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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2001  
LITTLE RIVER BAND COMMUNITY CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Community Center on September 5, 2001. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Bob Stone lead the Tribal Council in prayer.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call To Order:**

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting of Wednesday, September 5, 2001, was called to order at 1:08 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Present	C. Fisher – Present	T. Kleeman – Present
L. McCatty – Present	P. Medahko – Present	S. Parsons – Present
E. Porter – Present	P. Ruitter – Present	J. Sam – Present

Quorum established.

Others Present: Leatrice Castonia, John Bussey, Robert Stone, Al Medacco, Gary Markowski, Dan Shepard, P. Morris, Jo Anne House, Bill Brooks, Kathleen Block

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Porter would like to add Reaffirmation Day under New Business.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ADDING  
REAFFIRMATION DAY AS NEW BUSINESS H.; by  
Kleeman; support by Ruitter.**

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruitter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**D. Tribal Council Minutes**

**7/11/01 Minutes**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF 7/11/01;** by Kleeman;  
support by Ruiter.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Abstain	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**7/18/01 Minutes**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF 7/18/01 WITH  
CHANGE IN LAST PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION,  
SHOULD READ, “NATIONAL CENTER FOR INDIAN  
JUSTICE” INSTEAD OF DALE CARNEGIE;** by Kleeman;  
support by Porter.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**A. Public Comment Period**

Al Medacco asked if the GSA vehicle issue regarding use was resolved. Parsons assured Medacco that this was discussed with Bob Davis and should be resolved.

Bob Stone stated that he would like all Committee members to go through a background check. Stone stated that he had heard about dropping blood quantum. He went on to state that if per capita payments are made that they should not be given to anyone who is below one-quarter Indian. Gary Markowski stated that he thinks they are already keeping records on people who are one-eighth.

Al Medacco asked about U.S. Coast Guard testing cost for commercial fishing in the Great Lakes. A class is being offered that costs \$1,000.

Sam stated that there is vocational funding available in the Education Department for this.

**II. Continuing Business**  
**A. Grants & Contracts**

Bussey noted that there were no pending matters to present at this meeting.

**B. CMT Business**

Fisher noted that there were no pending matters to present at this meeting.

**III. Old Business**  
**A. Appointment of William Memberto to the Binojeeuk Commission**

Medahko stated that Memberto does attend Binojeeuk meetings regularly. This vacancy was advertised by postcard to the membership.

**MOTION TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM MEMBERTO TO THE BINOJEEUK COMMISSION FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM;** by Kleeman; support by Porter.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**B. Appointment of Kim Crampton to the Binojeeuk Commission**

Medahko stated that Crampton's attendance has been sporadic and at times unable to reach her by phone. She has attended approximately two (2) out of five (5) to seven (7) meetings. Crampton does not live in the area.

**MOTION TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF KIM CRAMPTON TO THE BINOJEEUK COMMISSION FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM;** by Porter; support by Fisher.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – No
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Abstain	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – No	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

**IV. New Business**

**A. Approving Renewal of "Retail On-Site General" Liquor License for Little River Casino Resort for Calendar Year 2002**

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 01-0905-01, APPROVING RENEWAL OF "RETAIL ON-SITE GENERAL" LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2002;** by Porter; support by Kleeman.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**B. Release of Judgment Funds Held in Trust For Certain Minors Reaching the Age of Majority**

Stone raised the question if children have to obtain a high school education and a money management class before the money would be given to them? Brooks stated that this is not the case.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 01-0905-02, AMENDING THE SECOND PAGE TO REMOVE THE "/SECRETARY", FOR RELEASE OF JUDGMENT FUNDS HELD IN TRUST FOR CERTAIN MINORS REACHING THE AGE OF MAJORITY;** by Kleeman; support by Medahko.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**C. Update of Proposed Commercial Fishery Programs and Plans**

Brooks provided update on commercial fishing. This is geared toward entrepreneur fisherman versus Tribal enterprise. Brooks stated Tribal members are in need of training on how to use nets. There have been two individuals that have gotten their Coast Guard certificate without initiative of being reimbursed. There is \$3,925,000 available in trust fund for project. Page three (3) of memo will be moved to Closed Session due to terms of negotiation that are represented and should be confidential.

Informational only – no action required.

**D. Resolution Approving Consulting Agreement with Linda Woods, MSW to assist Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health Services Program**

Several questions were raised regarding if RFP from other contracts, are we currently CARF accredited and is there a separate Be-Da-Bin department now. Fisher asked if we were receiving funding from ITC. John Bussey will investigate funding issue.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE ACTION UNTIL AFTER WORK SESSION WITH HEALTH, BE-DA-BIN, OGEMA AND COUNCIL;** by Kleeman; support by Sam.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**E. Landowner Permission – BIA Roads**

Resolution is necessary to begin infrastructure for housing development.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 01-0905-03, GRANTING RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR BIA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ON TRIBAL LANDS;** by Kleeman; support by Fisher.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**F. BIA – Service Area Expansion Approval**

FYI only – No action required. Received notification that HIP service area expansion was approved.

**G. Budget and Finance Response to the Ogema Regarding 2002 Budget Submission**

Response will be sent back to the Ogema within 5 (five) days

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ELAINE PORTER, CHAIR, TO RESPOND TO OGEMA REQUESTING THE REVIEW PERIOD BE EXTENDED, SCHEDULE MEETINGS WITH DEPARTMENTS AND REQUEST A COMPLETE BUDGET WITH NUMBERS AND NARRATIVES THAT CORRESPOND;** by Sam; support by Kleeman.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**H. Re-Affirmation Day Recognition**

Porter proposes that Council sponsor a dinner on Re-Affirmation Day with speakers to make presentations.

**MOTION TO HAVE COUNCIL SPONSOR RE-AFFIRMATION DAY EVENT;** by Porter; support by Ruiter.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**V. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) – September 12, 2001; September 15, 2001**

**B. Public Comment Period**

No public comment.

*The purpose of closed session is to discuss business matters considered privileged or confidential, involving consideration of bids/contracts, pending legal issues, and/or personnel matters.*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN OPEN SESSION;** by Kleeman; support by Fisher.

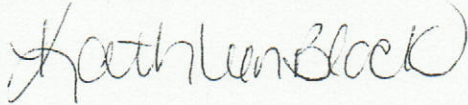
**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
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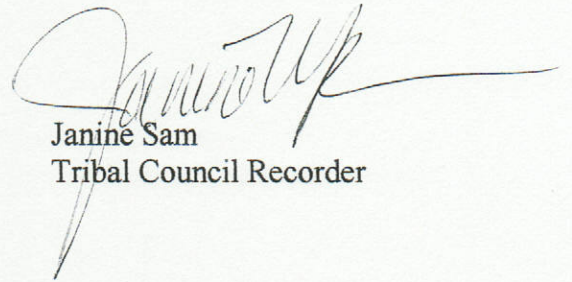
Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Open Session was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen Block  
Transcribing Assistant



Janine Sam  
Tribal Council Recorder



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ADDENDUM**

The following item was moved from Closed to Open Session on 9/5/01.

**VII. Open Session**

**A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

Parsons suggests that we move the CMT Process agenda item to Closed Session next Wednesday as the first item of business. Fisher suggested having a work session on Tuesday after agenda review regarding other items for CMT business.

**MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE CLOSED SESSION THE MOTIONS REGARDING TWO LETTERS TO MANISTEE GAMING AND THE ROLL CALL VOTES REGARDING THOSE ITEMS TO THE OPEN RECORD; by Sam; support by Porter.**

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Absent
L. McCatty – Absent	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (6-0-3-0)

**MOTION TO HAVE TRIBAL COUNCIL SPEAKER WRITE LETTER TO MANAGEMENT COMPANY WITH COPY TO TOM DAVIS REQUESTING LETTER TO COUNCIL OF WHY MASTERS EDUCATED TRIBAL PERSON NOT HIRED; by Sam; support by Porter.**

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Yes	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Absent
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)



**MOTION TO ADJOURN;** by Sam; support by Medahko.

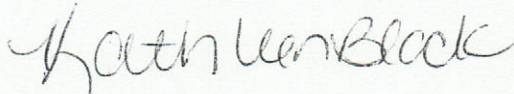
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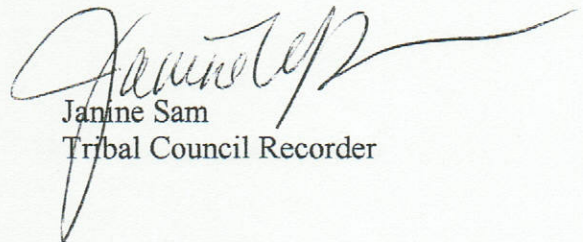
Motion carried (6-0-3-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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