



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

**Sept. 9, 2019
Open Session Minutes**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: 5:03pm

B. Roll Call:

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

Others Present: Law Enforcement

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Sept. 9, 2019 agenda:
Made by: Eno
Second: Koon

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

Motion approved 4-0-1-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes – August 12, 2019

Motion to approve:
Made by: Eno
Second: Howell

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

Motion approved 4-0-1-0

E. Law Enforcement Update:

Hunter Safety class had 17 participants. Went well, had calls about bear baiting, what kind of food to use, etc. In April, the State and Feds changed the definition of firearms, muzzleloaders are now a firearm. Felons can no longer use muzzleloaders.

F. Natural Resources Department Update:

Sturgeon Release had about 120 participants, good turnout. Last week went to Muskegon River with the State and pulled Sturgeon out of the river. We are the first Tribe to monitor deaths from Lampreys. Handed out lots of deer tags to Tribal Members. The Bear brochure is ready and getting sent out. Frida-Sunday: Elk hunter #2 this weekend.

G. Legal Dept. Update:

US fish and Wildlife 20/20 March. Bryan Newland requested Michigan Gray Wolf be listed as endangered and needs to be monitored by Tribes. We (Tribe) opposed Gray Wolf removal from Endangered species list.

H. New Business:

New need secretary for commission if Martha is not re-appointed. NRC would like Sturgeon count/report from pulling the fish out of the Muskegon River.

I. Continuing Business:

Rich Koon, concerned about Bear baiting regs from the State. 1 inch hole, 3 per barrel, baiting discussion continues... Things to bring to CORA: State changing the rules, Tribes not consulted, no Biological reason shown for baiting changes, Elyse is going to find out if the situation constitutes lack of consultation. CORA is in a state of disarray.

J. Public Comment:

None

K. Next meeting Date: 10/14/19

L. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 6:04pm

Made by: Howell

Supported by: Koon

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

Motion approved 4-0-1-0