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LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1994  
MINUTES

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Call to order at 6:55 p.m. by Kathy Berentsen, at the office.
- b. Roll Call: Board members present - Daniel Bailey, Marcella Leusby, Margaret Chandler, Anne Avery, Kathy Berentsen,. Absent - Bob Guenthardt, Bonnie Kenny. Mary Oleniczak was proxy for Bonnie Kenny. Staff present - Mark Dougher, Ginger Johnson, Diane Lonn. Guest present - Jim Bransky from MILS, and Tammy Carter.
- c. Adoption of Agenda. Motion was made by Dan to accept the agenda with out revisions, seconded by Anne. Passed unanimously.
- d. Adoption of Minutes. Motion was made by Marcella to accept the minutes with out revisions, seconded by Anne. Passed unanimously.
- e. Finance Report. No finance report was submitted by Loretta Staff the accountant.
- f. Diane and Ginger submitted written staff reports. Mark gave an oral staff report. His report is as follows. Little River has a workshop scheduled for September 25, 1994, to work on the Constitution. We will have to move the workshop back until noon because of the Native American workshop day at Trinity Lutheran Church that day. The saving account the Little River has at Security National Bank has 3 signatories on the account. The signatories are Bonnie Kenny, Bob Guenthardt, and Nick Bailey. We need to remove Nick Bailey from the account, since he's not on the board. Kathy suggested that we put Diane on the account. Motion made by Kathy to put Diane's name on the account, seconded by Marcella. Passed unanimously. In the ANA grant proposal we have money set aside to have a professional planner come provided training to Little River concerning our goals and objectives. Mark contacted Kim Epley to do the training. Kim would like to come here sometime in November for a weekend work session. Mark spoke about the meeting in Sault Ste. Marie. Mark, Diane, Bob, and Marcella had meetings with the BIA and Inter Tribal. LTBB also attended the same meetings. Frank, Al, and Marcia attended. The meetings went well. Inter Tribal has the understanding that once we are federally recognized that we will be joining Inter Tribal. In that case, we will need 5 board members from our community to attend their full meetings. Kathy made a motion to accept the staff reports, seconded by Margaret. Passed unanimously.

g. Public Comment. No public comment at this time.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

a. Status of Federal Legislation. Congress just recovered. We just found today that there is going to be a signing ceremony next Wednesday, September 21, 1994. The signing ceremony could be cancelled at any time if we decide to invade Haiti. In any case the bill will still be signed by the President. Plus it becomes law anyways after 10 days. There is to be 1 representative from each tribe at the signing ceremony, which will probably be the chairman. We are trying to get more invited, but it's up to the White House. If you do get more invitations, either send Katie or Margaret. Margaret gave us permission to try to schedule dialysis for her in a hospital in Washington, so she could attend. We should present a gift to the President. What should we present? Margaret's going to check into some beadwork from her family members. LTBB have set a celebration date for October 22, 1994. We will be invited, so we should invite them. When to have our own celebration? Tentative dates are for October 15, or 16, 1994. We set up a committee to discuss celebration plans. The committee consists of Diane, Kathy, Tammy, Anne, Marcella, and Mary, and possibly Jerry. They are going to met at the office, on Sunday, September 18, 1994.

b. Proposed Revisions to the Constitution. ARTICLE III - Membership. Delete section 1d. and put b. from the handout. Which should state that the people should descend from the Durant Roll and have lived in Manistee/Mason/Lake/Wexford counties at the time that the Durant Roll was published. Motion to accept amendment made by Kathy, and seconded by Marcella. Passed unanimously. ARTICLE V - page 6. Elections. Two handouts were given to board members. Letters a - g are the current election procedures. The next two years are going to be a critical time for Little River. We would like to keep the same board members during this time, since the are up to date on what's going on. Otherwise we would have to have an election in the Spring and we could have a whole new council. Once the President signs the bill, they won't be a board of director's, but a Interim Tribal Council. Amend Section 1.a and 1.b of the Constitution, so that is doesn't mandate an election in the Spring. Also we could have a public hearing to hand out copies of the Constitution before an election, so that the membership can make an rejections and revisions to the Constitution before and election. Motion ot admend ARTICLE V section 1a and b, motioned by Anne, and seconded by Kathy. Passed unanimously. Handout was given to board members on ARTICLE 14. A motion was made by Margaret to add a paragraph to ARTICLE 14, to explain the purpose of an interim document. The motion was seconded by Marcella. Passed unanimously. Jim said that there was still some editing changes that needed to be done. He will edit the Constitution and bring copies at the next meeting. Jim questioned about 33% of membership and elections. He

also questioned about the difference between registered voters, qualified voters, and eligible voters. Members that can vote first must be eligible, but they must also be registered. Special meeting was set for this Sunday, September 18, 1994, at noon, at the office,

to discuss the Constitution and celebration plans.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Nothing was discussed at this time.

### IV: CONCLUDING BUSINESS

- a. Next meeting was not determined at this time.
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 8.05 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Anne. and seconded by Marcella. Passed unanimously.

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Board Meeting at office

7:55 P.M.

and did

Present Marcella, Margaret  
Mary <sup>proxy</sup> - (Bonnie) Kathy, <sup>Guest</sup> Tammi  
Jerry

~~Staff~~ Staff: Mark, Ginger, Di  
lawyer; Jim

Adopt agenda

Annie - motion  
Margaret - support  
Passed

I d. Adop. Marcella - motion  
Annie - 2nd Passed

e. Finance Report - Tabled

f. Pet lunch 25th 12:00

therefore, church 10:30

Trinity L. Service can be  
made by those

Need 3 person on Security  
Bank

Dan - motion Di and <sup>Marcell</sup> 2

I f.

ANA - Grant Planner  
 meets w/ board on commitments  
 for tribe over next 10 yrs  
 Identify our goals & responses  
 We need <sup>to</sup> look at long term  
 vision; Like to meet  
 with us in November  
 2 people open to public  
 weekends.

Aug 30 in Sue meet  
 w/ Bureau (Bob, Marcella  
 Dan, & Mark went) how  
 would we proceed w/  
 Kathy motion accept; Margaret 2nd Pas  
~~Patricia~~

G. Public Comment

None

II. Old Business

a. Park states Congress  
 re convene when  
 call from Killedey  
 will be signing ceremony  
 Wednesday 21st.  
 depending on Haiti  
 only 1 person will  
 be invited; Patsy time  
 to get 2 or 3 more  
 people to or will not

Worried about Margaret  
getting dialist Mark permission  
asked for Margaret to  
try and get dialist some  
how

Usually → present is given  
a gift Dan  
Margaret going to get  
a gift for Bill  
Little traverse tent for  
Oct. 22

Over tent. 15-16

Chair Di, Kathy, Marcella  
Annie, Mary, Tammy  
Sunday 1200 official

B. Article III - membership  
(b) add Lake d Wexford

Kathy Motion to approve,  
Marcella 2nd; Passed

Section 1.

(a) Mark feels important  
to keep some board for  
next 3 yrs.

after Bill is signed in  
Law can't change  
agreement

Article 5 section 1 a & b  
submitted for Article 5

1996 Annie Motus, Kathy  
Znd passed

Article 14 ~~Par 9~~ 3

~~Article 14~~ Margaret Motus  
Marcella Znd passed

editing corrections

Preamble - Tube

Annie adjournment 8:05  
Marcella Znd Passed

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1:45 Kathy called meeting to order  
The meeting was held at the  
office.

Present: Margaret, Marcella, Annie, Kathy  
Absent: Dan, Robert, Bonnie  
Staff: Di and Mark

Guest: Jerry<sup>G</sup>; Spring, Tammy C.

### III New Business

This was being finished from  
prior meeting of Sept. 15, 1994.

A. Voting on Bylaws admendments  
make.

Preamble

"Little River Band" **AND** the "Tribe."  
delete and the "Band"

Annie motion, Margaret 2nd  
All in Favor I; Passed

Article I - Name

delete organization to Tribe

cap. T in treaty

Kathy motion, Marcella 2nd

All in Favor I; passed



Article II

Change ~~Band~~ Tribe  
Margaret motion, Annie 2nd  
All in Favor I; Passed

Article III

Sect. 1 change ~~Band~~ Tribe  
Section 2 " ~~Band~~ Tribe  
Section 3 Change ~~Band~~ Tribe  
Section 4 change ~~Band~~ Tribe d  
re-phrased word of 1st  
sentence.

Kathy motion, Margaret 2nd  
All in favor I; Passed

Article IV

Section 3 change ~~Band~~ Tribe  
Section 4 (c) change ~~Band~~ Tribe  
Section 7 Changed wording to be  
more clear but have  
same meaning.

Section 11

(A) 2- change ~~Band~~ Tribe

Sub-section 1 change ~~band~~ Tribe

Section 12

change ~~Band~~ Tribe  
Margaret motion; Marcella 2nd  
All in Favor I; Passed

Article IV

- Section 1 change Band Tribe
  - Section 2 of (added)
  - Section 3 (c) change shall not be eligible to; cannot  
(f) change Band Tribal
  - Section 4 (a) change Band Tribe  
board of directors Tribal Council  
(c) change Band Tribe
- Kathy motion, Annie 2nd  
All in Favor I; passed

Article VI

- Section 1 (b)-3 change eligible registered  
(c) change Band Tribe  
(d) change Band Tribe  
and eligible to registered  
(e)-b. change Band Tribe
- sub-section 2 Band Tribal

Section 5 (c) re-written  
(referred to page 9)

Section 6 (a) change Band Tribe  
Marcella motion; Margaret 2nd  
All in Favor I; passed

Article VII

Section 1	(a)	Change Band Tribe
	(e)	" " "
	(f)	" " "
	(k)	" " "
Section 2	(l)	Band's Tribe's
Section 4	(m)	Band Tribe

Kathy motion; Marcella 2nd  
All in Favor I; passed

Article VIII

Change Band Tribe  
Change Bands Tribe's  
Annie motion, Margaret 2nd  
All in Favor I; passed

Article IX

Section 1 (a) Change Band Tribe  
 (b)-1 change eligible to registered  
 change Band Tribe  
 -3 change eligible registered  
 4 change eligible registered

Section 2 (b)-2

change eligible to registered  
Marcella motion, Margaret 2nd  
All in Favor I; passed

Article XI

Section 1 Change ~~Band~~ Tribe  
 Margaret motion; Kathy 2nd  
 All in Favor I; passed

Article XIV

Changed ~~qualified~~ registered;  
~~Band~~ Tribe; eligible registered  
 Kathy motion; Marcella 2nd  
 All in Favor I; passed

Article XVI

Correct date to September 18  
 Marcella motion, Margaret 2nd  
 All in Favor I; passed

If date for signing ceremony changes  
 Mark will inform us. Dan will  
 be the only one going to White House

Di will work on the potluck for the  
 25<sup>th</sup> probably will start at 12:30.

Mark stated that on the 25<sup>th</sup> we  
 will be reviewing the last chapter  
 of our ethniel history. Maybe some  
 information is incorrect or left  
 out. Ann has done a fine job

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but it is our history. Other people will be reading it so make sure it is understandable.

Di reminded us of the special service for Native Americans at Trinity Lutheran Church.

2:15 P.M. meeting Adjourned

Next meeting will be held on October 11, 1994 at 6:00 P.M. at the Tribal office. There will also be an enrollment meeting Tuesday October 4, 1994 at 6:00 P.M. at Tribal Office.

Annie motion, Kathy 2nd  
All in Favor I; Passed