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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 1997**

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Robert Guenthardt, at 6:05 p.m. at the 411 River Street Tribal office.

B. **ROLL CALL.** Roll was taken by Chuck, members present: Bob Guenthardt, Kathy Berentsen, Don Koon, and Chuck Fisher. Kim Kequom and Bill Memberto present through conference call later in the meeting. Absent: Steve Parsons.

C. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA.** Kathy said she would like to add under New Business, B., CHR Transport Policy that was held over from the May 18, 1997 meeting. Due to the absence of two resolutions in the Council packets, Bob would like to add them to the agenda for the Council to review and act upon. Bob asked for anymore changes, none were made. Moved by Kathy, to accept the agenda with an addition, seconded by Chuck, all in favor (4), (0) opposed, (1) absent. Motion carried.

D. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES.** No one had any changes of the minutes. Moved by Don, to accept minutes without changes, seconded by Chuck, all in favor (4), (0) opposed, (1) absent. Motion carried.

E. **FINANCIAL REPORT.** Bob announced that Chris is out of town so there will not be a financial report for this meeting. Bob said that it could probably be tabled until next month's meeting.

F. **STAFF REPORTS.** Kathy asked about Yvonne's report, regarding the set up of cultural classes such as Pow Wow dancing to start in June. Diane said that Yvonne has not gone through the Cultural Preservation committee with this yet. Kathy also wanted some clarification on Missy's report. Kathy said that she thought that if someone was staff liaison they were not necessarily appointed to

a committee or commission. Kathy said that Missy has on her report, "as a member of the Housing Commission and a staff liaison to the Commission...". Kathy said that she thought you had to be one or the other, not both. Bill B. said that it could potentially be a problem and that's why Jay resigned from the Cultural Preservation committee so he could be the liaison to the committee. Bill B. said that it is something that may need to be checked on, but it is not technically subject to the Committee Procedures Policy. Kathy asked if the commissions have to follow the policy as well. Bill B. said no, they do not have to. Kathy asked if there is a specific blood quantum (eighth, quarter, etc.) to be on the committees or commissions. Bill B. said that it is generally provided in the ordinance that establishes the specific commission. Bob asked if anyone else had a question or comment on the staff reports. Bill B. said that by the next Council meeting, the Fee To Trust applications for both Manistee Orchard parcels (the gaming parcel and the 85 acre parcel across U.S.-31, which we're looking at doing the Community/Governmental Center) and the Orchard Landing and Indian Village parcels will have been submitted to the BIA. He said that hopefully this week all of the documents will be compiled, copied and forwarded on to the BIA. Bill B. said that he has asked most of the staff to go through the Personnel Policy to look for any sections that need clarification or they have questions on. He said that Mark and himself will be going through the policy with the staff to sort through issues at the end of this month. Bill B. said that shortly after the July Council meeting he will probably have some revisions to the policy. Bob said one thing he'd like to report on is that the Tribe gave the okay to start the clean up of the dump sites on the gaming parcel and that it should start sometime next week. Bob said that Fensco, Inc. of Grand Rapids was hired to do the job and Harland's agreed to be the dump site. Bob said that there were a total of five bids submitted. He also said that they could probably clean up the site in two or three days and it would be about three to four weeks before all of the tests and samples are done. Moved by Chuck, to accept the staff reports, seconded by Don, all in favor (4), (0) opposed, (1) absent. Motion carried.

G. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS. Present: Bob Campeau, Larry Campeau, John Koon, and Jerry Guenthardt. Staff present: Diane Lonn, Tammy Carter, Jay Sam, Bill Willis, and Bill Brooks.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPOINTMENT OF GAMING COMMISSION. Bill W. said that there are currently six applications for this. He also said that the background checks are one of the most important things concerning the commission. (Kim, Chris, and Bill M. were brought into the meeting through the conference phone.) Bill W. said he hasn't actually talked with the applicants regarding meeting dates,

salary, etc. Kathy suggested that background checks be run on all six instead of one at a time or a couple at a time to save on money and to cut the time on the waiting period. Bill B. suggested call of the people to come to the office to talk with Bob and Bill W. to see how interested these people are. Bob went through the list of interested people and those included Tom Shepard, Eugene Behling from Boyne City, William Thomas Cross from Lansing, Donald H. Hewitt, James Campeau, and Tom Guenthardt. Bill M. said he thinks Bob, Bill W. and possibly Connie Waitner should interview all of the applicants. Bob said that this will be tabled until the next meeting. Moved by Chuck, to table the appointment of Gaming Commission until the July meeting, seconded by Don, all in favor (6), (0) opposed, (1) absent. Motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS.

A. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF GAMING PARCEL PROPERTY. Bill W. said that on May 17, 1997 the Land Acquisition/Use Committee met with Bill Mrdeza, the Committee Development Director of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe to try to come up with types of development that could take place within the gaming parcels. The land was broken down into three parcels and then brainstorming began on each parcel. Bill W. said that there were four people at this meeting. He then read off the list of ideas that were suggested at this meeting. For parcel 1, which is on the north side of U.S.-31 (a 152 acre piece), the following was suggested. Bill W. said that they called that the Casino/Resort parcel. The types of development identified were a restaurant, an RV park, a hotel, a convention/conference center, a concert hall/theater, a strip mall/retail, a Bingo hall, and an outdoor amphitheater. There were also two other types of development identified on that parcel that were non-casino related and those included a credit union and trout ponds. For Parcel 2, which is the parcel on the north side of Dontz Road (a 200 acre orchard), the following was suggested. Bill W. said that they called that the Recreation parcel. The types of development identified were a golf course (possibly 18 holes), farming/orchard, biking/hiking/cross-country trail, an archery range, a fun/water park, Pow Wow grounds, roller skating arena, bowling alley, and a miniature golf course. For Parcel 3, which is the south side of U.S.-31 (85 acres), the following was suggested. The types of development identified were a convenience store, Pow Wow grounds, a utility/maintenance building, housing/Elderly assisted living complex, a waste water treatment plant, a pistol range, and a physical services complex which would house fire, police, and ground maintenance type people. Bill W. said that it would be nice if the committee and the Tribal Council could come to terms with the types of development so the architect could draw up a master plan. Bill B. said that he thinks the Tribe will probably have to get together with North American Gaming, Espey Huston, and environmental agencies as to what the land would be most suitable for and desirable to the

people for a resort. Jay suggested having a work session on this to get more ideas. Bob suggested to table this until after a work session. Moved by Chuck, to table the Proposed Development of Gaming Parcel Property, seconded by Kim, all in favor (6), (0) opposed, (1) absent. Motion carried.

B. CHR TRANSPORT POLICY. Kathy explained that the Health Board reviewed this and had some minor changes. The first change dealt with the age of children needing a parent to accompany them. The policy stated the age 18 and it was pointed out that there are a lot of 18 year olds who are on their own at that age and even some younger that were emancipated. It was suggested to lower the age to 16 and those who are emancipated need to show proof. Kathy said that that was all the Health Board had. It was suggested to have a work session on this including the Elders for their input. It was decided to have the Health Board meet with the Elders at their meeting on Saturday, June 7, 1997. Moved by Chuck, to have the Health Board meet with the Elders, seconded by Don, all in favor (6), (0) opposed, (1) absent. Motion carried.

C. RESOLUTION NO. 97-0602-0_ CONDITIONAL SUPPORT OF MANISTEE COUNTY LAND USE PLAN. Discussion was lead on the resolution. It was decided to table this so Bob and the Council can write a letter to Kurt Schindler and the Manistee County Planning Department expressing their disagreement. It was decided to have Bill (did not state which one) and Jay write up a draft letter. Moved by Chuck, seconded by Don, all in favor (6), (0) opposed, (1) absent. Motion carried.

D. RESOLUTION NO. 97-0602-01 SUPPORTING APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM. Bill B. said that Yvonne has been talking to Nancy Kenny at the Children's Community Center to help the Tribe get the early head start program set up. It would be for children ages newborn (0) to three (3) years old and would be open to Tribal members as well as the rest of the public. Bill B. said that the application for this needs to be turned in by June 20, 1997 along with a letter of support or resolution from the Tribal Council. This program is something that the Five Cap Head Start does not have, but now that Yvonne talked to Mary Trucks, the Five Cap Head Start Director, they want to apply now. Bill M. asked if we have enough children out there to start this up. Kathy said she thinks that Yvonne must have done the research and knows there is a need otherwise, she wouldn't be spending her time doing this grant. Moved by Kathy, to support Resolution No. 97-0602-01 Supporting Application to Establish Early Head Start Program, seconded by Chuck, all in favor (4), (2) opposed (Kim and Bill M.), (1) absent. Motion carried.

IV. CONCLUDING BUSINESS.

A. MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS. Diane brought up that the Tribe is going to have a dinner "Honoring our Elders" on June 28, 1997. She said that she has talked to the Cultural Preservation Committee and that they are aware of this and she has talked to the Administration and they are in favor of it as well. She is in the process of sending out invitations. Diane said she has a drum, a pipe carrier, and a medicine man coming. She said that she is working with the Traditional meals money and all of the food is going to be traditional. Pictures will be taken of the event for everyone to see. Diane is personally calling the Elders to see if they need a ride and would also like to invite the Tribal Council. It is going to be at the St. Joseph Civic Club at 5:00 p.m. It is going to start off with the drum doing a song, then smudging to be done by Jay, a prayer, then the dinner, afterwards the drum will play again, then J.D. Gibson, the pipe carrier will do a pipe ceremony and explain some things about medicines and herbs.

B. NEXT MEETING. Bob said that the next meeting is the first Monday in July which would be July 7, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. Kim brought up that the Council will be going to the GTB Council Retreat on July 9-11, 1997.

C. ADJOURNMENT. Bob asked for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Bill M., to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Don, all in favor (6), (0) opposed, (1) absent. Motion carried.

D. CLOSED SESSION. The Tribal Council then went into closed session following the adjournment.

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