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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



Elders Monthly Meeting 2953 Shaw be Quo-ung

August 3, 2022

Roll Call and Stipend: Meeting called to order:

Chairperson Chuck Fisher at 12:00 pm. Gary Dipiazza filling in as an acting trustee.

Chuck Fisher Present	Detra Kelsey Absent	Gary Dipiazza-acting
Marcella Leusby Present		

Quorum:3-1-0-0

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

Chuck Fisher Yes	Detra Kelsey Absent	Gary Dipiazza-acting
Marcella Leusby Yes		

Quorum:3-1-0-0

Approval of Minutes: None

Made motion to approve the minutes - seconds. All approved.

Chuck Fisher	Detra Kelsey	Gary Dipiazza-acting
Marcella Leusby		

Quorum: 0-0-0-0

1. We had a very good turnout for our first Elders Meeting on over 2 years!! We had a hundred in attendance!! A big thank you to everyone who donated prizes.

New Business: Ogema's Advisory Board gave a presentation on what their job are. The group consists of three businesspeople, Mike Moore, Chuck Wahr, and Kim Dun. They all have the knowledge in various fields of work management, business backgrounds, and laws. The Ogema hired them to find more ways of improving the Casino and how to make more income for the Resort.

General Manager Andrew Gentile talked of the revenue the Casino has brought in. We seem to be breaking even as of now. They still have a shortage of workers. The employees have been doing an excellent job keeping everything running.

With Covid happening and being shut down in 2021 it has hurt the Resort. Mr. Gentile told them that 2% of the online gaming goes to taxes (which the tribe gets back), 10% goes to Per Cap and the rest goes into a Special Fund for Council.

The EDC Manager Eugene Magnuson gave a presentation of what the Little River Holdings have been up to. The mission of this entity is an economic business that will increase the growth of the tribe's economic business to help profits and growth for the tribe and for other tribes.

With monies from grants and the tribe the EDC has been able to build Odeno, the Hillcrest Apartments, which is due to open this fall and the Gateway Project. The enterprise also has a Board of Directors who are businesspeople whose action plan is to set up Little River Holdings with endeavors that will make a profit business for the tribe.

Casino manager Andrew Gentile – With Covid happening and being shut down in 2021 it really hurt the resort. The money from online gaming, which 10% goes for per cap, 2% goes for taxes, (which comes back to the tribe), the rest of the money goes into a special fund for Council. The employees of the Casino have been going above to make sure the Casino is up and running. They have done an awesome job.

2. Old Business: None

3. Open Session: One elder wanted to know how the Golf Course was going. It's not turning a profit yet, they've had to apply for a liquor license and reseed some of the ground. As business's go it's usually 4-5 years before a profit starts showing.

Muskegon Clinic is almost ready to open. Just waiting for the ok, it will be fully staffed, same as the Manistee Clinic is.

Even though the Governor has turned down the Muskegon Project for the time being work is still being done on a possible phase 2.

4. Adjourned: 4:25 pm adjourned. Motion to adjourn by Marcella Leusby, Chuck Fisher seconded, All approved.

Chuck Fisher Yes	Detra Kelsey Absent	Gary Dipiazza-acting
Marcella Leusby Yes		

Quorum:3-1-0-0

5. Next Meeting: September 3, 2022

Elder's Secretary,


Marcella Leusby

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Aki Center

Elders Meeting

September 3, 2022

1.Roll Call and Stipend: Meeting called to order:

Chairperson Chuck Fisher at 12:00 pm. Gary is acting as committee member

Chuck Fisher: Present	Detra Kelsey: Absent	Gary DiPiazza-Acting
Marcella Leusby: Present		

Quorum: 3-1-0-0

Guests: Ogema Romanelli, Michelle Romanelli and Gary DiPiazza

2.Approval of Agenda: made motion to approve the agenda, seconded. All approved.

Chuck Fisher: Yes	Detra Kelsey: Absent	Gary DiPiazza: Acting
Marcella Leusby: Yes		

Quorum:3-1-0-0

3.Approval of Minutes:

Made motion to approve the minutes - seconds. All approved.

Chuck Fisher: Yes	Detra Kelsey: Absent	Gary DiPiazza: Acting
Marcella Leusby: Yes		

Quorum: 3-1-0-0

4.New Business: Larry said council and him have been working on a deal to reopen the Next Generation Center. They are going to reduce the space and open it as a Daycare Center hopefully by the end of the year. It was mean spirited to close it down, it should have never happened. Hopefully our good standing with the community will come back.

Larry stated that after 12 years and thirty million dollars we are not going to give up on the Muskegon Project. The packet for the Muskegon project is not dead yet. The date for the Grand River recognition will soon be up, we're hoping the Governor will make up her mind after that decision is made. There are more ideas for what the Muskegon property can be used for.

We could not find the microphones or speakers used for the Elders meetings. Larry stated that the Ogema's department bought those for the Elder's, and they should be at Aki.

The Elders meals will be coming from Manistee Council on Aging for the time being. Elders can still have their meals at Aki, or they can pick them up. Employees have been volunteering to get the meals and set them up for the Elders.

Gary stated that tribal members could hunt for tribal elders and handicapped members. It was mentioned that the Elders invited the Council to do their monthly meeting at the Elders Conference, Gary didn't know yet if they were going to do it.

Elders Idea's:

1. Opening a small library of Native American books at Aki for the Elders.
2. Elders writing stories of their growing up years. Possible future small book of Elders Memoirs.
3. Putting a Concerned Group of Elders together. Working with other tribes elders groups.
4. Put Articles from the Elders in the currants. Doing a monthly report or article dealing with Elders doing's in the Currants.
5. Getting more involved with our next generation. Working with Education
6. Chuck talked of revising the Elders Budget for next year.

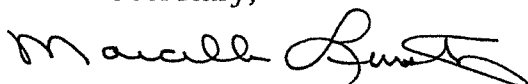
6. Old Business: Committee was going to put Elders names in the Currants who are running for Elders Committee but have had no word of when the Currants will be up and running. We will be voting seats on the Committee and for the Michigan Indian Elders Association at the Elders Conference

7. Open Session: Darlene Martin wanted to know if anymore was said on the \$100.00 Council was working on for the Tribal Members. It was confirmed that it was still being talked about. Alyce Glitz talked of family members who have been in the Indian Boarding Schools.

8. Meeting Adjourned: 2:15 pm Gary moved to adjourn the meeting, Chuck approved, all agreed. Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: October 1, 2023

Elder's Secretary,



Marcella Leusby

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



Elders Monthly Meeting

December 3, 2022

Christmas Party

Roll Call: Jessica made a motion to call meeting together at 3:15 pm.

Jessica Steinberg-here	Chuck Fisher-here	Sandy Mezeske-here
Tammy Burmeister-here	Marcella Leusby-absent	

Quorum:4-1-0-0

Approval of Agenda: Chuck made motion to accept agenda, Sandy seconded.

Jessica Steinberg-yes	Chuck Fisher-yes	Sandy Mezeske-yes
Tammy Burmeister-yes	Marcella Leusby-absent	

Quorum: 4-1-0-0

Approval of Minutes: Chuck made motion to accept November 6, 2022 minutes, Sandy seconded,

Jessica Steinberg-yes	Chuck Fisher-yes	Sandy Mezeske-yes
Tammy Burmeister-yes	Marcella Leusby-absent	

Quorum: 4-1-0-0

4. **New Business:** It was decided that the 2023 Elders Conference and Christmas Party will take place at the Casino and as close to the same dates picked.

Plans have been made to have some Elders meetings in Muskegon and Wisconsin, if budget permits. There will also be some monthly zoom in meetings. Jessica went through the 2023 Elders Calendar and asked for the elders ideas on any items they would like to see for 2023.

Gary stated that the Elders draft budget has not been passed out yet and it should be in this week's agenda.

Jessica talked about a couple of Elders summer trips for 2023 but it will depend on the budget. The elders committee will get a schedule and cost together for next month's meeting. The trips would probably be day trips. Committee asked for input from the elders on where they would like to go.

One idea was to go to the Mt. Pleasant Boarding school Museum.

Another idea was a Bingo trip to one of the Casinos but to make sure that the casino is in support of LRBOI.

An Elder bought up the idea of maybe doing a lotto and picking a couple of elders go to the MIEA meeting with the representatives.

Council has agreed to hold the MIEA Conference this year at the casino.

Elders Committee will have to work out the details on which meeting we can do.

Gary wanted to let the Elders know that deer season will be over January 8th.

News for the Currants have to be in to Sky by the 15th of every month.

5. **Old Business:** MIEA representatives are Chuck Fisher and Allen Hardenburgh. In February there will be a vote on 3 new Representatives to represent LRBOI at the MIEA meetings.

6. **Public Comment:** An elder wanted to know what the Committee was doing for the community. They would like to see more involvement and volunteering with the next generation. They would like the Elders figure out a schedule to work in areas that would benefit our tribe and the next generation. More will be talked about and starting of a schedule at our next meeting. Art Debre wanted to know what Council is doing to help the Elders to be able to start these things for our tribe. Funding is needed to get these things started. One Elder wanted to know why our clinic doesn't bill our insurance. Clinic doesn't bill Medicare. Providers need to sign up and has to have credential insurance in order for the tribe to bill them. The Pharmacy does bill the insurance companies and we get that money back. Question was asked on who is responsible for letting members on the Commissions and Committees. The ordinance states the Tribal Council has control of choosing members for these positions. Ogema gave his report, he met with other local tribes to talk over what's been going on with Line 5. He attended a White House Summit with other nations this is the 5th one he has attended. It was very informative to hear from other nations on what is going on with them. He will be attending a State Summit in Lansing. 12 tribes will be meeting with the Governor, with the tribe Larry stated the EDC housing needs to be looked at, the Next Generation needs an update. Our health services need updating so it works better with insurance's and up to date with other tribes.

7. **Adjournment:** Sandy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Chuck seconded, all ok'd. Marcella left meeting due to illness.

Sandy-yes	Chuck-yes	Marcella-absent
Jessica-yes	Tammy-yes	

Quorum: 4-1-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully,



Acting Secretary

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



Elders Conference

November 6th and 7th, 2022

1. **Roll Call:** Chuck Fisher called meeting to order at 9:40 am

<u>Jessica Steinberg-x</u>	<u>Chuck Fisher-x</u>	<u>Sandy Mezeske-x</u>
<u>Tammy Burmeister-x</u>	<u>Marcella Leusby-x</u>	

Quorum: 5-0-0-0

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Sandy Mezeske made motion to accept agenda, Jessica Steinberg seconded. All approved

<u>Jessica Steinberg-yes</u>	<u>Chuck Fisher-yes</u>	<u>Sandy Mezeske-yes</u>
<u>Tammy Burmeister-yes</u>	<u>Marcella Leusby-yes</u>	

Quorum: 5-0-0-0

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Sandy Mezeske made motion to accept October 1 minutes. Jessica Steinberg seconded, all approved.

<u>Jessica Steinberg-yes</u>	<u>Chuck Fisher-yes</u>	<u>Sandy Mezeske-yes</u>
<u>Tammy Burmeister-yes</u>	<u>Marcella Leusby-yes</u>	

Quorum: 5-0-0-0

4. New Business: Chuck Fisher presented the Elders draft budget for 2023 in the amount of \$126,650. This does not include the meals for the elder's monthly meetings, he stated that there will be more discussion on the budget at the December meeting.

The election for 3 new elders commission will take place at the December 3 meeting. New position will be decided then for Chairperson, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

Jessica Steinberg, Sandy Mezeske, Tammy Burmeister was temporally voted in to be on the Elders Committee until the election in December. Elders voted in favor of this temporally vote.

Jessica reminded the elders of the date and time for the Elders Christmas party. Agenda covers a crazy sweater contest, a gift exchange, a small skit by elders, a photo booth, possible DJ with dancing.

5.Old Business: None

6.Public Comment: *Would like to see elders attend the MIEA meetings. Will be election for MIEA in February meeting. Would like to see a trip planned for 2023 for the elders, would like to take a trip to the boarding school exhibit in Mt. Pleasant. If planning a trip to one of the Casinos let it be known they want to go to one that is in support of Little River and the Muskegon project.*

The Warrior Society offered to make a donation of 9 or 10 meals to Muskegon elders but they need to find out the cost before doing it.

It was said we need to come together for the common good of the elders and the tribe. We shouldn't disregard the tribes that don't support us and we need to support and help Vicki Wells as she starts to get the Elders Meals up and running.

An Elder asked if they could see a hand of how many elders and their family members that were involved in the boarding schools.

With the Currants being in digital form, Elders don't have the ability to view the tribal news. It was bought up that there should be a budget set up to send out the Currants in paper form.

Ogema spoke about elders getting involved in the boarding school issues. Its important for the tribe to keep records on those who were a part of this, This will lead to a path of healing. He has been asked to be a consultant on a state level on the 200 or more children who were involved in this and have not been accounted for, we need to find the facts and bring these children home. BIA has been holding records that were in storage areas aren't in good condition.

It was mentioned if there would be Elders meetings in the future in other areas, like Muskegon and Wisconsin. Chuck stated that this will be looked into.

7. Adjournment: *Jessica made motion to adjourn meeting at 4:00 pm, Chuck seconded, all yes*

<i>Jessica-yes</i>	<i>Sandy-yes</i>	<i>Marcella-yes</i>
<i>Chuck-yes</i>	<i>Tammy-yes</i>	

Quorum: 5-0-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm

Respectfully,

Elders Secretary



2022 Elders Calendar

August 6

Elders Picnic

September 3

October 1

November 5/6

Elders Conference

December 3

Elders Christmas Party