



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Natural Resources Commission
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, Michigan 49660**

**May 8, 2017
Open Session Minutes**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: 5:15 pm

B. Roll Call:

John Koon.....Present
Dave Shultz.....Present
Connie Eno.....Present
Martha Howell..... Present
Boo Battice.....Present

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Others Present: Bob Robose, Frank Beaver, Ari c., Shayne (legal)

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: With the addition of motion to approve permit application for commercial fishing under new business after review and revise.

Made by: Eno

Supported by: Battice

Koon – yes	Shultz -yes	Eno - yes	Battice – yes
Howell – yes			

Motion approved: 5-0-0-0

D. Approval of open session minutes:

Motion to approve open session minutes for 4-10-17

Made by: Koon

Supported by: Battice

Koon – yes	Shultz -yes	Eno - yes	Battice – yes
Howell – yes			

Motion approved: 5-0-0-0

Motion to approve open session minutes for 4-24-17

Made by: Battice

Supported by: Howell

Koon – yes	Shultz -yes	Eno - yes	Battice – yes
Howell – yes			

Motion approved: 5-0-0-0

E. Law Enforcement update: Bobby Robose was present and informed the commission that there has been a lot of training since the last meeting. So they have been very busy doing that.

F. Natural Resource update: Frank Beaver stated that at the last CORA meeting it was decided that All trap nets must be closed (tied off) by Nov. 6th and must be removed from the water by noon Nov. 20th each year. They may be returned to the water Nov. 29th each year.

G. Legal Department: Shayne was welcomed back. Shayne then stated that council will be having a work session about CORA regs. on Friday May 12, 2017 at 10:00 am.

H. Natural Resource Business: (no hearings scheduled)

I. New Business: Note-Review and revise commercial fishing application and permit. At that point legal presented a copy of the old fishing permit/application and the new application and permit with the changes. It was added to the application a probationary period and also to acknowledge that the applicant is physically fit to perform the job. Acknowledge that Tribal court has jurisdiction. Acknowledge that the natural resource commission can take any action against the permit, including suspension and revocation. Also certify that the permit holder will have all the proper equipment and safety gear required to commercially fish.

Motion to approve: Motion to approve Great Lakes commercial fishing permit application with the following corrections; under “if yes” chub net permit needs to be changed to small mesh permit, Fishing zone requested add choose one, under fishing operation choose 1, under number 2 states- I certify that I have all gear required to fish commercially, under number 10 states- I release the tribe from any claim or injury, loss, damage, financial or other use resulting from any claim while utilizing fishing activities authorized under this issued permit. Number 11 states- I understand the Natural resource commission shall impose a probationary period in accordance with application regulation.

Made by: DiPiazza

Support by: Eno

Koon – yes	Shultz -yes	Eno - yes	Battice – Abstain
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 4-0-1-0

Motion to Amend minutes: motion to amend the 4-10-17 minutes under natural resource department update should say Elk and bear applications are due **May 12,2017**

Made by: DiPiazza

Supported By: Howell

<i>Koon- yes</i>	<i>Shultz- yes</i>	<i>Eno- yes</i>	<i>Battice- yes</i>
<i>Howell- yes</i>			

Motion approved: 5-0-0-0

Note: a lot of discussion on how we need to be prepared for negotiations in 2020.

J. Next Agenda Items:

- 1. Review application that states surrogate hunting**
- 2. Bear and Elk discussion/ possible resolution**
- 3. Review commercial fishing permit form**
- 4. Review passenger permit form**
- 5. Discuss campground rates**
- 6. Discuss support for Line 5 removal**
- 7. Review commercial fishing Reg.**

K. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting: 6:57 pm

Made by: Koon

Supported by: Eno

Koon – yes	Shultz -Yes	Eno - yes	Battice – yes
Howell - yes			

approved 5-0-0-0