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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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 November 6, 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, November 6, 2002, was called to order at 10:33 a.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Fisher stated that Parsons, Medahko and Porter are all traveling in California at a self-governance conference. Sam was acting Speaker and Fisher was acting Recorder.

Others Present: Kathleen Block, Leatrice Castonia, Pat Morris, Bill Brooks, John Bussey, John Shepard, Bob Davis

C. Approval of Agenda

McCatty asked to remove the minutes to have time to read them and make clarifications and also remove Old Business agenda items. Janine Sam asked that we postpone these items until the next meeting.

Michael Sprague publicly thanked the existing Board members for the Little River Maintenance and Construction Company to give him the spur he needed to establish his own business. Sprague still has concerns on how the Construction Company Board runs their business and believes the concerns still need to be addressed. Sprague and Shepard are working on their own joint venture. Sprague stated without the LRMC he would not be able to do this. Bennett stated she is happy about that. Sprague stated he would go back to work if the conditions were right. Ruitter asked if any items that were missing were found. Sprague stated the drill was found. Sprague stated he would still like to see a complete audit of the inventory at the LRMC.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

INDIRECT COST

Bussey informed the Council that the Tribe received the paperwork extending the indirect cost rate allowing the extended indirect cost rate at 34.3%, and the rate stands approved at the Federal Level. Sam asked if this was the rate the Tribe submitted for. Bussey stated the Tribe submitted for 48%, but the approval is an extension of the current rate. Sam asked if the new indirect cost proposal at 48% is still pending at the Federal level. Bussey stated no. Bussey stated there was not an audit of the Tribal Government financials, which is required to support an indirect cost proposal to the Federal Government. Bussey explained that the Tribe requested an extension of the current rate for another year, and noted that as a result of the Tribe not being able to produce the audit to support the new request, the Tribe loses the 13% difference. Bussey stated we will need to have a new proposal next year, and the new proposal must be supported by audited financial statements.

B. CMT Business

No business to come before the Council.

McCatty asked if this item still needs to be on the Council's agenda as no agenda items have come before the Council in a month. Fisher responded that he is expecting more items to come forward. Fisher stated the art consultant has begun the final report and expects a complete report in 3 to 4 weeks.

Lee Sprague arrived at 10:49 a.m.

before mailing to the funding agency. Sam asked the Councilors to comment on the current submission.

McCatty asked that this item be removed from the agenda and have a work session with the Ogema regarding concerns she has with the report.

Jessica Burger arrived at 10:51 a.m.

Sam suggested that this item be postponed rather than removed. McCatty suggested the Ogema rewrite this document and resubmit to the BIA. Sam stated the Ogema does submit this report on behalf of the Tribe and suggests actually inviting the department directors to a work session to see what is being submitted to the BIA on their behalf. Fisher does object removing this report from the agenda. Fisher stated concerns can be addressed and is not comfortable in making the pre-determination that this report is not sufficient for reporting purposes. Ruiter suggested that before any of these reports go in, that the Council reviews them.

MOTION TO POSTPONE ACCEPTANCE OF THE 3RD QUARTER SUBMISSION FOR BIA PROGRAMS, PENDING A WORK SESSION AND OTHER STAFF INVOLVED IN PREPARING THIS DOCUMENT; by Kleeman; supported by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) – November 13, 2002

Sam stated the Council does also have a per capita hearing this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at Stronach Hall.

B. Public Comment Period

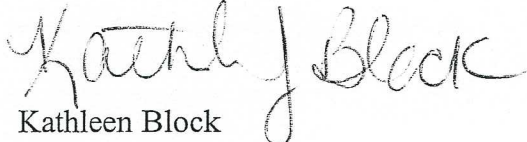
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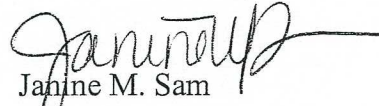
The purpose of closed session is to discuss business matters considered privileged or confidential, involving consideration of bids/contracts, pending legal issues, and/or personnel matters.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Janine M. Sam
Tribal Council Recorder