



## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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### TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Sunday, December 5, 1999

#### I. PRAYER

*Silent Prayer time was given*

#### II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER: 3:04 p.m. – Joan Spalding, Speaker

B. ROLL CALL: Carol Bennett, Kathy Berentsen, Chuck Fisher, Lisa McCatty, Elaine Porter, Joan Spalding, Janine Szpliet, Connie Waitner. (Don Koon absent – Medical)

#### C. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA. **Agenda was approved with the following amendments: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS (*Additions*)

I. RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING CASINO REVENUES TO PAY NOTE ON EASTLAKE PROPERTY.

J. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT.

K. CONSIDERATION OF LEGAL FEES & EXPENSES FOR ELECTION BOARD.

L. CONSIDERATION OF CHRISTMAS BONUS FOR TRIBAL EMPLOYEES.

M. CONSIDERATION OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH TRIBAL DISCRETIONARY FUND.

N. APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH CASINO ADDITION.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. **11/20/99 Regular Meeting Minutes approved with amendments: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**

3. **MANAGER REPORT. *Written report accepted for filing: 7 for, 1 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.***
4. **ATTORNEY REPORT. *Written report accepted for filing: 7 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention and 1 absent.***
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT. *Dan Broton gave verbal report. No action was taken.***
6. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS. *Following reports & minutes were received in Tribal Council packets:***

*Assistant Manager  
Management Team Meeting minutes  
Cultural Preservation Committee minutes  
Health & Human Services Committee minutes  
Enrollment Meeting minutes  
Election Board  
Elders*

***Following reports & minutes were received just prior to meeting:***

*Associate Judge report  
Administrative Assistant – Tribal Manager  
Community/Economic Development Director  
Membership report  
Tribal Health Clinic  
Education  
Housing  
Management Team Meeting minutes – 10/23/99*

***\* No action was taken regarding reports or minutes***

7. **COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES. *Minutes were included with department report discussion.***
- D. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS. *No guests were identified.***
- E. **PUBLIC COMMENT. *Pat Ruitter questioned why reports were not given to the Tribal Council in a more timely fashion. Steve Jobes raised questions regarding the hiring of the Tribal Liaison for the Casino. Bob Hardenburgh made comments relating to him being interviewed for the Tribal Liaison position.***

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION.
- **Mike Snyder appointed as a full-time Commissioner to the Natural Resource Commission: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**
  - **Don Koon, Jr. appointed as an alternate to the Commission: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**
- B. APPROVAL OF GAMING COMMISSION STIPENDS. **Item tabled: 5 for, 2 opposed, 1 abstain and 1 absent.**
- C. AUTHORIZATION FOR INCREASE OF LINE OF CREDIT ON TRIBAL CREDIT CARDS ISSUED BY HUNTINGTON BANK. **Dan Broton was instructed to gather more information and bring back to Council by January 1: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.**

**\* Short recess was taken by the Tribal Council at 6:10 p.m.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. CONSIDERATION FOR SUBMITTING WRITTEN WAIVER AS REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE IX, SECTION 9.3 OF THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING THE PROHIBITION OF HIRING RELATIVES OF MEMBERS OF THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT. **Bill Brooks was directed to put something together and bring to Council at 12/18/99 meeting: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 2 absent. (Janine departed @ 6:20 p.m.)**
- B. DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR YEAR 2000. **Proposal for 2000 Meeting Schedule was as follows:**

|                                   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Saturday, January 8 @ 1:00 p.m.   | Monday, January 24 @ 6:00 p.m.  |
| Saturday, February 12 @ 1:00 p.m. | Monday, February 28 @ 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, March 11 @ 1:00 p.m.    | Monday, March 27 @ 6:00 p.m.    |
| Saturday, April 8 @ 1:00 p.m.     | Monday, April 24 @ 6:00 p.m.    |
| Saturday, May 13 @ 1:00 p.m.      | Monday, May 22 @ 6:00 p.m.      |
| Saturday, June 10 @ 1:00 p.m.     | Monday, June 26 @ 6:00 p.m.     |
| Saturday, July 8 @ 1:00 p.m.      | Monday, July 24 @ 6:00 p.m.     |
| Saturday, August 12 @ 1:00 p.m.   | Monday, August 28 @ 6:00 p.m.   |
| Saturday, Sept. 9 @ 1:00 p.m.     | Monday, Sept. 25 @ 6:00 p.m.    |
| Saturday, Oct. 14 @ 1:00 p.m.     | Monday, Oct. 23 @ 6:00 p.m.     |
| Saturday, Nov. 11 @ 1:00 p.m.     | Monday, Nov. 27 @ 6:00 p.m.     |
| Saturday, Dec. 9 @ 1:00 p.m.      | Monday, Dec. 18 @ 6:00 p.m.     |

Spring Membership Meeting – April 15  
Fall Membership Meeting – September 16

**\* 2000 Schedule will be placed on 12/18/99 Tribal Council Agenda**

- C. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL PROCEDURES ORDINANCE FOR NOTICE PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMENT PRIOR TO ENACTMENT. **Publication approved with deadline for comments of January 15 and to be voted on at January 24, 1999 Tribal Council meeting: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 2 absent.**
- D. RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIAL COUNSEL CONTRACT WITH MICHIGAN INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES. **Item was tabled (No Resolution was available): 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 3 absent. (Elaine was temporarily unavailable)**
- E. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO ATTORNEY CONTRACT. **Item was tabled (No Resolution): 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 2 absent.**
- F. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 1999 FEES & EXPENSES FOR SLONIM. **Item was tabled (No Resolution): 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 2 absent.**
- G. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 1999 FEES & EXPENSES FOR SLONIM. **Item was tabled (No Resolution): 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 2 absent.**
- H. APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS – LITTLE RIVER MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. **No action was taken on this item due to lack of Tribal Council present for quorum. (Kathy departed @ 7:30 p.m.)**

**\* Meeting was adjourned by procedure @ 7:50 p.m. due to a quorum not being present to conduct official business. Emergency Meeting will be called on Tuesday, December 7, 1999 @ 6:00 p.m. to continue the consideration of item not acted upon.**