



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 10, 1996

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Robert Guenthardt at 6:35 p.m. Roll Call: Robert Guenthardt, Kathy Berentsen, Bonnie Kenny, Margaret Chandler, Jerry Koon. Staff present: Diane Lonn, Tammy Carter, Denise Pieczynski, Susan North, Bill Brooks. Absent: Mark Dougher and Barb Wheeler.

Adoption of Agenda. A motion was made by Jerry to accept agenda, Kathy seconded, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes. A motion was made by Kathy to accept May 5, 1996 minutes with no changes. Jerry seconded, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

Financial Report. This was sent to Council members in their packets and there were no questions. Chris presented to the Council forms that will be given to all employees regarding signing an authorization and understanding statement. Also what was attached was a Confidentiality Policy and Agreement. These will be signed by all employees to stick in their personnel file. The purpose of these is to check a persons employment history and see if anyone has been convicted of a felony. If convicted of a felony the person would be given the chance to explain why, we want to be aware of these things. The approximate cost of the background check is \$50.00 per person. These policies will be voted at June 17, 1996 special meeting. Kathy made a motion to accept financial report, Jerry seconded, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed, motion carried.

Staff Report. Susan North's report was enclosed in packets mailed to the Council members. Diane Lonn said she is still getting enrollment applications in and has about 40 more files that she has been working on. Tammy Carter said she has been working with Ann Campeau to make up employee manuals to give to all employees. She has started organizing meeting minutes files and is still working on them. Always miscellaneous office task to do. Denise Pieczynski said she has been working on her computer putting in patient registration and

now she is linked to Bemidji with her computer. Mark Dougher was absent and Kathy said that they need a written staff report from Mark. Barb Wheeler was also absent but Susan's report told of the things Denise and Barb have been working on. It was suggested by the Council that all staff write a written report to be submitted to the Tribal Council in their packets and therefore this would take up less time at the Council meetings and these reports would be on file. The office staff that were present said this would be no problem.

Introduction of Guests. No guests were present at this meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE GREAT LAKES FISHERY TRUST. The Natural Resource Committee has recommended John Koon and Dave Schultz, they would jointly hold these positions. They would have no voting power. Grand Traverse Band would possibly give its vote to Little River Band or Little Traverse if they were more impacted by vote than Grand Traverse. There would be a scientific advisory team who would put together research project for Little River, Little Traverse along with other parties. There is some 20,000 acres along Manistee River in Wexford County to go to DNR but they may go into trust fund to be disposed of later. The tribe has the option on 1400 acres for three years (first right of refusal). Jerry made a motion to nominate John Koon and Dave Schultz, seconded by Kathy, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

VIDEO OUTLINES APPROVAL OPENING DOORS GRANT PROJECT BY JAY SAM. The Cultural Preservation Committee approved an outline on May 14, 1996. Kathy made a motion to accept the "Opening Doors Grant Project," seconded by Bonnie, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

GREAT LAKES FISHERY TRUST. Deed for transfer of land at Indian Village and Orchard Landing they were going to reserve mineral rights and tribe asked that deed be amended to not allow surface drilling. John Koon asked if we are going to have it surveyed now or wait for casino property. Two parcels have been surveyed by the Forest Service possibly have done for \$600.

WELL & SEPTIC. It was suggested that this be tabled until Mark can speak on this.

POLICY REGARDING WHETHER TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS CAN ALSO BE TRIBAL EMPLOYEES. It was felt that the Council should not be kept from employment. If a conflict of interests they would be excused from personnel issues. Moved by Kathy, seconded by Bonnie, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

FILL THE TWO VACANT POSITIONS ON THE TRIBAL COUNCIL. It was motioned from the floor to fill one vacancy at a time. Kathy motioned to appoint Steve Parsons to fill one seat on the Tribal Council, supported by Bonnie, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried. Margaret motioned to appoint Bill Memberto to fill the second seat on the Tribal Council, supported by Bonnie, all in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

IV. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING. The next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 1, 1996 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to go into a closed session regarding a personnel matter.