



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Board of Director's Meeting
Minutes for October 12, 1993

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: 6:45 p.m. by Chairman Dan Bailey.

B. Roll Call: Board members present - Dan Bailey, Bonnie Kenny, Margaret Chandler, Bob Guenthardt, Kathy Berentsen. Staff present - Mark Dougher. Guests - Jerry Guenthardt, Dale Chandler.

C. Adoption of Agenda: Bonnie moved to accept the Agenda as is, and Bob seconded. Approved.

D. Adoption of Minutes: Minutes were not ready for Board review.

E. Financial Report: The financial report was distributed and reviewed. Mark is to check into alternative health insurance policies and/or amending our current policy. Our current policy costs too much. Kathy motioned to accept the financial report with the above consideration, Dan supported. Approved.

F. Staff Reports: Ginger's written report was reviewed with no comments. Diane was sick and had not submitted a written report. Mark commented on how well Ginger and Diane were doing with processing the enrollment files. He added that we are also receiving many new applications. It was suggested that at the next Board meeting we should begin reviewing some of the completed enrollment files. Bob motioned to accept staff reports. Bonnie supported. Approved.

G. Public Comment: Dan checked into the Adopt-A-Forest program with the Forest Service. They thought it would be great idea for Little River to participate. The Forest Service will pay for the removal of collected junk at the site we designate. Bonnie moved that we proceed with enrolling in the Adopt-A-Forest program. Margaret supported. Approved.

Dan and Bonnie picked up an application for the Annual Arts & Crafts Show at the Armory. This year it will be on Nov. 27. We agreed to participate.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Status of the Federal Acknowledgement Petition: We need to complete our review of the first three chapters of the ethnohistory and arrange a time when we can meet to discuss any revisions.

B. Status of the Federal Legislation: Our hearing on H.R. 2376 before the Native American Affairs Subcommittee, House Natural Resources Committee on September 17th went very well. Dan Bailey and Katie Glocheski gave testimony on behalf of Little River, Frank Ettawageshik and Shirley Oldman gave testimony on behalf of Little Traverse, Dr. James McClurken and Bill Brooks, MILS gave testimony on our behalf as expert witnesses. The Pokagon Potawatomi's testified on behalf of their federal recognition legislation - H.R. 1066. The next steps are for the bill to be successfully voted out of the Subcommittee and the full Committee. We also need to work on the bill being scheduled for a hearing before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

C. Victorian Port City Festival: Our participation in the Festival went well, both as a fundraiser as well as a public relations event. We received two "thank you" notes, one from the Port City Festival Committee and the other from the couple who won the Ash Basket and Dream Catcher. We tabled a decision on whether to participate again next year or whether to conduct a similar program on a different occasion.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. ANA Budget Modification: Mark submitted the proposed budget modification under our current ANA grant for Board review and approval. Included among the proposed budget changes was a raise of \$1.00/hour for both Ginger and Diane. Given that Ginger has been employed with us for over a year, she was approved a raise of \$.50/hr retroactive to her one-year anniversary (July, 93), once the budget modification is approved by ANA. Diane will be considered for a raise after one year of employment. There were no other revisions to the proposed budget changes. Kathy moved to accept the budget modification, with revisions identified above. Bonnie supported. Approved.

B. CHD Budget Revision: Mark submitted the proposed budget revision for the upcoming CHD grant. This was also budgeted over a 12 month period. Bonnie moved to accept as is. Margaret supported. Approved.

C. ANA Grant Submission: Our ANA grant was submitted on the September 22, 93 deadline. Copies of the grant application were handed out to each Board member. If approved, the grant will begin on April 1, 1994.

D. Ghost Supper: Invitations were mailed out for the Ghost Supper on November 7, 1993 at the Brown Township Hall.

IV. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

A. Next meeting was scheduled for November 2, 1993 at the office.

B. Adjournment. Kathy moved to adjourn the meeting. Margaret supported. Approved. Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.