



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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 12, 2001. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

The Tribal Council engaged in a silent prayer.

II. General Business

A. Call To Order:

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting of Wednesday, September 12, 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 – Absent	S. Parsons – Present
E. Porter – Present	P. Ruiter – Present	J. Sam – Present

Quorum established.

Pamela Medahko is ill.

Others Present: Alice Linscott, P. Morris, Leatrice Castonia, Bill Willis, John Bussey, Tresa Shawnoskey, Kim Alexander, Jessica Wissner, Candace Chapman, Joan Spaulding, Katherine Glocheski, Gary Markowski, Kenny Pheasant, Phillip Memberto, Jo Anne House, Kathleen Block

C. Approval of Agenda

Fisher stated would like to move III. B(1) to New Business Item E., postpone III. B(2) and III. B(3) until September 19, 2001 meeting. McCatty requests to add police dog report to the agenda.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA WITH CHANGES OF
MOVING III. B(1) TO NEW BUSINESS ITEM E.,
POSTPONE III. B(2) AND III. B(3) UNTIL SEPTEMBER 19,**

**2001 AND ADDING POLICY DOG REPORT AS NEW
BUSINESS ITEM D; by Kleeman; support by Porter.**

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

D. Tribal Council Minutes

8/22/01

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 22, 2001
AS PRESENTED; by Ruiter; support by Kleeman.**

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

8/29/01

**MOTION TO APPROVE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF
OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL REGULAR
MEETING OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 29, 2001; by Porter; support by Ruiter.**

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

E. Public Comment Period

No public comment.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

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

B. CMT Business

1. Little River Casino Naming Alternatives

Moved to New Business E.

2. Art Consultant

Removed from agenda.

3. Status of Phase I Presentation 8/29/01

Tabled until 9/19/01.

There will be a work session regarding gift shop and referral to Economic Development for business plan.

I. Old Business

A. Approving Budget Modification to Appropriate General Revenue Funds for an Amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 for Expenses Associated with Renovation Tribal Property at 148 Ford Street

Council did receive the 3 bids from the Housing Commission and had an informal discussion with the Housing Commission. Council does not have anything formal from the Commission in terms of how to proceed.

MOTION TO REMOVE THIS ITEM FROM THE AGENDA UNTIL HOUSING COMMISSION RE-PRESENTS THE BIDS; by McCatty; support by Kleeman.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (6-2-1-0)

Parsons will contact Housing Commission regarding bids. The renovation will give us the option of renting it or being able to sell it. Fisher stated he voted no because there was no mechanism to follow-up which Steve took care of by stating the Housing Commission will be contacted.

B. Appointment of Tammy Carter to the Enrollment Commission for 2 year term

MOTION TO APPOINT TAMMY CARTER TO THE ENROLLMENT COMMISSION FOR A 2 YEAR TERM STARTING SEPTEMBER 12, 2001 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 2003; by Kleeman; support by Sam.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

C. Appointment of Alyce Giltz to the Enrollment Commission for 2 year term

MOTION TO APPOINT ALYCE GILTZ TO THE ENROLLMENT COMMISSION FOR A 2 YEAR TERM STARTING SEPTEMBER 12, 2001 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 2003; by Porter; support by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

D. Appointment of Katherine Glocheski to the Enrollment Commission for 4 year term

MOTION TO APPOINT KATHERINE GLOCHESKI TO THE ENROLLMENT COMMISSION FOR A 4 YEAR TERM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12, 2001 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 2005; by Sam; support by Fisher.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

E. Resolution Approving Consulting Agreement With Linda Woods, MSW to assist Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health Services Program

MOTION TO TABLE CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH LINDA WOODS, MSW TO ASSIST BE-DA-BIN BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM INDEFINITELY; by Fisher; support by McCatty.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

II. New Business

A. Acceptance of Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program Funds from HUD and Approving Budget Modification to FY2001 Operating Budget

In the past, in some instances, we have been awarded grants, the Ogema has arbitrarily signed the award and it hasn't come before Council. In order for accounting to do anything with the funds basically there has to be a resolution. The resolution will accept the money, amending the operating budget authorizing the Ogema, or in his absence the Speaker, to execute whatever documents necessary to accept those funds.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 01-0912-01, ACCEPTANCE OF INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG) PROGRAM FUNDS FROM HUD FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY AND APPROVING MODIFICATION TO OPERATING BUDGET FY2001 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000; by Kleeman; support by Sam.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

B. Acceptance of Language Preservation Program Grant from ANA and Approving Budget Modification to FY2001 Operating Budget

This grant was received from the Administration for Native Americans. The amount of money listed in the resolution is only for year one and the grant is actually a 3-year grant.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 01-0912-02,
 ACCEPTANCE OF LANUAGE PRESERVATION
 PROGRAM GRANT FROM ANA AND APPROVING
 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO OPERATING BUDGET
 FY2001 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,858; by Porter; support by
 Sam.**

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

C. Cost of Living Adjustment

Sam distributed memorandum regarding cost of living adjustment. This was a memo provided by Dan Broton with a copy to Bob Davis. There is a proposal for the cost of living adjustment. Sam noted the Council has handled this item differently in the past from what can tell by a past action. We have accepted these adjustments both by resolution and by motion. This adjustment is built into the budget on an annual basis and is also part of the personnel policy of the tribe that there will be a cost of living adjustment made on a semi-annual basis.

Sam proposed that we approve this by motion today and then send a letter to the Tribal Ogema asking him for a written policy, how the information is to be handled, when it would be generated, who has the authorization to sign it into effect and then we would be done with this type of item.

Glocheski stated that she opposed the Council giving themselves raises. Fisher clarified that this raise was Little River Band Government-wide and not just Council.

**MOTION TO APPROVE COST OF LIVING
 ADJUSTMENT; by Kleeman; support by Sam.**

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

D. Police Dog Report

McCatty read report from Bob Davis stating the K-9 dog has been taken out of service and it would be inappropriate to train her for police work. Kelly Brischke has volunteered to take the dog permanently and that is Bob Davis' recommendation. Castonia and others do not agree that the dog should be given away as it cost \$5,000. Kleeman stated that Ms. Brischke was paid mileage for transporting the dog, dog food, and paid for damage the dog did to her car. Porter stated that Ms. Brischke did not get a personal gain by taking care of the dog. Bennett stated she has concern with the lady we purchased this dog from works at our casino.

Discussion ensued regarding costs encompassed with the dog and why Kelly Brischke was chosen to keep the dog at no charge. Porter requests to see list of charges related to the dog since we received him. Porter states this is not appropriate to discuss until we have all the facts in front of us. Sam states that the dog was simply an equipment purchase. We have thousands of dollars in computers that have been outdated and are no longer of use to the Tribe and yet we are not requesting any reports on the disposition of that equipment. Sam states the report was shared with Council as a courtesy because the Council had initiated some discussion about investigating this dog. Administration has the authority to dispose of equipment as it sees fit. Sam stated it was appropriate to request an audit of how Administration is complying with the grants. Sam stated we should adopt policies to govern purchases. Council would like to see verification of all costs and expenses associated with the dog.

MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL WE HAVE ALL FACTS REGARDING THE K-9 DOG IN A WRITTEN REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS; by Porter; support by Kleeman.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (5-3-1-0)

D. Little River Casino Naming Alternatives

There was a 2 page listing of suggestions that were reviewed at various points in time by Council, CMT and Operations. The list was narrowed yesterday in a work session with Council. Sam stated Council should have a schedule of how and when items need to be implemented.

Glocheski stated that the Elders should be involved in choosing the names for the new casino. Sam and Fisher stated that they went to an Elders meeting, received no response and referred it back to Tribal Council. Porter stated that no commissions, committees and group of people acted on the naming alternatives. Porter stated that someone needs to take a lead on this. Discussion ensued regarding naming alternatives.

Sam suggested forming a sub-committee to come up with alternative names for the facility and have those names back to Council by Monday morning. The volunteers for such sub-committee are Phillip Memberto, Chuck Fisher, Tresa Shawnoskey and Katie Glocheski. Kenny Pheasant volunteered to translate the names into the Indian language to also be included on the signs. If there are other members interested in volunteering on the subcommittee for naming alternatives they are welcome to attend. The naming alternatives will be added to the September 15, 2001 Tribal Council agenda.

MOTION TO REQUEST ALTERNATIVES NAMES FROM A SUBCOMMITTEE COMPRISED OF PHILLIP MEMBERTO, CHUCK FISHER, TRESA SHANOWSKY AND KATIE GLOCHESKI AND PUT THIS ITEM ON AGENDA OF 9/19/01; by Sam; support by Porter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

III. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) – September 15, 2001; September 19, 2001

B. Public Comment Period

Glocheski suggested that someone show the new casino interiors at the membership meeting on 9/22/01.

Joan Spalding stated that the Binojeeuk Commission would like to invite Council to meet with them and MICWA on Thursday, September 20 at 10 a.m.

McCatty stated that Re-Affirmation Day is Friday, September 21 and the Tribal Council is hosting a dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center.

McCatty announced there is a language conference and Pow Wow on November 2 and 3, 2001 in Muskegon at the corner of 3rd and Clay at the museum.

Candace Chapman stated that there needs to be an accurate flow of information. Chapman raised a concern of dropping the Community Development Sub-Committee. Parsons stated we are still trying to look at alternative means of having Council members attend meetings outside of this area.

Chapman stated her credibility was affected by accusations made at a Council meeting. Somebody had insinuated that information regarding contract health services was not put in the newsletter when in fact it was. Chapman was very offended. Chapman would like to see recourse be taken with documentation supporting communication.

Sam is working on completing roll call records and motions to the membership separately from the newsletter. That would be a report of Council that has to be sent to the membership. Sam asked the question if it is the newsletters responsibility to inform Tribal members of changes in programs and changes in criteria or should there be separate mailings by those individual departments to the Tribal membership so that information is communicated. Porter stated that Council made a commitment to send a quarterly news report to the membership and this has happened only once.

Bennett asked the question of who the top boss of the newsletter is. Bussey stated that it was his understanding that Chapman will be moving to the building next door and will report directly to Bob Davis.

Chapman will complete policies and guidelines for the newsletter. Chapman stated that newsletter mailing is done in bulk and not first class because Chapman was told to cut costs. Bussey recommended having a separate newsletter database for newsletter distribution so more than one newsletter does not go to each home. Sam stated Chapman is responsible for assembling the newsletter and putting it into its format but is not responsible for the content, which is a big difference.

Shawnoskey made recommendation of having website with information for the Tribe's membership. House stated that Josh Guthrie is considering outsourcing this particular project because it is a labor-intensive project.

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 AND GO INTO CLOSED SESSION; by Ruitter; support by Kleeman.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

This portion of the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m. Council reconvened in open session at 3:45 p.m.

VIII. Open Session

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

No items to move to Open Session.

Re-Affirmation Day - Porter updated Council regarding Re-Affirmation Day dinner. She stated that Jay Sam will be giving a speech and is taking care of drums. Janine Sam recommended having Dan Bailey and Katherine Glocheski read their testimony. Speaker will invite Glocheski and Bailey to speak at the dinner.

IX. Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Sam; support by Kleeman.

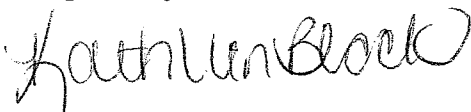
Roll Call

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

Motion carried. (8-0-1-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen Block
Transcribing Assistant



Janine Sam
Tribal Council Recorder