



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

**August 12, 2019
Open Session Minutes**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: 5:05pm

B. Roll Call:

Virgil Johnson	Present
Connie Eno	Present
Martha Howell	Absent
Boo Battice	Present
Richard Koon	Present

Others Present: Gary Di Piazza, Dave Corey, Law Enforcement

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the August 12, 2019 agenda:

Made by: Eno

Second: Koon

Johnson - yes	Koon - yes	Eno - yes	Battice - yes
Howell - absent			

Motion approved 4-0-1-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes – July 8, 2019

Motion to approve:

Made by: Eno

Second: Battice

Johnson - yes	Koon - yes	Eno - yes	Battice - yes
Howell - absent			

Motion approved 4-0-1-0

E. Law Enforcement Update:

Officer Robles – has been attending CORA meetings. Stated he issued a couple of tickets. There is an Online Permit System for roadkill through the State.

F. Natural Resources Department Update:

Bear Regulations Booklet, the State made changes about bait barrels on State land but not Federal Land. Invasive species bush removal continues at Aki. A new department staff member was hired.

G. Legal Dept. Update:

Attorney Mc Gowen–Cuellar suggested updating the Bear Booklet before Sept. 11, 2019 to reflect the States bear baiting changes. Bait Barrels with hole size restrictions, types, and locations of land where they can be used. Di Pizza added that he wants changes to reflect the use of silencers also.

Motion to approve: Motion to adopt changes to the Bear Hunt Regulations for 2019 to include bear barrel baiting on Tribal Property subject to the following:

- Bait barrels used must be made of steel and a minimum of 33 gallons securely anchored to a post in the ground with a chain or cable no more than eight feet in length
- Bait barrels must have a secure lid and no more than three open holes no greater than one inch in diameter
- Only one barrel per station
- Hunters are required to affix a tag with LRBOI and the Hunter’s Tribal Identification number or Bear Harvest Tag number on the barrel
- Limit bait barrel locations within 400 yards of a road
- Update the use of silencers to comply with Federal Law

Made by: Koon
Second: Eno

Johnson - yes	Koon - yes	Eno - yes	Battice – yes
Howell - absent			

Motion approved 4-0-1-0

H. New Business:

Di Piazza said he would schedule time with the EDC to discuss Commercial Fishing.

I. Continuing Business:

None

- J. Public Comment:**
Discussion on Commercial Fishing.
- K. Next meeting Date: 09/09/19**
- L. Adjourn Meeting**
Johnson closed the meeting with no vote or time noted.