tending the fire.

Speaker Parsons informed the public that the Council would be going into closed session.

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; supported by Ruiter.

Roll Call


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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

This portion of Open Session was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Debbie Fischer
Temporary Transcribing Assistant


Janine M. Sam
Tribal Council Recorder