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LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 1994

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I. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Call to order at 6:00 p.m., at the office.

b. Roll Call: Board members present - Daniel Bailey, Kathy Berentsen, Marcella Leusby, Bob Guenthardt, Margaret Chandler, Bonnie Kenny, Anne Avery. Staff present - Diane Lonn, Ginger Johnson, Mark Dougher. Guest present - Jerry Guenthardt, Bill Brooks, Elizabeth Roth, Dale Chandler.

c. This meeting will reconvene from the past meeting held on October 11, 1994, with the same agenda.

d. Finance Report. There's two financial statements for the board's review. There is a double insurance payment in one month, because Loretta cut the check at the end of the month for the next months bill. Anne Avery motioned to accept the financial statements, Marcella Leusby seconded, passed unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. Adoption of Enrollment Ordinance. There was no adoption of the enrollment ordinance on September 25, 1994. The only changes that were made are as follows. Section 4 (d), you must be 18 years old to apply of adoption into the tribe. Motion was made by Bonnie Kenny to accepted this revision, seconded by Margaret Chandler, passed unanimously.

b. Consumers Power Case. Elizabeth Roth & Bill Brooks drafted a letter to be sent to the Department of Interior on behalf of the Little River Band. The content of the letter describes Little River's concerns with the settlement. There is a meeting on this Thursday (October 20, 1994) to discuss the land settlement. The Grand Traverse band's lawyer (Bill Rastetter) will not be able to attend. Should Little River send Bill Brooks as proxy for Bill Rastetter? Little River was the first to send a letter of interest, stressing the historical importance of Indian Village to them. There is also the possibility that the Forest Service wants to buy the land. Mark is to call Steve Kelly of the Forest Service. Jim McClurken is supposed to meet with Elizabeth tomorrow and the Dept. of Interior to discuss lands of the 1836 treaty and the historical interest that Little River has in them. Mark had met with Buddy Rayfield of Grand Traverse band. Buddy thought that since they were the only federally recognized Indian tribe involved in this case, that they should protect the fishing stock for all the Indian tribes.

II. NEW BUSINESS

a. Amendment to Federal Legislation. Congress passed a

technical amendment to the bill, which states the Little River has to submit a list of it's members 120 days after the bill was signed into law. This list is submitted to the BIA so they can appropriate funds from Congress under the line item of New Tribes. The reason the Congressmen wanted this amendment is because they think that the tribe should already know who it's people are.

b. Memo to BIA. We received a FAX from the BIA stating they wanted to know how many members we have. The BIA has a trust responsibility to Little River to provide funding now that we are federally recognized. The reason the heat is on the BIA is because the bill had a signing ceremony in Washington and this was the first federal recognition bill passed by Congress for specific tribes. Anne Bolton want us to submit a request for FY95. Patty Marks recommended submitting a budget for FY95, as long as it was under \$100,000.00. Mark did a budget projection for Little River for the fiscal year 95. Mark mentioned that if Little River had a membership living in the service area under 500 members, that Little River would receive more money per-captita. Mark estimates that there is 180 members in Manistee County, 180 members in Mason County, 70 members in Wexford County, and a few members in Lake County.

c. ANA Grant Resolution. Authorization for the Chairman to sign the forms for the ANA grant proposal. Anne Avery motioned to authorize Dan to sign the forms for the ANA grant proposal, Bonnie seconded, passed unanimously. Mark handed out a budget proposal for the ANA grant we are completing now. The grant is due this Friday. The proposal outlines the budget for next year. Plus Mark explained that we will have to have various training sessions. There is a proposal from Gavigan, Burkhart, & Freeman, the accounting firm that did our audit. Plus Bill Brooks submitted a letter, stating his intent to work with Little River, by providing 100 hours of in-kind and would hopefully if there would be funds to be compensated for 50 hours of his time to cover his travel expenses, etc. Little River still needs to eventually do more work on it's Constitution, mainly the election section, and who has what authority over what.

Buddy Rayfield of the Grand Traverse tribe met with Mark. He gave Mark a copy of the compac between Grand Traverse and the State. Plus a copy of some proposal that is in the works with Peeples & Evans. This is a proposal between four Indian tribes of Michigan and Peeples & Evans for setting up a gaming operation. Buddy would like to see Little River sign on as a supporter of this venture. Little River can sign on or not as a supporter, either way they will still benefit, because it would be off reservation gaming. Should Little River send out a questionnaire asking our members if the support gaming or not? And if yes what kinds of gaming? Motion was made by Margaret Chandler to send out questionnaire on gaming, seconded by Marcella, passed unanimously.

d. Ghost Supper. We are trying to decide where to hold the ghost supper this year. K of C hall was mentioned, and the V.F.W. in Kaleva. Different families should take turns putting on the ghost supper in the future. Ghost supper on November 6, 1994, place unknown yet. Time from 12:00 till 4:00, bring a dish to pass.

e. Next board meeting was scheduled for Sunday, November 13, 1994, at the office, at 12:00. Motion made by Kathy for adjournment at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Margaret, passed unanimously.