



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**  
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NEED

**MINUTES**  
**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Special Session**  
**Wednesday, December 27, 2000, 11:00 A.M.**  
**OPEN SESSION**  
(Held in the Little River Band Community Center Conference Room)

It should be noted that the structure of this meeting was not typical, i.e., the Closed Session portion of the meeting was held prior to the Open Session portion of the meeting. This was done in order to discuss (prior to voting) on the agenda items, all of which are related to the expansion of the Little River Casino/Resort. There are separate Closed Session Minutes. The Open Session reflects the topics that were discussed in the Closed Session, as evidenced by the agenda itself. A copy of the agenda has been reproduced within this set of minutes for the benefit of the reader(s). This follows:

- I. SILENT PRAYER**  
A silent prayer was offered prior to the Call to Order.
  
- II. GENERAL BUSINESS**
  - A. CALL TO ORDER**  
Joan Spalding, the Tribal Council Speaker, did the Call to Order at 11:17 a.m.
  
  - B. ROLL CALL**  
ROLL CALL RESULTS:  
PRESENT: Kathy Berentsen, Charles Fisher, Tammy Kleeman, Elaine Porter, Joan Spalding, Janine Szpliet and Connie Waitner.  
ABSENT: Carol Bennett and Lisa McCatty. It should be noted that Lisa did later arrive for the meeting. Carol was absent -out of town.  
QUORUM: With the above attendance, a quorum was established.  
ADDITIONAL NOTE: It should be noted for the Record that both Joanne House and Bill Brooks (Tribal Attorneys) were both present in the meeting. Richard Sprague, Tribal Council Assistant, was present for most of the meeting as well.
  
  - C. CONSENT AGENDA**  
**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Upon review of the agenda, it was noted that this was a special meeting of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council and that the agenda was established in the Call for the Meeting and the

**Motion:** To Adjourn the Closed Session.  
**Motion by:** Janine Szpliet  
**Support:** Tammy Kleeman

**Roll Call:** K. Berentsen – Yes  
T. Kleeman – Yes  
E. Porter – Yes  
J. Szpliet – Yes  
C. Bennett – Absent  
C. Fisher – Yes  
L. McCatty – Yes  
J. Spalding – Yes  
C. Waitner – Yes

**Voting Results:** Motion passes: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 2 absent.

Following the motion to adjourn the Closed Session, there was a motion to return to Open Session. Charles Fisher made this motion. Connie Waitner supported. The Roll Call Record indicates the following voting record.

**Motion:** To go into Open Session.  
**Motion by:** Charles Fisher  
**Support:** Connie Waitner

**Roll Call:** K. Berentsen – Yes  
T. Kleeman – Yes  
E. Porter – Yes  
J. Szpliet – Yes  
C. Bennett – Absent  
C. Fisher – Yes  
L. McCatty – No  
J. Spalding – Yes  
C. Waitner – Yes

**Voting Results:** Motion passes: 7 for, 1 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.

With the meeting in Open Session, the meeting proceeded to address the Open Session Agenda Items, "A - F". Due to the fact that each of these agenda items were discussed in Closed Session, the minutes related to the Open Session portion of this Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council Meeting will ONLY reflect the respective voting records of each of the agenda items (with the only exception being those discussions that actually occurred in the Open Session portion of the meeting – which will be indicated in their respective discussion areas.

**Open Session: Item A Decision Regarding Drummond-Woodsum Contract.**

**Motion:** To Approve Resolution #00-1227-01 Approving the Contract with Drummond-Woodsum.  
**Motion by:** Tammy Kleeman  
**Support by:** Connie Waitner

**Roll Call:** K. Berentsen – Yes  
T. Kleeman – Yes  
E. Porter – Yes  
J. Szpliet – Yes  
C. Bennett – Absent  
C. Fisher – Yes  
L. McCatty – Yes  
J. Spalding – Yes  
C. Waitner – Yes

**Voting Results:** Motion passes: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.

**Open Session: Item B Decision Affirming Proceeding With Little River Casino/Resort Expansion.**

**Motion:** To affirm proceeding with the Little River Casino/Resort Expansion including the new casino, hotel, restaurants, back of house, retail,

day care and the water/sewer components – pending approved financing for the expansion.

**Motion by:**  
**Support by:**

**Janine Szpliet**  
The Tribal Council Member who supported this motion was not recorded in the Roll Call Record. (Tape and/or other resources will be checked to make this determination). The Roll Call Record does reflect the following voting record.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>K. Berentsen – Yes</b>	<b>C. Fisher – Yes</b>
	<b>T. Kleeman – Yes</b>	<b>L. McCatty – Yes</b>
	<b>E. Porter – Yes</b>	<b>J. Spalding – Yes</b>
	<b>J. Szpliet – Yes</b>	<b>C. Waitner – Yes</b>
	<b>C. Bennett – Absent</b>	

**Voting Results:** Motion passes: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.

**Open Session: Item C**      **Decision Regarding Project Scope.**  
**Open Session: Item D**      **Decision Regarding Project Budget.**

Open Session Items "C" and "D" appear together in the minutes because these two agenda items were combined in a single motion related to both of these agenda items. (This will be apparent in the motion itself).

**Motion:** To postpone the decision on "C" and "D" (New Business) until a formal package is prepared for the first meeting in January by Bob Guenthardt, Dan Broton and Jo Anne House.

**Motion by:** Janine Szpliet  
**Support:** Tammy Kleeman

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>K. Berentsen – Yes</b>	<b>C. Fisher – Yes</b>
	<b>T. Kleeman – Yes</b>	<b>L. McCatty – Yes</b>
	<b>E. Porter – Yes</b>	<b>J. Spalding – Yes</b>
	<b>J. Szpliet – Yes</b>	<b>C. Waitner – Yes</b>
	<b>C. Bennett – Absent</b>	

**Voting Results:** Motion passes: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.

Related to the above, there was also a brief discussion regarding whether everything that needed to be completed could actually be completed for the next Tribal Council Meeting, January 3, 2001. It was specifically noted that it was a "suggestion" to do this on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was an additional mention that the project scope was to include the FF&E.

**Open Session: Item E**      **Decision Regarding Letter Of Agreement With Manistee Gaming.**

There was a brief discussion of this agenda item in the Open Session prior to the motion to remove this from the Agenda. The discussion included the facts that 1) the Contract will require NIGC approval, and 2) Rob Gips and Dan Amory have been and still are talking with the Management Company attorney(s). This agenda item was removed from the agenda in anticipation of this coming back to the Tribal Council when this is in a more final form.

**Motion:** To Remove Item "E" (New Business) from the Agenda.  
**Motion by:** Janine Szpliet

Following the above, there was a motion to Adjourn. Connie Waitner made this motion. Tammy Kleeman supported. With the following vote, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council Meeting of 12/27/00 was adjourned.

**Motion:** To Adjourn.  
**Motion by:** Connie Waitner  
**Support:** Tammy Kleeman

**Roll Call:**

K. Berentsen – Yes	C. Fisher – Yes
T. Kleeman – Yes	L. McCatty – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	J. Spalding – Yes
J. Szpliet – Yes	C. Waitner – Yes
C. Bennett – Absent	

**Voting Results:** Motion passes: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain and 1 absent.

**APPROVED MINUTES:**

**CHARLES FISHER  
TRIBAL COUNCIL RECORDER**



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**ORIGINAL**

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Open Session

December 27, 2000

Little River Band Community Center

A Special Meeting of the Tribal Council was held in the Little River Band Community Center. This Special Meeting was duly called and noticed. Agenda items at Special Meetings are limited to the items noticed in the call for the Special Meeting.

#### I. Silent Prayer

#### II. General Business

##### A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:17 a.m., on Wednesday, December 27, 2000.

##### B. Roll Call

Members Present: Joan Spalding, Speaker; Charles Fisher, Recorder; Councilors: Kathy Berentsen; Tammy Kleeman; Elaine Porter; Janine Szpliet; and Connie Waitner.

Members Excused: Lisa M. McCatty; Carol Bennett. Note: Lisa McCatty arrives later in the meeting.

Others Present: Jo Anne House, Bill Brooks, Richard Sprague.

##### C. Consent Agenda

*Summary: Discussion regarding agenda.*

No motion to adopt the agenda was made as it was set in the call for the meeting.

#### III. Open Session

**MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION, by Charles Fisher, second by Connie Waitner.**

Roll Call:

C. Bennett - Absent	T. Kleeman - Yes	J. Spalding - Yes
K. Berentsen - Yes	L. McCatty - Absent	J. Szpliet - Yes
C. Fisher - Yes	E. Porter - Yes	C. Waitner - Yes

Motion carries. (7-0-0-2).<sup>1</sup>

**IV. Closed Session**

- A. Discussion of Drummond-Woodsum Contract Amendment
- B. Discussion of Proceeding with Little River Casino/Resort Expansion
- C. Discussion of Project Scope
- D. Discussion of Project Budget
- E. Discussion of Letter Agreement with Manistee Gaming
- F. Discussion of Subcontractor List

*Summary: Discussion was had in Closed Session regarding all of the above items.*

*(Lisa McCatty arrives during Closed Session.)*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION, by Janine Szpliet, second by Tammy Kleeman.**

Roll Call:

C. Bennett - Absent	T. Kleeman - Yes	J. Spalding - Yes
K. Berentsen - Yes	L. McCatty - Yes	J. Szpliet - Yes
C. Fisher - Yes	E. Porter - Yes	C. Waitner - Yes

Motion carries. (8-0-0-1).

**VII. Move to Open Session**

**MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION, by Charles Fisher, second by Connie Waitner.**

Roll Call:

C. Bennett - Absent	T. Kleeman - Yes	J. Spalding - Yes
K. Berentsen - Yes	L. McCatty - No	J. Szpliet - Yes
C. Fisher - Yes	E. Porter - Yes	C. Waitner - Yes

Motion carries. (7-1-0-1).

**VIII. Open Session**

**A. Discussion of Drummond-Woodsum Contract Amendment**

*Summary: No discussion took place.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 00-1227-01 APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH DRUMMOND-WOODSUM, by Tammy Kleeman, second by Connie Waitner.**

Roll Call:

C. Bennett - Absent	T. Kleeman - Yes	J. Spalding - Yes
K. Berentsen - Yes	L. McCatty - Yes	J. Szpliet - Yes

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<sup>1</sup> (Yes-No-Abstain-Absent)

C. Fisher - Yes	E. Porter - Yes	C. Waitner - Yes
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Motion carries. (8-0-0-1).

**B. Discussion of Proceeding with Little River Casino/Resort Expansion**

*Summary: No discussion took place.*

**MOTION TO AFFIRM PROCEEDING WITH THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO/RESORT EXPANSION INCLUDING THE NEW CASINO, HOTEL, RESTAURANTS, BACK OF HOUSE, RETAIL, DAY CARE, AND THE ASTER/SEWER COMPONENTS – PENDING APPROVED FINANCING FOR THE EXPANSION, by Janine Szpliet.**

*(Note: The Councilor supporting this motion was not identified, and is not noted on the roll call record.)*

Roll Call:

C. Bennett - Absent	T. Kleeman - Yes	J. Spalding - Yes
K. Berentsen - Yes	L. McCatty - Yes	J. Szpliet - Yes
C. Fisher - Yes	E. Porter - Yes	C. Waitner - Yes

Motion carries. (8-0-0-1).

**C. Discussion of Project Scope**

**D. Discussion of Project Budget**

*Summary: Discussion regarding the time lines for completion of component documents by January 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Tribal Council meeting and the inclusion of FF&E in the project scope.*

**MOTION TO POSTPONE THE DECISION ON ITEMS C AND D, NEW BUSINESS, UNTIL A FORMAL PACKAGE IS PREPARED FOR THE FIRST MEETING IN JANUARY BY BOB GUENTHARDT, DAN BROTON AND JO ANNE HOUSE, B Janine Szpliet, second by Tammy Kleeman.**

Roll Call:

C. Bennett - Absent	T. Kleeman - Yes	J. Spalding - Yes
K. Berentsen - Yes	L. McCatty - Yes	J. Szpliet - Yes
C. Fisher - Yes	E. Porter - Yes	C. Waitner - Yes

Motion carries. (8-0-0-1).

**E. Discussion of Letter Agreement with Manistee Gaming**

*Summary: Discussion regarding removing the item from the agenda to allow the additional information to be brought forward – NIGC approval requirement and final documents.*

**MOTION TO REMOVE ITEM E, NEW BUSINESS, FROM THE AGENDA, by Janine Szpliet, second by Tammy Kleeman.**

Roll Call:

C. Bennett - Absent	T. Kleeman - Yes	J. Spalding - Yes
K. Berentsen - Yes	L. McCatty - Yes	J. Szpliet - Yes

C. Fisher - Yes	E. Porter - Yes	C. Waitner - Yes
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Motion carries. (8-0-0-1).

**F. Discussion of Subcontractor List**

*Summary: Discussion regarding additional names to be added to the list and documentation regarding three bids.*

**MOTION TO REQUEST THAT CUNNINGHAM-LIMP PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION REGARDING THE THREE BID PROCESS FOR SUBCONTRACTS AS A PART OF REPORTING TO CARE, by Janine Szpliet, second by Tammy Kleeman.**

Roll Call:

C. Bennett - Absent	T. Kleeman - Yes	J. Spalding - Yes
K. Berentsen - Yes	L. McCatty - Yes	J. Szpliet - Yes
C. Fisher - Yes	E. Porter - Yes	C. Waitner - Yes

Motion carries. (8-0-0-1).

**IX. Adjournment**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING, by Connie Waitner, second by Tammy Kleeman.**

Roll Call:

C. Bennett - Absent	T. Kleeman - Yes	J. Spalding - Yes
K. Berentsen - Yes	L. McCatty - Yes	J. Szpliet - Yes
C. Fisher - Yes	E. Porter - Yes	C. Waitner - Yes

Motion carries. (8-0-0-1).

Minutes Transcribed/Drafted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as Drafted/  
Approved as Corrected  
Date:

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lisa M. McCatty,  
Tribal Council Recorder<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Note: Charles Fisher was Recorder at the time of this meeting, but not at the time the minutes were submitted for approval.