

# ***Little River Band of Ottawa Indians/Election Board Open Meeting Minutes***

May 18, 2023

## **I. Call to order**

Kathy Gibson called to order the Closed Meeting of the Election Board at 5:16 pm

## **II. Roll call**

Yes-Kathy Gibson, Yes-Laura Echelbarger, Yes-Karen Love,  
Yes-Lee Ivinson, Yes-Janine Sam

## **III. Members in attendance**

Ron Wittenberg, Al Metzger, Karol Ann Chabot, Jolene O'Signac

## **IV. Open Discussion**

\*Q) Al Metzger had a question regarding his receipt for the money order he gave us with his candidate packet as he is missing the receipt from the purchase of the money order for the \$100.00 background check.

A) The question was clarified that we needed the receipt for his background check fee (\$100) for the financial form. The same was true for Ron Wittenberg's financial form.

\*Q) Karol Ann Chabot had a question regarding the undeliverable ballots that come back and asked how they are handled.

A) All of the undeliverables come into the PO Box and they are picked up at the same time as the ballots. Once the envelopes come back on election day, the undeliverables are separated and there were 50 that were returned during the regular election.

\*Q) Karol Ann asked if anyone was taking the 50 addresses to see if they can contact the members to update their address so more people will vote?

A) Enrollment does get the same undeliverables back from mailings. The Ogema sent out a postcard to alert the membership of the spring membership meeting and they would have received the same addresses back as undeliverables. The membership has the responsibility to update their addresses with enrollment as well. Going forward it is our hope to give the enrollment department the undeliverables that come back so they can reach out to try to update their address. To clarify, there is an enrollment ordinance that dictates that the enrollment department sends the member list to the vendor and the election board is not able to send it or verify it. In order to change that, the ordinance itself would have to be changed but the EB is looking at this for the next election. For voter transparency the board would like to publish the list of people who voted, and this is something we are looking at currently.

\*Q) Joleen O'Signac stated that she agreed with making a list of people who voted and

making it available to the membership to make sure they can verify their vote was received.

## **V. Adjournment**

Kathy Gibson adjourned the meeting at 5:41 pm to go into Closed Session.

Motion made by Janine Same, supported by Kathy Gibson

Yes-Laura Echelbarger, Yes-Karen Love, Yes-Lee Ivinson,

Yes-Kathy Gibson Yes-Janine Sam