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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2002
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 October 23, 2002. 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, October 23, 2002, was called to order at 10:13 a.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Jo Anne House, Kathleen Block, John Bussey, Robert McCaslin, Bill Willis, Candace Chapman, Bridget Cole.

The Recorder and Speaker stated Kleeman is attending a funeral today and that is why she is absent. Parsons stated Fisher called him this morning and stated he was ill.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED; by Porter; supported by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

D. Tribal Council Minutes

There are no minutes for approval this week but there are several that should be ready for future meetings.

E. Public Comment Period

No public comment.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

No new items

B. CMT Business

No new items

IV. Old Business

No new items

V. New Business

A. Acceptance of Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians Tribal Census 2002

Parsons stated the census report is completed and a work session was held with Brian Medacco on Friday to review the material. Parsons stated that with the acceptance of this report it will be available for other departments' use. McCatty requested that this information be posted within the buildings for the membership review. Sam requested that the original survey from Kenny Pheasant regarding language from two years ago be included in the posting so that can see the growth in the language. Parsons asked who would be responsible for the comparison and for posting this information. Porter believes the Ogema should be responsible for distribution. Parsons asked Block to place this item on the Council/Ogema agenda for next week.

Bussey asked if there is any thought for continuing the census in the future and if this has been discussed. Parsons stated this was mentioned in the meeting with Brian Medacco. Parsons stated there has not been a final decision made on that. Bussey hoped that this project would be taken over by MIS and automatically be sent out every year and the information feed into it and reports being produced from that. Parsons stated the return on the census was quite good but if you do this every year it may lose its efficiency. Bussey stated he is working on a grant right now that this

information would be very helpful and asked when the information would be made available. Parsons stated once notify the Ogema's office that this report is available departments should be able to use it.

McCatty stated the Council passed a resolution to not have agenda items on our agenda that are part of the Ogema's office and that are not signed by the Ogema's office.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL CENSUS 2002; by Porter; supported by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

B. Acceptance of Grant Funds from United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) – Brownfields Economic Development Initiative and Amending FY2002 Operating Budget to include funds in the amount of \$250,000.

Funds need to be formally accepted and approved to amend FY2002 Operating Budget to include these funds.

Willis understood the majority of this initiative is to do environmental type of assessments on Tribal property which would include: Eastlake, Pow Wow grounds, and any other Tribal properties the Tribe may want to include in their assessments. Willis is assuming the majority of the money was to hire consultants to do that type of work and come back with reports and so forth. Willis thought Bussey probably knows more about the application than himself. Bussey stated the first step would be to send out an RFP for a coordinator, from there we would do the contracts. There is a Brownfield's National Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, on November 13-15, 2002, and Bussey believes Lee Sprague, Jim Clements and Dan Shepard are planning on attending on behalf of the Tribe.

Regarding the Brownfield's Economic Initiative, Porter asked the reason why Mark Dougher's name is put on as cooperative agreement as the project manager. Bussey stated primarily because we don't have a system yet in place signing the grants and contracts—we have to have a contact person. Bussey continued to explained that's why Mark Dougher's name usually goes on as contact person when we send in a grant. Porter asked is it still not considered Economic Development Initiative. Bussey

responded, yes I think it is. Porter asked if we have an Economic Development department. Bussey replied that we do have one. Porter noted that Mark Dougher's name is not given as a contact person, but it reads he is the project manager. Porter thought the name given would have been the person managing it. Bussey asked if that was determined. Sam stated it was determined when he submitted it to the federal government with Mark's name on it. According to a circular Sam read, when the Tribe designates that person, then that becomes the program director or manager on behalf of the Tribe.

Medahko asked if this was in conjunction with the cleanup of Manistee Lake. Bussey responded no not really, it would be the Big Blue building property that would be one of the sites being used. Porter asked if Dougher has time to do this along with his grant writings. Bussey replied no. Parsons asked where this grant will land in terms of departmental responsibility is that still up in the air. Bussey stated this is still up in the air, we don't have a system down pat yet, and that is still a problem. Bussey added according to what Sam just said, we'll probably have to formally change the director of the program, through Council action or through some action with the agency that's something we can do. Parsons asked if thought was given as to where this would end up.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-1023-01,
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM UNITED
STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
(USEPA) AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$250,000; by McCatty; supported by Porter.**

Sam asked if anyone remembered when we authorized submission of this grant, did we get an actual copy of the grant with our agenda item. McCatty and Parsons believe we did receive that. Sam stated if we do not have a copy she would like to request a copy.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (6-0-1-2)

Parsons will be sending a follow-up memo to the Ogema's office indicating the Council adopted this but we need clarification in terms of who will be assigned responsibility of the grant.

C. Acceptance of Grant Funds from Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) – Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Options Program (REACH) and Amending FY2002 Operating Budget to include funds in the amount of \$150,000.

Funds need to be formally accepted and approved to amend FY2002 Operating Budget to include these funds.

Willis requested this item be postponed until next week, as the resolution does not accurately reflect the budget; all the money is not going directly into program services. Sam supported Willis' request because the resolution said it was going completely into the membership. Sam asked how Tribal members apply for this funding. Bussey believes they can apply through Housing.

MOTION TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM UNTIL NEXT MEETING; by Porter; supported by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

D. Acceptance of Contract Modification from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Food Distribution Program and Amending FY2002 Operating Budget to include funds in the amount of \$1,628.

Funds need to be formally accepted and approved to amend FY2002 Operating Budget to include these funds.

Candace Chapman and Bridget Cole arrived at 10:41 a.m.

McCatty mentioned that this money was in regards to the indirect cost proposal.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-1023-02, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT MODIFICATION FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,628; by Porter; supported by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

E. Acceptance of Commission Reports - September 2002

1. Enrollment Commission

McCatty expressed a concern about the minutes that are being submitted to the Council. McCatty has spoke to Ruiter about this because she is the liaison. McCatty stated it does not list if they are in open or closed session or when they went into open or closed session.

Porter had a concern about the September 17, 2002 meeting, it states the meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m., the morning meeting did not have an agenda, and the meeting was adjourn at 8:45 a.m. Porter asked if the commissioners were expecting a stipend for that meeting. Parsons responded he didn't know, it appears that might be the case. Sam suggested she could send a letter to the secretaries of all the commissions to set up a meeting. In this meeting, Sam would give the secretaries a standardize format to use for meeting minutes.

MOTION TO REJECT THE ENROLLMENT COMMISSION'S MINUTES OF THEIR SEPTEMBER 17, 2002 MEETING; by McCatty

MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT.

House stated Council can accept a report and follow-up with a memo regarding concerns and ask for clarification or corrective action to take place. House stated the Council cannot actually reject minutes from a Commission.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER ENROLLMENT COMMISSION REPORT AND ASK FOR CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2002 MINUTES; Porter; supported by Medahko.

Regarding the stipend approval process, Sam suggested prior to next fiscal year, the Council adopt a form for commissioners to sign in and return the form to the Tribal Council for an officer's

approval before it's sent to accounting. House stated the stipend form was developed to have two officers' signatures to sign off. House stated the four stipends per month rule needs to be enforced by the accounting department. House did note that the Gaming Commission is actually requesting to increase their number of meetings per month. House stated the Commissions Ordinance placed this burden in accounting. House suggested placing a stipend number on the stipend form and possibly a place for the Commission liaison. House stated the Council is simply accepting a record and should express concerns in the motion to accept the records.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-2)

Parson restated that the Council Recorder will follow-up on the stipend issue for the September 17, 2002 clarification. Parson suggested a possible work session to remedy the stipend situation maybe an amendment to the existing Commission ordinance.

2. Gaming Commission

Parsons addressed House regarding the Gaming Commission's request to increase their number of meetings per month. House stated this would need to be done via a resolution.

McCatty expressed a concern regarding the Gaming Commission report on page 1 regarding criminal offense. Sam also stated that if there is criminal offense, the Gaming Commission does have the authority to revoke or not revoke a license. McCatty just believes that is not appropriate. Medahko stated if a license is turned down there is an appeal process. Ruiter stated if someone does something wrong they shouldn't be able to say it is okay. Sam stated some criminal offenses could be due to drunk driving episode and may not impact the integrity of the Gaming Commission. Parsons stated the Gaming Commission was given the latitude to give the benefit of the doubt to the Tribal member. House stated the background information is a 10-year time span and gave an example of a NSF check and spoke if there was criminal intent. House suggested that the liaison request from the Gaming Commission a written report of how they use their

discretion and Council need to know their parameters of this process.

Bennett raised the issue of the memo that was distributed by the Gaming Commission that states any Tribal Government employees cannot gamble at our Casino. Bennett stated that she does have a copy of the memo if anyone needs a copy. House stated Bennett raises a point of the Gaming Commission and they are asking for comments regarding this. House believes the purpose of this regulation is appropriate, as she does believe there are some members of the government that should not be gambling at the Casino. House stated information and comments needs to be given to the Gaming Commission. House does believe is it inappropriate for the legal department to gamble at the Casino. Porter added the memo was asking for comments it's not passed and voted already. Sam stated she did not have a copy of the memo. Chapman stated she spoke with Bill Brooks and Cy Hill, they both stated that this regulation was not intended for all employees. Bennett read the memo out loud. Bennett believes this sounds like everybody who works for the Tribe everybody. Cole stated the memo she saw had the Director of Operations portion blacked out. Bennett stated that is because it was highlighted. Chapman is hoping the Gaming Commission will take concerns regarding this. House thanked the Gaming Commission for posting this memo and also extended her appreciation for the people who responded. Bennett asked Bridget Cole and Candace Chapman who was their supervisor. Cole stated she answers to Yvonne Parsons. Bennett asked who she reports to. Cole answered that Parsons reports to Bob Davis.

Robert McCaslin stated he has seen this process before and when they needed more gaming revenue the Commission opened back up to the employees. Bennett commented on how long a Commission meeting lasts. Porter stated the meetings usually last four hours but maybe longer and work until they get done. Bennett stated the Gaming Commission is asking for six meetings per month, which is \$600 per person on the Gaming Commission. Parsons stated the Council would need to review the request before approving.

Medahko stated that one commissioner is a full-time employee. Bennett stated this commissioner is a full-time employee not with us but somewhere outside our Tribe. Medahko stated the meetings are probably set around that commissioner's schedule. Ruitter stated that other commissions have their meetings set for a year but evidently the Gaming Commission does not. Porter stated the meetings are set for every other Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Cole stated

there are only two commissioners and asked if there is relief coming for them. Parsons stated had a discussion with the Ogema yesterday and there are some applicants. Porter stated the meetings would still take as long as there is the same subject matter.

House stated that there was not a requirement to post a yearly schedule. House stated the Gaming Commission does have a schedule to carry out this year because of the move that is occurring. House stated there will be a little more consistency and was not a requirement for the remainder of this year but a schedule will be developed for next year for each commission.

Bennett feels there should be a limit in the number of commissions an individual can be on. If someone is on three or four commissions, they can't be doing a good job preparing for all the meetings. Porter agreed with Bennett, the next thing is to get more Tribal members involved in Tribal affairs.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE GAMING COMMISSION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER AS SUBMITTED WITHOUT ACTION REGARDING CONCERN #2 UNDER ITEM 3 (REQUEST FOR APPROVING INCREASE OF STIPEND FROM 4 TO 6), AND ACCEPT REPORT FOR FILING WITHOUT APPLYING APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STIPENDS; by Sam; supported by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-2)

3. Housing Commission

Medahko stated this report is done in a memo form and there was a report developed to have consistency in the reports from Commissions. Medahko addressed the minutes and stated it was noted that Frank Beaver was marked absent quite a few times in the minutes. Medahko asked if Council would want to address attendance at Commission meetings.

McCatty commented on the occupancy policy. McCatty asked if the intent is that the Council will have final say in that policy. Sam

stated the Housing Commission brought policies to the Council for approval in the past. Parsons stated the Housing Commission is asking for comments. House stated copies of comments regarding the Housing Commission Regulations was distributed to the Council and Helen Ann Yunis.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER REPORT FROM THE HOUSING COMMISSION; by Porter; supported by Ruiter.

Medahko asked to include in the motion that the report be in the correct format and not in memo form. McCatty stated the Commission is supposed to list the time the meeting started and when it ended. McCatty believes need to have a meeting with the Commissions regarding the amount of time. It was suggested that a meeting be set up with all of the Commissions regarding these issues.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-2)

4. Natural Resources Commission

Parsons stated there was not a formal report submitted by the Commission. Porter stated the Commission does have a secretary and does not see any reason why minutes are not complete. Sam will follow-up with the Commission regarding this.

F. Acceptance of Committee Minutes
1. Elders - 10/5/02 Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ELDERS COMMITTEE REPORT DATED OCTOBER; by Porter; supported by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD UNDER
NEW BUSINESS G. HEALTH BOARD;** by Sam; supported by
McCatty.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

G. Acceptance of Minutes & Reports From Other Entities
1. Youth Summer Employment Report

McCatty stated the Council had requested a detailed report and the report we received is brief and request that a new detailed report be submitted. McCatty suggested a work session. Sam stated there were two kids who were not peacemaking kids who were included in the program. Sam stated we need to determine what that list is and forward it to the Courts for clarification as they are responsible to report that information back. Cole asked how the children were chosen for the kids who were not peacekeeping kids. McCatty stated the guidelines stated that only peacekeeping children were to be included in this report and should be included in the report and how this occurred.

Porter stated there was a Tribal child that was left here on a Thursday night and their parents never picked them up. An employee had to take her home. Chapman asked if the people in peacemaking are Tribal members or descendants. Porter had heard that it was any child in trouble but does not have documentation to that effect. Sam stated there is a manual that was adopted by the Council that addresses this.

Sam restated the questions she has written down:

- Tribal vs. non-Tribal/descendant participation.
- Peacemaking vs. non-peacemaking kids
 1. How determined which youth were allowed to participate?
 2. Peacemaking requirement or not?
 3. What skills are acquired through the program?

McCatty stated there was an incident at the Pow Wow last year that was not included in the report and would Sam follow-up on that. Cole stated there should be training for the departments who

are responsible for these children and she asked where the responsibility lies. Porter suggested requesting individual reports from the departments who had children.

Sam stated in looking at this program for peacemaking kids, what Council had talked about, at the time the program was adopted, was whether or not in coming fiscal year 2003 the Tribal Council would look at the success and failure of this program for expanding beyond the limited application of peacemaking kids, but looking at a summer youth program for Tribal kids to be employed. Is there any other information we would need from this program to evaluate it, to look at the creation of the overall program discussed at the time, Sam queried.

Medahko stated when Council approved this program, in order for Council to be involved, it was requested to have reports from every department. Medahko stated the report that was received was very generic. Medahko stated this program was meant to be only for peacemaking children. Medahko stated she heard there was a non-Tribal child involved in this program.

MOTION TO POSTPONE THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT REPORT UNTIL WE GET BACK ALL THE INFORMATION THAT JANINE SAM WILL COLLECT AND GIVE TO THE PROPER PEOPLE; by Ruiter; supported by Medahko.

Janine Sam stated she did attend the meeting. Cole stated she never received the email regarding this meeting. Cole stated she did hand over a letter of commitment from Be-Da-Bin. McCatty had a comment in regards to the motion on the floor. McCatty stated Block made several attempts to contact Chris Shed to receive this report. McCatty stated that would suggest that we state we received the report but need more detailed information.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-2)

2. Health Board

Sam gave a verbal report of the Health Board. Two meetings have been scheduled of the Health Board. Of the two meetings, we had

a quorum at the first meeting, there was not a quorum at the second meeting. However, the staff people who participated, the Health Director and several members of that staff, have indicated they have been working on the preparation for the site visit by IHS. It is expected that site visit won't happen until February. Between now and February, the emphasis has been placed on getting Tribal Council acceptance of the policies that are necessary. Sam has a stack of those policies in her office. She has been reviewing them for appropriateness. It is a policy manual from Sault St. Marie that the Health Clinic here would like to adopt the format not necessarily the policy. So far nothing objectionable found. The most important policy to be looked at is the eligibility criteria. The Tribe actually has to define its eligibility criteria for services, both in the clinic and in regards to Contract Health. We do have eligibility criteria right now, but it is specifically just the broad federal guidelines. The Tribe can adopt additional initiatives in those eligibility criteria. What's going to happen or what's been contemplated is that the Health Board is going to look retrospectively back on the activities in the past. It appears there were meetings scheduled but not held due to lack of quorum. So hopefully by the end of December, the actual submission of that documentation is going to be coming either December or early January for approval by the Council. The Council is designated in the grant as the over site body, even though we do have a Health Board. The Council is required to approve all of that documentation.

McCatty asked who is on the Health Board. Sam responded, herself, Elaine Porter and Chuck Fisher.

**MOTION TO ACCPET THE VERBAL REPORT
 REGARDING THE HEALTH BOARD;** by Medahko;
 supported by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**H. Acceptance of Legislative Update
 1. October Report**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LEGISLATIVE
UPDATE REPORT FOR OCTOBER; by Porter;
supported by Ruiter.**

Sam had a comment, under the Regulations portion of the report, the Indian Preference and Employment has a draft Operating Procedure, it indicates it's been approved by the Tribal Ogema; she asked where is it at this point and when will it be coming for Council's review. Sam wanted to know if the draft was circumventing Council's approval.

House stated she has a copy of the signed Operating Procedure and will forward to the Tribal Council. House stated in screening for Indian Preference by Tina Vaquera, she found there were Tribal members in addition to the preference candidates lead to a sub-preference.

Sam stated the reason she is asking, she specifically received four phone calls from Tribal members regarding employment. Her assessment is that Tribal members are still placing the accountability for the Indian preference and employment with Tribal Council and are not recognizing the Tribal Ogema has a role to play. It sounds as if a sub-preference is being created. Sam stated if there has been a modification in the applications for Tribal members, it should be noted on the record in the Tribal Council meeting so it can be publicized how these items occurred and inform membership how these positions were screened and filled.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-2)

Sam clarified with House when she is asked to do things for the Executive Branch, please inform Council of those occurrences.

- I. Approving Supplemental Appropriation for “Debt Service Payment” for Tax-exempt Loan in the amount of \$42,654.16 from the General Fund and Authorizing the transfer of those Funds to the “Senior Secured Obligation Account” at National City Bank**

Tribe is required to make this payment in accordance with the Tax-exempt portion of the financing agreement no later than seven (7) days prior to the end of each month.

Parsons asked if this was the first appropriation we've had to make of this kind regarding the tax-exempt loan, if not why is it coming to us in this form this month and not prior to this. House explained that Bill Willis has requested that an additional taxable loan payment be placed on the open session agenda after the closed session today.

Sam commented regarding the tax-exempt portion, it says debt service payment, but then it's depositing those into the senior secure obligation account, which she believes is the sinking fund payment. Sam referred to a discussion with Dan Broton and also new information she received from the auditing firm working with us, they had mentioned this type of payment should be authorized by resolution by Council, where it hadn't been in the past. McCatty stated the first payment of the sinking fund will need to be addressed this week.

MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL THE SECOND OPEN SESSION; by Porter; supported by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) – October 30, 2002

B. Public Comment Period

Chapman stated a concern regarding her child's school and requested Kenny Pheasant attend different schools to teach the Ottawa culture. Chapman asked Pheasant to visit schools outside the area at least once a year. McCatty mentioned Jay Sam also visited schools. Porter added Pam Medahko does this also. Medahko confirmed she has for years. Parsons asked Chapman to make a request and then Council would forward to the proper person. Council could possibly have a work session regarding this. Sam mentioned back in 1999 or 2000, Jim Wabindato in Community Relations, had a budget submission for a Cultural Department. The function of that department was to coordinate cultural activities for our own community within our Tribe and also have an outreach office for concerns of this nature. Sam didn't know if there is money in the budget to consider that avenue again, but suggested now is

an appropriate time to look at it again with Community Relations and maybe Public Relations as well.

Cole spoke of a bobblehead doll with a headdress on and was ready for Halloween. A lot of people don't realize how that can be offensive to children. Cole stated she addressed many teachers through the years, but it's been allowed for so long. Cole made a comment regarding the per capita action plan. Cole spoke of the age of distribution for minors and how this would affect her. Cole stated she has a concern about the age that distribution will be made to the minors. Cole believes 24 is a better age for distribution of per capita. Cole believes this allows for a little more maturity before dispersing the money. Parsons encouraged Cole to attend the hearings. Cole stated that parents are responsible for the general welfare for our children and the more options that we have for parents to access money to better their children's lives. Ruitter stated if kids are married and have kids of their own are the parents going to help them out until they reach age 24. House stated this discussion may be more appropriate at the public hearings.

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 Sam; supported by Ruitter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

This portion of Open Session was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

There was no motion recorded to reconvene the Second Open Session.

MOTION TO ADD NEW BUSINESS “J”, APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR TAXABLE LOAN PAYMENT, by Parsons, supported by Sam.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

New Business I-Approving Supplemental Appropriation for “Debt Service Payment” for Tax-exempt Loan in the amount of \$42,654.16 from the General Fund and Authorizing the transfer of those Funds to the “Senior Secured Obligation Account” at National City Bank

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #02-1023-04, APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR “DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT” FOR TAX-EXEMPT LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,654.16 FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THOSE FUNDS TO THE “SENIOR SECURED OBLIGATION ACCOUNT” AT NATIONAL CITY BANK, by Ruiter, supported by Porter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**New Business J-
Approving supplemental appropriation for payment to the sinking fund of the taxable loan**

Council reviewed the documentation and calculation for the contribution as required by the Loan Documents for the sinking fund payment.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #02-1023-05 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR PAYMENT TO THE SINKING FUND OF THE TAXABLE LOAN FROM THE GENERAL FUND, AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF THOSE FUNDS TO NATIONAL CITY BANK by Sam, supported by Porter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

MOTION TO ADJOURN, by Porter, supported by Medahko.

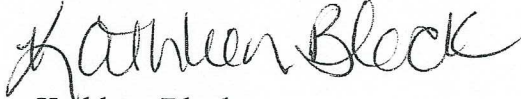
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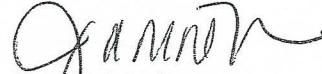
Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen Block
Transcribing Assistant



Janine M. Sam
Tribal Council Recorder