

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*
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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

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*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.*

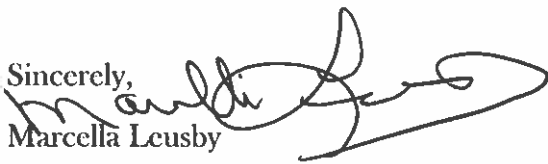
*3. Public Comment: Mainly concerns about the trouble with Council meetings. Allen Hardenburg asked about the Elers taking a trip in May to the Mt. Pleasant Residential school. He offered to look into bussing and the cost. Marcella Leusby offered to help.*

*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