

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



**Aki Community Center
Elders Meeting**

March 2, 2024

Agenda

1. Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. *February minutes*
 - b.
5. Elected Officials Update
6. New Business:
 1. Trip to Mt. Pleasant
 2. Future Trips
 3. Elders Coordinator
7. Old Business:
8. Public Comment
9. Adjourned
10. Next Meeting: April 6, 2024

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



*Aki Community Center
Manistee, Michigan 49660
February 3, 2024*

Elders Monthly Meeting

Roll Call

Quorum: All Present Time started: 12:15

<i>Jessica Steinberg- here</i>	<i>Chuck Fisher- here</i>	<i>Sandy Mezeske- absent</i>
<i>Dale Chandler- here</i>	<i>Marcella Leusby- here</i>	

Quorum: 4-1-0-0

Guests: Gary Diapizza

Approval of Agenda: Chuck Fisher made motion to approved the agenda, Dale Chandler seconded. All approved

<i>Jessica Steinberg- yes</i>	<i>Chuck Fisher- yes</i>	<i>Sandy Mezeske- absent</i>
<i>Dale Chandler- yes</i>	<i>Marcella Leusby- yes</i>	

Quorum: 4-1-0-0

Approval of Minutes: Jessica Steinberg made motion to approved minutes, Dale Chandler seconded. All approved

<i>Jessica Steinberg- yes</i>	<i>Chuck Fisher- yes</i>	<i>Sandy Mezeske- absent</i>
<i>Dale Chandler- yes</i>	<i>Marcella Leusby- yes</i>	

Quorum: 4-1-0-0

1. Old Business: The Elders budget was discussed. We don't exactly know where that stands right now because the 2024 budget was still being discussed, Did council ok trips for this year?

2. New Business: Some of the elders wanted to know to get on the tribal website for the council meeting. They have tried to sign in but never hear anything back from IT. Elders mentioned if there was anything heard yet from council on their trips for this year. We have planned on at least two for this summer and fall. One was to visit Mt. Pleasant Residential school and a day trip to another casino.

Someone had mentioned the EDC. Questions asked were: Are they are still in business; little is known what they are doing. What is going on with the next generation building?

One elder asked why the tribe is not getting more involved in expanding more business adventures. All the casinos around us are spending millions to expand their business's whereas we are in the same spot we've been for the past 25 years. We are going nowhere.

Lee Ivison talked of the Election Board doing a survey on changing the regulation back to have the members register to vote. Elders committed it should have never changed in the first place. They had to register to vote, all other members should have to.

It was stated that there was a difference between enrolling to be a tribal member and registering to be a member. The difference is that enrolling into the tribe is providing your family information to become a tribal member, whereas registering means you voluntary sign your name on a form which enables you to vote in tribal election.

3. Public Comment: *Mainly concerns about the trouble with Council meetings. Allen Hardenburg asked about the Elers taking a trip in May to the Mt. Pleasant Residential school. He offered to look into bussing and the cost. Marcella Leusby offered to help.*

Elders want to know what is happening with the Strategic plan for the tribe's future. Are plans being made for future businesses? Are there plans to build onto the Casino, to make it a more family orientated business? Other things talked about was maybe an apartment complex, being housing needs are at a high demand now.

4. Meeting Adjourned: *2:45 pm*

5. Next Meeting: *April 6, 2024*

Sincerely,
Marcella Leusby



Elder Secretary

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



**Aki Community Center
Manistee, Michigan 49660
May 4th, 202~~9~~⁶
Elders Monthly Meeting**

Roll Call

Quorum: Present: All present. Time started: 12:05 pm

Jessica Steinberg-here	Chuck Fisher-here	Sandy Mezeske-here
Dale Chandler-here	Marcella Leusby-here	

Quorum: 4-0-0-0

Guests: Gary DiPiazza

Approval of Agenda: Chuck made motion to approved the agenda.
Sandy seconded. All approved

Jessica Steinberg-yes	Chuck Fisher-yes	Sandy Mezeske-yes
Dale Chandler-yes	Marcella Leusby-yes	

Quorum: 4-0-0-0

Approval of Minutes: Sandy made motion to approved minutes. Chuck seconded. All approved

Jessica Steinberg-yes	Chuck Fisher-yes	Sandy Mezeske-yes
Dale Chandler-yes	Marcella Leusby-yes	

Quorum: 4-0-0-0

1.Old Business: trip to Mt. Pleasant Residential school

2. New Business: Dale Chandler announced he is stepping down from the Elders Committee. We will be having an Emergency Election in June to fill his spot.

Talk of Conference/ Christmas meetings and Ghost Supper. Due to there being no trips it was mentioned of giving the elders a room for the Ghost Supper/ Fall membership meeting. And 2 nights for the Conference/Christmas meetings.

It was talked about bringing in the traveling Exhibit of the Residential Boarding Schools to the Elders. Jessica asked for someone to look into this.

3.Public Comment: Elders question and answer time.

Jessica talked of rumor of monies going out to members. Council is going to have a work session.

Some of council want to send members money from the general fund.

Elders felt it should be kept and put to better use. Answers were putting it in for Housing, General membership departments, investing it.

Changing Per cap to general welfare programs.

Per cap is hurting members who are on SSI, SSID, Medicare and other social programs. Most members have no idea what is going on in the tribe and they need to get more involved.

There are 2 members, Stacy Cheney and Sara Agosha trying to get money sent to members out of general fund. Someone mentioned it was coming from certain council members, seeing it was election year.

Someone else mentioned how we can get council going back to stipends? And how they believed there wasn't enough money in the funds to give the members at this time.

4. Meeting Adjourned: Sandy moved to adjourn meeting, Marcella seconds. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm

5. Next Meeting: June 1st, 2024

Elders Secretary,

Marcella Leusby

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**Aki Community Center
Elders Meeting**

June 1, 2024

Agenda

1. Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. *May*
5. Elected officials Update
6. New Business:
 - a. Election
 - b. Conference/Christmas Party - November 1,2,3
7. Old Business:
 - a. MIEA- Gifts
 - b.
8. Public Comment
9. Adjourned
10. Next Meeting: August 3, 2024

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**Aki Community Center
Elders Meeting**

August 3, 2024 Picnic

Agenda

1. Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. *No July minutes-No meeting*
 - b.
5. Elected Officials Update
6. New Business:
7. Conference/Christmas Party – November 8 and 9
8. Vicki Wells
9. Medicare liaison
10. Chuck Fisher/Alan Hardenburg- MIEA meeting
11. Old Business:
 - a.
 - b.
12. Public Comment:
13. Adjourned:
14. Next Meeting: September 7th

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*Aki Community Center
Manistee, Michigan 49660
Elders Monthly Meeting*

August 3, 2024

Picnic

Roll Call

Quorum: All Present Time started:

<i>Jessica Steinberg-absent</i>	<i>Chuck Fisher- here</i>	<i>Sandy Mczeske- here</i>
<i>Dianna Harris- here</i>	<i>Marcella Leusby- here</i>	

Quorum: 1-4-0-0

Guests Larry Romanelli, Gary DiPiazza, Election Board

Approval of Agenda: Chuck made motion to approved the agenda, Marcella seconded. All approved

<i>Jessica Steinberg-absent</i>	<i>Chuck Fisher-yes</i>	<i>Sandy Mczeske-yes</i>
<i>Dianna Harris-yes</i>	<i>Marcella Leusby-yes</i>	

Quorum: 1-4-0-0

Approval of Minutes: NO JULY MEETING made motion to approved minutes, seconded. All approved

<i>Jessica Steinberg-</i>	<i>Chuck Fisher-</i>	<i>Sandy Mczeske-</i>
<i>Dianna Harris-</i>	<i>Marcella Leusby-</i>	

Quorum: 0-0-0-0

1. Old Business: None

2. New Business: Larry talked about the budget meeting. He said it was recorded but there was no zoom. He introduced Kathleen Bowers as the new budget coordinator. Al and Gary attended the budget meeting. The Muskegon project is still moving ahead at this time. We have until this fall for the governor to either reject it or keep it moving.

Our casino is number 4 in the state for online gaming. Bet Rivers is the name of our online gaming. We get the tax money from online gaming. That money goes into the Reserve Fund.

*There was just over 14 million in reserve, council voted to give that to the members.
The Reserve money could have been used for departments service and needed repairs and maintenance on the buildings.*

The Childcare Center will not be opening as of right now. The department of Victim Services is currently using the Child Center.

The EDC instructor needs to be looked at and reviewed closer. Not enough information coming out of the EDC.

There was talk of a online survey to tribal members.

The raffle was a hit!! Roger Shalifo won the big tv!!

Election board talked about everyone getting their new registrations. You have to register to vote.

Chuck gave an update on the MIEA meeting.

3.Public Comment:

4. Meeting Adjourned : 2:28 pm

5. Next Meeting : September 7

Elder Secretary,

Marcella Leusby

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**Aki Community Center
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June 1, 2024

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4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. May
5. Elected officials Update
6. New Business:
 - a. Election
 - b. Conference/Christmas Party - November 1,2,3
7. Old Business:
 - a. MIEA- Gifts
 - b.
8. Public Comment
9. Adjourned
10. Next Meeting: August 3, 2024