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LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2002  
LITTLE RIVER BAND DOWNTOWN OFFICE  
TRIBAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Downtown Office Tribal Council Conference Room on Friday, September 20, 2002. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

In accordance with Article IV, Section 6(c) of the Tribal Constitution, the business to be transacted at this Special Session shall be limited to the specific purposes stated below:

**I. Opening Prayer**

The Tribal Council engaged in a silent prayer.

**II. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m.

**III. Roll Call**

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

Quorum established. (8-0-0-1)

Others Present: Leatrice Castonia, Pat Morris, Eugene Zeller, Jonnie Jay Sam, II, Jo Anne House, Kathleen Block

**IV. New Business**

**A. Tribal Councilor Concerns Regarding Tribal Ogema Responses And Follow Up**

Kleeman stated this was accepted in Open Session at a prior meeting and does not know why this memo is on the agenda. Parsons would rather request written follow-up rather than address each one individually. Parsons stated some of these items have been discussed almost weekly. Parsons asked if there were pressing issues with this list. Ruiter stated

some of the items have been discussed and acted on. Ruiter suggested keeping the list and what we don't have answers to the Ogema would bring answers.

McCatty stated she believes the memo is what was requested to be on the agenda. Parsons stated that we do have a memo but that some of the items have been followed up on, some are in the process, are there any portions of this memo that are over riding concerns or issues to this day.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE OGEMA FOLLOW-UP MEMO FOR FILING, AND STRIKING "SINCE JULY" WAS REMOVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING AND WAS NOT OFFICIALLY DOCUMENTED AND THE LAST SENTENCE IN THE BACK WAS REMOVED;** by Kleeman; supported by Fisher.

The Ogema asked that the memo that may be circulated be the corrected one.

**Roll Call**

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Jo Anne House stated objection during the roll call vote. Parsons asked Sam to continue roll call.

Medahko stated she might have voted differently if she heard the conversation between House and Parsons. House stated there are personnel items that are listed and suggested that they stay in Closed Session. The Ogema asked if Council accepts this list in the memo, if this opens the Closed Session items. House believes this is true.

McCatty stated this was added to the agenda at Wednesday's meeting. McCatty stated there was a need to put this item on today's agenda. Sam stated these items have been discussed during the Ogema/Council meeting which is not a Closed Session meeting and if there is a concern maybe they should be determined to be closed items. Sam stated names are not listed in the memo regarding personnel issues. Sam believes the public is aware of all the items that are on this list. House stated maybe the Council needed to change the protocols for the Ogema/Council meeting. House stated the memo was submitted by an individual Councilor. House stated Sam identified appropriate discussions that have taken place. Kleeman stated she did have input from other Councilors when writing this memo.

Ruiter stated during the meeting with the Ogema/Council the doors are not locked and people come and go. Ruiter stated if we have to make this Closed Session then lets make it Closed Session.

Sam suggested to the Ogema that it might be helpful for him to submit a response to the memo of what items have been completed. Fisher responded to Kleeman's comment regarding that "other Councilors worked on this memo with her" and does not believe that was done in a meeting of the Council.

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE PREVIOUS MOTION;** by Fisher.  
 (This motion does not require support)

**Roll Call**

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

Motion failed (4-4-0-1)

Ruiter stated this document was already in Open Session and if there is an issue maybe the Ogema/Council meeting should be in Closed Session

*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; supported by Sam.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	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 (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION;** by Kleeman, supported by Medahko.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	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 (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING;** by Kleeman, supported by Ruiter.

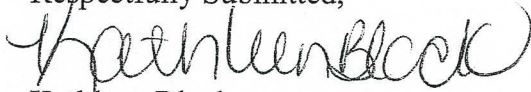
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L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen Block  
Transcribing Assistant

  
Janine M. Sam  
Tribal Council Recorder