

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JULY 13, 1998

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I. PRAYER. The prayer was given by Al Medacco.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Guenthardt at approximately 6:10 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL. The roll was taken by Chuck Fisher. Present; Kim Kequom, Steve Parsons, Kathy Berentsen, Don Koon, Bob Guenthardt, and Chuck Fisher. Bill Memberto arrived later.
- C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA. Moved by Kathy to adopt the agenda as is, seconded by Kim, all in favor (6) K. Berentsen, C. Fisher, K. Kequom, D. Koon, S. Parsons, B. Guenthardt. Opposed (0), Absent (1) B. Memberto. Motion carried.
- D. ADOPTION OF MINUTES. Kathy had a correction to the Special Meeting minutes from May 24th, 1998, under New Business A, the all in favor should be changed to (3) and (1) opposed. Moved by Kathy to adopt the minutes of May 24th, 1998 with changes, seconded by Kim, all in favor (6) C. Fisher, K. Kequom, D. Koon, S. Parsons, B. Guenthardt, K. Berentsen. Opposed (0), Absent (1) B. Memberto. Motion carried.
- E. FINANCIAL REPORT. There is a financial report in the Tribal Council packets, but Chris is on vacation so he will not be giving an oral report. Moved by Kim to adopt the financial report, seconded by Don, all in favor (6) K. Kequom, D. Koon, S. Parsons, B. Guenthardt, K. Berentsen, C. Fisher. Opposed (0), Absent (1) B. Memberto. Motion carried.
- F. STAFF REPORTS. Moved by Steve to accept the staff reports, seconded by Kim, all in favor (6) S. Parsons, B. Guenthardt, K. Berentsen, C. Fisher, K. Kequom, D. Koon. Opposed (0) B. Memberto. Motion carried.
- G. TRIBAL MANAGER REPORT. Bob said that he thought we were going to get some gaming approval down in Lansing two weeks ago, but that failed, it didn't make it to the floor. We have been working on trying to get our construction company set up. Bob said that everyone in the office has been busy, and all programs seem to be going well. Bob introduced all the staff that were present at the meeting.

- A. HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR POSITION. Moved by Kim to table this until after the budget meeting, seconded by Don, all in favor (7) S. Parsons, B. Guenthardt, K. Berentsen, C. Fisher, K. Kequom, B. Memberto. Opposed (0), Absent (0). Motion carried.
- B. FILL VACANCIES ON NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION. Pat Ruitter and Al Medacco are both interested in being appointed to new terms of four years. Pat and Al were each appointed to complete terms of positions vacated by Tom Guenthardt and Jay Sam. Notice was placed in the June newsletter regarding these vacancies. Kathy asked what the response from the newsletter was and was told that there were no responses. It was run in the newsletter for two months. Moved by Kathy to appoint Al Medacco, and Pat Ruitter to the Natural Resource Commission, seconded by Don, all in favor (7) C. Fisher, K. Kequom, D. Koon, B. Memberto, S. Parsons, B. Guenthardt, K. Berentsen. Opposed (0), Absent (0). Motion carried.
- C. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO PERSONNEL POLICIES INSTITUTING PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING CRIMINAL HISTORY/BACKGROUND CHECKS ON EMPLOYEES. Need for standardized procedure to replace "AD HOC" process was discussed at the June 8, 1998 Council meeting. This procedure will also ensure Tribal compliance with Federal laws relating to employees who will have regular access or control over children. Bill B. said that the need for standardized information is particularly important for positions that have any kind of responsibility that involves regular contact or control over children. There is a Federal law that requires that certain information be obtained on those persons before they are hired. Bill B. said that it is his understanding that a criminal history check is conducted on people after they are hired. What is before the Tribal Council are some amendments to the Personnel policies which would provide that character investigations include a criminal history check and reference check are going to be performed on all applicants for employment with the Tribe, and there are specific provisions in there to assure compliance with Public law 101-630. Discussion followed. Moved by Chuck to approve the amendments to the Personnel policies, seconded by Don, all in favor (7) K. Kequom, D. Koon, B. Memberto, S. Parsons, B. Guenthardt, K. Berentsen, C. Fisher. Opposed (0), Absent (0). Motion carried.
- D. DISCUSSION OF REVISED DRAFT OF LIQUOR CONTROL ORDINANCE. There were some revisions made in the draft based on Attorney review. This was for information only and will be handled at the Tribal Council work session on July 26, 1998.
- E. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COLLECTIONS POLICY DEVELOPED PER NAGPRA GRANT. This will be handled at the July 26, 1998 Tribal Council work session.
- F. DENTAL PRIORITIES. Dental expenditures are drastically exceeding the budgeted allocation for those activities. Steve said there are three options for

that proposal. That proposal was approved and now the Council has to send a resolution saying that we are willing to accept those foster care payments. Discussion followed. Moved by Steve to approve Resolution # 98-0713-01 (To add Little River Band to ITC's current Child Care Fund/BIA Social Services Contract), seconded by Don, all in favor (6) D. Koon, B. Memberto, S. Parsons, B. Guenthardt, K. Berentsen, C. Fisher. Opposed (0), Abstaining (1) K. Kequom. Motion carried.

- M. APPROVAL OF LAND ACQUISITION/USE COMMITTEE-COMPLIANCE PLAN. Jay said that the Tribal Council already adopted the Land Acquisition/Use Committee By-laws. The compliance plan information the Tribal Council had asked for is identified. Discussion followed. Moved by Bill M., to accept the committee compliance plan, seconded by Don, all in favor (6) B. Memberto, S. Parsons, B. Guenthardt, K. Berentsen, C. Fisher, D. Koon, Opposed (1) K. Kequom. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS (IRR) INVENTORY. Bill B. said that this was for information only and went on to explain some of this. Discussion followed.
- B. APPROVAL FOR SEPTIC SYSTEM FOR COMMUNITY CENTER KITCHEN FACILITY. Jim said that the two items that need Council approval for expenditures in the excess of \$2500.00 are the septic system with lowest bid being \$2500.00. There is a kitchen cabinet for the kitchen center and right now we have six different bids of which \$3200.00 is what they would like to spend. There is a cheaper cabinet but it would not be as good. Moved by Bill M. for approval of septic system for the Community Center kitchen, seconded by Don all in favor (6) B. Guenthardt, K. Berentsen, K. Kequom, D. Koon, B. Memberto, S. Parsons, Opposed (0), Abstaining (1). Motion carried.
- C. LITTLE RIVER MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. Jim said that a Special Council session in May, he told the Council that he would return with a recommended list of candidates for the Little River Bands Maintenance and Construction Company, at this time he has seven tribal members who have expressed interest. At the August 10, 1998 Tribal Council meeting he will be recommending four persons. This is for information only.
- D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT. This grant application is due September 1, 1998. At this time, they wanted to bring before Council, this agenda item for discussion with both Council and membership so that they don't commit themselves to something that they can't do. Due to application regulations, they must have a Tribal Council Resolution to submit with the application. The top priority that they have looked at is Land Acquisition for Tribal Housing. The maximum amount is \$400,000. We would probably target \$200,000 to \$250,000 at this time. There was no motion on this at this time.

V. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

- A. PUBLIC COMMENT. Jim Compeau asked about getting an office in the Community center for the Gaming Commission. Steve said the offices Down stairs of the clinic are vacant at this time. Jim will check back.

Brenda Hyma read a letter updating the activities of the Cultural Preservation Committee and also about the Pow Wow. Janine said that the Education Committee submitted a work plan and budget that was approved by Tribal Council unfortunately the line item for contract services in the amount of \$2,000 was not included in the final budget and so they have cancelled their tutoring program for the summer and she just wanted the council to be aware of that in the future if we could make sure that the program budgets that are outlined on actually reflect what the committee submits. Al Medacco had some questions for the Pow Wow Committee.

- B. NEXT MEETING – The next Tribal Council Meeting will be August 10, 1998 at 6:00 P.M. at the Tribal Community Center in Manistee
- C. ADJOURNMENT. Moved by Bill Memberto to adjourn meeting at 10:17 P. M. Seconded by Bob Guenthardt. All in favor, Steve Parsons, Bill Memberto, Bob Guenthardt, Kathy Berentsen, Kim Kequom, Chuck Fisher, Steve Parsons, Donald Koon

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