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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2001
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 December 12, 2001. 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, December 12, 2001, was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Parsons stated Medahko called and she was ill.

Others Present: Jo Anne House, Kathleen Block, Brian Medacco, Lee Sprague, Stacey Gibson, Jim Clements, Lee McCaslin, Leatrice Castonia, P. Morris, John Bussey, Kathy Bowen, Phillip Memberto and Bob Davis

C. Approval of Agenda

An amended Agenda was distributed. Sam made a clarification regarding New Business, Item "C" – submitted by Bob Guenthardt not Sam. Fisher stated he wished to Table Item 1. under B. CMT Business until the next meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED; by Kleeman; support by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

D. Tribal Council Minutes

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A revised set of Open Meeting Minutes was presented. The following alterations were made: 1) page 3, last paragraph re: lead IS technician in the surveillance department 2) page 4, re: Christmas party – the one page report the numbers have an incorrect total 3) page 9, McCatty asked if they should be moved to Closed Session not could be moved to Closed Session. Sam proposed the above alterations be made.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 17, 2001
MINUTES AS AMENDED; by Kleeman; support by Sam.**

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

E. Public Comment Period

Bussey introduced Brian Medacco to the Council. Medacco recently joined the staff working with the census grant.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Nothing on the Agenda

B. CMT Business

1. Provisions Contract Approval

Tabled until next meeting.

IV. Old Business

Nothing on the Agenda

V. New Business

A. Resolution Rescinding Resolution # 01-0815-03, Approving Supplemental Appropriation for Member General Assistance Program for FY2001 in the amount of \$1,000,000 from Gaming Proceeds

Resolution #01-0815-03 needed to be rescinded because the accounts listed were inaccurate to accomplish the intent of the Resolution. The Resolution passed last week granting \$350 to each Tribal member accomplished the intent of the original Resolution. .

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 01-1212-01, RESCINDING RESOLUTION # 01-0815-03, APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APROPRIATION FOR MEMBER GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FY2001 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 FROM GAMING PROCEEDS; by Kleeman; support by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

B. Approval of 2002 Little River Casino Budget

Discussion was held regarding correct date of the document, general consensus was November 26, 2001.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 01-1212-02, APPROVING OPERATING BUDGET AND ANNUAL PLAN FOR LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002; by Porter; support by Sam.

House stated in the 4th WHEREAS, “pursuant” should be deleted; November 26 should be the date inserted; on the second page to insert the word “adopting” between action and the; and inserting November 26 on the second page.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (5-1-2-1)

C. Resolution Approving Contract with A.J. Veneklasen Excavation Contract for the Little River Station Store

Sprague reported there was some urgency to award bids for the sand/compacting at Little River Station. A. J. Veneklasen Excavation, who was already on site at the Casino, could do the work at about one-half what other bids were. Sprague noted if the bid was not let that day A. J. Veneklasen would be moving their equipment and there would be an additional charge to bring the equipment back to site. B. Davis, upon Sprague's recommendation, signed off that day in order to save the greater expense. Sprague indicated the Ogema was not available to sign off at that time, however, had since signed off.

McCatty asked if the work had already been completed. Sprague stated it had been completed and packed to 98% which is to specifications.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 01-1212-03 AUTHORIZING THE TRIBAL OGEMA, OR IN HIS ABSENCE, THE TRIBAL COUNCIL SPEAKER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH A.J. VENEKLASEN FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE LITTLE RIVER STATION STORE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,922.00 AND CONSENTING TO HAVE DISPUTES RESOLVED IN THE COMMERCIAL DIVISION OF THE TRIBAL COURT; by Fisher; support by Kleeman.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) – December 15, 2001 and December 19, 2001**
- B. Public Comment Period**

Morris requested a copy of the approved Casino budget. Sam stated a summary of the budget was available.

Davis apologized to the Council for his hasty action in letting the bid to A. J. Veneklasen. He stated he appreciated the support the Council gave him, however, he would never react to a situation again in that manner. Sam reminded Davis the Speaker is next in chain of command after the

Ogema and should have been contacted.

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 Kleeman; support by Ruitter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

This portion of Open Session was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION; by Kleeman, support by Ruitter

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Council reconvened Open Session at 2:30 p.m. There were no items to be placed in Open Session from the Closed Session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN OPEN SESSION; by Kleeman, support by Ruitter

Roll Call


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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sadie Riffle
Transcribing Assistant


Janine Sam
Tribal Council Recorder