



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Sunday, November 7, 1999

- I. PRAYER: *Silent Prayer time was given*
- II. GENERAL BUSINESS
 - A. CALL TO ORDER: 3:09 p.m. – Joan Spalding, Speaker
 - B. ROLL CALL: Carol Bennett, Kathy Berentsen, Charles Fisher, Lisa McCatty, Elaine Porter, Joan Spalding, Connie Waitner. (Don Koon absent-Medical)
 - C. CONSENT AGENDA:
 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA. **Agenda was approved with the following additions: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**
 - Swearing In Ceremony – Janine Szpliet (Tribal Councilor) immediately following Approval of Agenda.
 - Approval of Minutes – 10/12/99 Regular Meeting
- III. NEW BUSINESS
 - F. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLOSING OF CERTAIN TRIBAL ACCOUNTS AT FILER CREDIT UNION AND APPROPRIATING THOSE FUNDS IN SUCH ACCOUNTS TO COVER EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY.
 - G. RESOLUTION FOR THE AMENDMENT AND DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED CHECK SIGNERS ON CERTAIN TRIBAL ACCOUNTS.
 - H. DESIGNATION OF TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT TEAM.
- VI. CLOSED SESSION
 - Item III. Update on Litigation Issues changed to:
 - III. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF TWO (2) EXPERT WITNESS CONTRACTS FOR THE U.S. v MI LITIGATION.

* Swearing-In Ceremony for Janine Szpliet, Tribal Councilor was conducted by Judge Jay Sam

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

10/23/99 Regular Meeting Minutes approved: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.

10/12/99 Regular Meeting Minutes approved: 5 for, 1 opposed, 1 abstain and 1 absent.

3. MANAGER REPORT. *Report was accepted for filing: 7 for, 1 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.*

4. ATTORNEY REPORT. *Verbal report accepted: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.*

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS. *Verbal report was given by Dan Broton. The following written reports were accepted for filing: 7 for, 1 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.*

Donna Kosiboski, Community Health Nurse

Tammy Carter, Assistant Manager

Kimberly Alexander, Enrollment

Art deBres, Police Department

Laurie Eggert, Housing Department

Jay Sam, Tribal Court

Barb Stoevsand, Clinic Director

Yvonne Parsons, Education

Bridget Cole, Youth Coordinator

Bill Parsons, Conservation Department

Valerie Chandler, Bookkeeper

6. COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES. *Phil Memberto gave verbal report for Cultural Preservation Committee. The following Committee/Commission minutes were submitted:*

Natural Resources – 7/7/99, 8/18/99, and 9/1/99

Elders Committee – 10/2/99

Election Board – 9/7/99

Housing Commission – 8/3/99 and 10/4/99

D. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS. *Government students from West Shore Community College were in attendance taking notes relating to the function and structure of meetings for particular government entities.*

E. PUBLIC COMMENT. *No public comment was offered.*

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTING FEES FOR BOB LEWIS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1999. *Fees were previously paid, therefore, item was removed from the agenda: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.*

- B. APPROVAL OF BEREAVEMENT POLICY – LITTLE RIVER CASINO. **Policy was approved with the following amendments: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**
- **Including grandparents and all in-laws.**
 - **“Resort reserves the right to require verification of bereavement within 10 days of approval.”**
- C. APPROVAL OF PROPERTY RESTRICTION POLICY – LITTLE RIVER CASINO. **Item was tabled: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**
- D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CROSS-DEPUTIZATION AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY SHERIFF. **Item was removed from agenda until such time that Bill Brooks & Art deBres bring item jointly before Tribal Council: 7 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstain and 1 absent.**
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
- A. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – SEPTEMBER 30, 1999. **Financial Statements accepted for filing: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**
- B. APPROVAL OF COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE. **Allowance approved @ 1.75% increase, effective October 1, 1999: 6 for, 1 opposed, 1 abstain and 1 absent.**
- C. APPROVAL OF FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE TRIBAL HEALTH CLINIC. **Item was tabled: 6 for, 2 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**
- D. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION. **Item was tabled until further investigation with recommendation from Tribal Ogema: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**
- E. APPROVAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN – LITTLE RIVER CASINO. **Item tabled: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**
- F. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLOSING OF CERTAIN TRIBAL ACCOUNTS AT FILER CREDIT UNION AND APPROPRIATING THOSE FUNDS IN SUCH ACCOUNTS TO COVER EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY. **Resolution #99-1107-01 approved: 7 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstain and 1 absent.**
- G. RESOLUTION FOR THE AMENDMENT AND DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED CHECK SIGNERS ON CERTAIN TRIBAL ACCOUNTS. **Resolution #99-1107-02 approved: 5 for, 1 opposed, 2 abstain and 1 absent.**
- H. DESIGNATION OF TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT TEAM. **Appointment of Bill Willis and Janine Szpliet approved: 7 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstain and 1 absent.**

V. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT. *Bob Hardenburgh recommended that when checks are sent to tribal members for particular purposes, that the checks designate what the check is for.*

B. NEXT MEETING DATE.

<i>Worksession:</i>	<i>Saturday, November 20, 1999 @ 9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Regular Session:</i>	<i>Saturday, November 20, 1999 @ 3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Budget Worksession:</i>	<i>Sunday, November 21, 1999 @ 9:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Retreat (Traverse City):</i>	<i>Saturday, November 13, 1999 @ 8:30 a.m.</i> <i>Sunday, November 14, 1999 @ 8:30 a.m.</i>

C. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION. ***Adjournment approved: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.***

D. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION. ***Motion approved: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.***

VI. CLOSED SESSION

A. OLD BUSINESS

I. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR ADDITION TO INTERIM CASINO. ***Resolution # 99-1107-03 approved: 7 for, 1 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.***

II. APPROVAL OF FINANCING FOR ADDITION TO INTERIM CASINO. ***Resolution # 99-1107-04 approved: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 2 absent (Kathy Berentsen departed @ 7:20 p.m.).***

B. NEW BUSINESS

I. CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT FOR DEVELOPING INDIRECT COST BUDGET PROPOSAL. ***Item tabled: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 2 absent.***

II. CONSIDERATION FOR ENTERING INTO LITIGATION REGARDING INDIRECT COST RECOVERY. ***Item tabled: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 2 absent.***

III. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF TWO (2) EXPERT WITNESS CONTRACTS FOR U.S. v MI LITIGATION. ***Execution of Contracts was approved: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 2 absent. (Resolution will be presented @ 11/20/99 meeting for ratification)***

IV. CONSIDERATION FOR OPENING CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF 9/21/99 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING TO THE PUBLIC, AS THEY SPECIFICALLY RELATE TO THE FINAL DECISION TO ACQUIRE THE "DONTZ PROPERTIES". ***Opening of Closed Session minutes Of 9/21/99 approved: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 2 absent.***

- VII. ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION. **Adjournment approved: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 2 absent.**
- VIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. **Motion approved: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 2 absent.**

OPENING CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF 9/21/99 TO THE PUBLIC:

* During Closed Session of 9/21/99 Tribal Council Meeting the final decision to acquire the "Dontz Properties" was as follows:

Resolution # 99-0921-02: Appropriating \$472,455.30 from July 1999 net gaming revenues to complete the acquisition of the "Dontz Properties" was approved: 5 for, 1 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT. **Adjournment approved: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 2 absent. Meeting adjourned @ 8:51 p.m.**