



# Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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## TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 5, 1996

### I. GENERAL BUSINESS

Bob called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and asked Kathy to take roll call. Present: Margaret Chandler, Steve Parsons, Bill Memberto, Jerry Koon, Bob Guenthardt, Kathy Berentsen. Absent: Bonnie Kenny (resigned).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA. Moved by Bill M., seconded by Jerry. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. Moved by Steve, supported by Bill M. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT. Chris gave the report on the Pow Wow Committee and what funds to pay bills from. He also gave the status as of now what funds were available where. Moved by Bill, supported by Jerry. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORT. All staff reports were mailed to the Tribal Council in their packets. Moved by Jerry, supported by Steve. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS. Andy from Bay Mills Indian Community and Eric Perkins from MSU. Eric gave us an archeological update and said that they had a very successful summer. He worked along with eight other students from MSU this summer at Indian Village. They found many artifacts. Dug out four houses and put test units in them. Found many animal bones, which will tell us about the diet. Found many personal items such as: beads, trapping tags with names on them, canned goods with labels, also found spare change.

## II. OLD BUSINESS

TRIBAL FLAG. The Cultural Preservation Committee would like the Tribal Council to assume cost of the Tribal Flag. Motion moved by Kathy, supported by Bill M. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

BATTLE POINT CEMETERY. Bill Willis, Jay and Bill Memberto need a motion by Council to approve a coordinated effort to take care of the graves eroding in the rivers for the last 40 years. Average of two to three body remains washing out every year. No one has money to help. Something needs to be done now. They need a motion to make federal and state contacts to see what can and should be done and make recommendations to the Council. Moved by Steve, supported by Kathy. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

LAND ACQUISITION AND USE COMMITTEE. They need a motion by Council to approve their goals and responsibilities statement to define area of goals and responsibilities of the committee. Moved by Jerry, seconded by Kathy. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

## III. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR GUN LAKE BAND. Should we support their efforts to obtain federal recognition? Bill M. was concerned if we support this group, what will happen to the other Grand River tribes. Mark didn't think the BIA saw who was giving other tribes support. He thinks they will get recognized with or without our support. Mark doesn't feel it is relevant or necessary in their acknowledgment to the BIA. Bill M. motioned to table this resolution for further discussion, supported by Jerry. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF OPPOSITION FOR PROPOSED U.S. 31 BYPASS THROUGH SPOONVILLE SITE. It is a mound site near a by pass site for U.S. 31 along the Grand River. This would totally destroy the sites of a by pass to be put here. Jay said we need to send a letter saying we oppose this route to the mayor of Grand Haven because it will be harmful and disrespectful to the site. Resolution #96-0805-01 moved by Kathy, supported by Jerry. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR NAGPRA ALLIANCE. Bill Willis said this would be an Inter-tribal alliance (hopefully supported by the state) so we could get all the human remains that people (DNR, etc.) came upon. Right now the remains don't go to the tribes, they go to the schools (universities) for study and

dating. Bill M. is concerned that if no tribe is found, the remains are stated to go to the nearest tribe not in the service area. Andrew said the wording can be changed. Resolution #96-0805-02 moved by Bill M, supported by Jerry. All in favor 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS. The Education Committee has received some grant money (\$25,000) from the BIA for scholarships they would like to award college students who need assistance going to school. There is no set limit, just based on need. The money will be awarded first come first serve. The Council would like the committee to set a cut off date so someone cannot come back later and say they are in more need and want money. Motion to support Resolution #96-0805-03. Moved by Bill, supported by Steve. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

SUPPORT FOR S.A.G.E. COUNCIL. The SAGE Council's purpose is to preserve, protect and promote the language, tradition, history and spirituality of the anishnabe people of the Great Lakes. The SAGE Council would like one or two representatives from each tribe to be members. Motion to support Resolution #96-0805-04. Moved by Kathy, supported by Steve. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried. Steve made a motion to nominate (elect) Bill Memberto as our representative in the SAGE Council, support by Kathy. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF TRIBAL NAGPRA REPRESENTATIVES. The Council needs a motion to appoint Bill M., Jay, and Bill W. as Tribal NAGPRA Reps for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. It may not be necessary for all of them to attend at once, just so someone will always be at the meetings. Motion of support by Steve, supported by Jerry. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

DONATION FOR MCC AUTUMN FLING. MCC is asking for a donation to auction off at their fling. The Council suggested a hat and T-shirt. We are out of T-shirt, so a hat is what will be donated. Motion moved by Kathy to donate a hat, supported by Bill M. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEETING'S SCHEDULE. Mark doesn't want the Council to decide when each committee meets, he just wants to set a standard (example: every second Thursday is Education, first Monday the Council meeting). Just so people coming from out of town will have a set schedule. They can still have special meetings. Bill Brooks said we can post a calendar in the newsletter.

TRIBAL REPRESENTATION ON MICWA BOARD. The Council needs a resolution to approve Bill M. and Kim Kequom as alternates the two tribal reps for the MICWA board, with Bob as Chairperson. Mark said he probably should

of done this earlier but he took the time now to introduce the new employees and explain their duties and background. Mark introduced Kim Kequom, Giana Wright and Yvonne Parsons. Resolution #96-0805-05 to have Kim and Bill represent Little River Band on MICWA board. Moved by Kathy, supported by Jerry. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE WORK SESSION AND TRIBAL COUNCIL TAKE ACTION MEETING. A motion for the Council to have two meetings a month. The second one being just to go over legislative documents. Kathy said two meetings is fine, she may not be able to be here. Bill Brooks said it's just a work session so come if you can. First work session is August 18, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. In the fall the regular Council meetings will go back to the second Sunday of the month. The work sessions will be the fourth Sunday of each month. Motion moved by Kathy, supported by Jerry. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

#### IV. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Next meeting will be Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Steve asked about a procedure for resigning. Bob said they received a letter from Bonnie that she resigned. The new position will be filled promptly. People can express interest and be nominated from the floor. Kathy made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. (the open session), seconded by Jerry. All in favor, 1, (0) opposed. Motion carried.

Closed session for job recommendation for Natural Resource Coordinator and ICW Caseworker.