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LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 18, 1997

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Robert Guenthardt, at 10:05 a.m. at the 411 River Street office.

B. ROLL CALL. Roll was taken, members present: Bob Guenthardt, Kathy Berentsen, Bill Memberto, Steve Parsons, Chuck Fisher, Kim Kequom, and Don Koon.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA. It was asked to have an addition of Summer Sessions under New Business as A. Moved by Bill M., to accept agenda with additions, seconded by Kathy, all in favor (7), (0) opposed. Motion carried.

D. ADOPTION OF MINUTES. Kathy said she had a comment on Page 2, under Staff Reports, she said that it should be consistent and say "moved by Bill M." instead of just "Bill." Moved by Steve, to accept the minutes with changes, seconded by Don, all in favor (7), (0) opposed. Motion carried.

E. FINANCIAL REPORT. It was asked why there is only one committee receiving stipends. Chris said that it is program #265 which is Planning Development/Housing. He said that it is the Housing Commission that is getting the stipends because it is a commission. Chris stated that budgets need to be in place before the committees can receive a stipend. He also said that back a while ago, it was decided to pay the committees the same as the Council which is a \$25.00 stipend per month. Chris talked about the Compliance plan being worked on by the committees. Mark said that one problem with paying the committees is that right now we don't know who is a part of each committee. Bill M. said that he thinks it would be a good incentive for the people to join the committees. Chris gave an update on the Forest Clinic. He said that the ceilings have been ripped out and the sprinklers are being installed soon. He

stated that the wallpaper has been chosen and the carpeting is being selected. Chris said that we should be out of the current buildings by the end of June for sure with a 30 day notice to the building owners. Kathy asked if we will be hiring movers or expecting the staff to do that. Chris said that we will for some things such as the filing cabinets, desks, and other large, heavy items. He said that we will have a professional do the wallpapering and possibly having Tribal members to do the painting. Moved by Bill M., to accept the financial report, seconded by Kim, all in favor (7), (0) opposed. Motion carried.

F. STAFF REPORTS. Mark talked about the Women's Health Awareness Day that was held at the Civic Club on Saturday, May 17, 1997. He said he attended the luncheon and mentioned that it was a good turn out. Mark said they had a talking circle with very good sharing involved.

Bill Brooks then talked about things that could happen with the distribution plan. He said that if there is a per cap payment to the Elders, that would be okay. Other Tribes are giving per cap payments to Elders only. The distribution could take a while to go through also. Bill M. talked about referendum votes and the importance of addressing need. The Council then discussed options of putting money towards land acquisition, education, Elders, etc. Bob suggested have another meeting in Grand Rapids. Bill B. talked about who would be eligible for the per cap payments. He said that people would not be able to collect from this Tribe and then go to another Tribe to collect. Bob said that they should touch on the eighth blood issue.

Bob asked if there were anymore questions on the staff reports. Kathy said that in the last minutes it was said that the reports should be typewritten. Bob said yes and that this has been taken care of at the staff meetings. Bill B. brought up that at the last Management Team meeting it was asked if there were any funds to go into a contract with Michigan Indian Legal Services to help deal with the Indian Child Welfare issues. Bill M. said he'd like it if the Council could be given a report of CHR home visits, transports, etc. It would be nice to know how many people are being serviced. Mark stated that it really is important if we know the numbers of people serviced for the justification of funding. One instance is the Food Commodity Program. In November 1996 there were only four people being serviced and now there are 38. Bill B. asked for a motion to proceed to negotiate a contract with Michigan Indian Legal Services. Moved by Kim, to approve a motion to proceed to negotiate a contract with MILS, seconded by Bill M., all in favor (7), (0) opposed. Motion carried. Bill B. said he has been talking with Missy about the housing surveys and many plan to return to the service area and many need jobs. Bill M. then expressed different views pertaining to the housing surveys and the service area.

G. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS. Present: John Koon. Staff present: Mark Dougher, Bill Brooks, and Chris Holz.

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. SUMMER SESSIONS. Bob asked everyone if they were comfortable with having a summer work session one night per month during the week from June through September. These will be the Council meetings and the work sessions will be called as they are needed. They will be held on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Kathy asked if this could please be put in the newsletter. Moved by Bill M., to have summer sessions on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Kim, all in favor (7), (0) opposed. Motion carried.

Bill B. said that there needs to be some support for a grant that is for the membership. Moved by Bill M., to motion for grant support, seconded by Chuck, all in favor (7), (0) opposed. Motion carried.

Bill B. talked about the Grand Traverse Band Council training on July 9-11, 1997. He said that Tammy will be taking care of the rooms.

B. CHR TRANSPORT POLICY. Mark said the policy was drafted by the Health staff and reviewed by the Health Board and the Management Team. The Health Board had some minor revisions. Mark asked if they wanted to have a work session on this and ask for some public input on this. Bill M. suggested informing the Elders since this will effect them.

IV. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

A. MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

B. NEXT MEETING

C. ADJOURNMENT. Bob asked for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Bill M, to adjourn at 11:00 a.m., seconded by Chuck, all in favor, (7), (0) opposed. Motion carried.

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