



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
Sunday, June 13, 1999
Noon**

MINUTES

PRAYER – Notes did not reflect who conducted prayer for this meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER – by Joan Spalding at approximately 12:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL – by C. Fisher.

CONSENT AGENDA

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – None available.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Only Gaming Commission's Minutes were available.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Deferred to 6/18/99-work session.

STAFF REPORTS – Deferred to 6/18/99-work session.

ATTORNEY REPORT – Need for Clarification of Manager's Report was noted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment portion of meeting involved discussion of Open House for the Casino, a flexible format for Dealer's Training, Hiring of Tribal Members for the Casino, and discussion of some of the details related to benefits at the casino were among the topics that were brought up.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LOAN DOCUMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT LOAN WITH COMERICA BANK AND AGREEING TO A LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY. (SUBMITTED BY B. BROOKS).**

Draft loan documents were provided to Council in May and discussed during the May 20th Special Session. An outline of the Comerica Loan documents is attached. Loan covers total development cost (construction/pre-opening) for Phase I facility. Need to finalize to have funds available for draws later this month. Draft documents have also been reviewed by the NIGC. **RESOLUTION 99-0613-01 was approved by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.**

- B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH MANISTEE GAMING LLC**

**AND AGREEING TO A LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVERIGN IMMUNITY.
(SUBMITTED BY B. BROOKS).**

Draft loan documents were provided to Council in May and discussed during the May 20th Special Session. An outline of the Reimbursement Agreement and Security Agreement is attached. These documents protect Manistee Gaming in the event that (1) the Tribe defaults on its obligation under the loan with Comerica (i.e., fails to repay loan) and (2) Manistee Gaming is required to repay the loan under its guaranty. Draft documents have also been reviewed by the NIGC.
RESOLUTION 99-0613-02 was approved by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. AUTHORIZE DISPURSEMENT OF PER CAP FUNDS TO MINORS REACHING THE AGE OF 18 DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE. (SUBMITTED BY D. LONN).**
The 80/20 plan and Ordinance 98-200-04 require Council approval of disbursement of funds held in trust for minors. The following persons turned 18 in June and have requested disbursement of their funds. **RESOLUTION 99-0613-03 was approved by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.**
- B. RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT ANY ADVANCES FROM TRIBE'S LINE OF CREDIT BE AUTHORIZED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL. (SUBMITTED BY C. WAITNER).**
In order to give Council a better handle on expenses and to permit more rational decision making on expenditures, limiting use of line of credit is needed.
RESOLUTION 99-0613-04 was approved by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.
- C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRIBAL OGEMA OR, IN HIS ABSENCE, THE TRIBAL COUNCIL SPEAKER, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY PROVIDING ACCESS TO FOSTER CARE PAYMENTS AND TITLE IV-B SERVICES PAYMENT AND SERVICES PAYMENT FROM SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT FUNDS. (SUBMITTED BY B. BROOKS & C. FISHER).** FIA has presented standard agreement to Tribe. Agreement authorizes FIA to accept foster care placement orders from the Tribal Court and permits payment of certain foster care and service payments. If the child is Title IV-E eligible, the State will cover half of the cost of care with federal funds covering the rest. For non-Title IV eligible children, the State would cover half of the cost of care, with the Tribe being responsible for the other half. The Tribe's share could come from the contract the Tribe has with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. Tribe will need to agree to follow certain procedures with respect to children placed in care: hold review hearings in the Tribal Court in not less than six months; assure certain procedural safeguards for children and parent. **RESOLUTION 99-0613-05 was approved by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 abstentions.**

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

In this public comment portion of the meeting, there was a brief discussion of the tribal audits that are in process.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting dates were addressed. Next regular session noted to be 6/24 and worksessions were noted on 6/17, 6/18 and 6/22.

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION

Open session adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Meeting moved into closed session at approximately 3:15 p.m. to address the following listed items.

LITIGATION UPDATE. (B. BROOKS).**CONSIDERATION OF STIPENDS FOR LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS BUSINESS BOARD.****ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Closed session was adjourned, the meeting moved into open session and then adjourned.