Council News

Work Session Attendance

Date	Work Session Title	Jessica Burger	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Virgil Johnson	Frankie Medacco	Joe Riley, II	Sandra Lewis	Marty Wabindato	Total
12/01/15	Board of Directors Act	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	x		7
12/01/15	Gallagher Insurance	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	x		7
12/01/15	Round Table w/ Ogema	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	x		7
12/07/15	Agenda Review	*	x		V	x	x	x	x	x	6
12/08/15	Strategic Plan Overview		x	x	V	x		x	x	x	6
12/08/15	Possible Water Contract		x	x	V	x		x	x	x	6
12/08/15	2015 Goals		x	x	V	x	x	x	x	x	7
12/14/15	Property Review		x	x	V	x	x		x	x	6
12/14/15	**Government Financials**	**x**	**x**	**x**	**V**	**x**	**x**		**x**	**x**	**7**
12/14/15	**Agenda Review**	**x**	**x**	**x**	**V**	**x**	**x**		**x**	**x**	**7**
12/15/15	**Travel**	**x**	**x**		**V**	**x**	*****		**x**	**x**	**5**
12/15/15	**Round Table w/ Ogema**	**x**	**x**		**V**	**x**	*****		**x**	**x**	**5**
12/17/15	**Board of Directors Act**	**x**	**x**	**x**	**V**	**x**	*****	**x**	**x**		**6**
	Total number of Work Sessions - 13	**8**	**13**	**10**	**3**	**10**	**8**	**8**	**13**	**9**	

* - Business Related
V - Vacation
B - Bereavement

Proposed Amendments to Tribal Constitution and Request for Secretarial Election

"(Editor's note: There has been much discussion on proposed changes to the tribal Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. To help you to review the changes, on this and the following pages, we have placed the proposed changes in black type and the original Constitution sections in blue type. Each are also clearly labeled.

Following the February Elders Meeting on February the 6th, there will be an open discussion upon the proposed changes. Please attend if you have the opportunity."

Proposed Changes

Tribal Council has reviewed the suggestions made in the technical review letter and has determined that the final proposed Constitutional Amendments are now in an appropriate format and that a request for a Secretarial Election should be made;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby requests the Secretary ofthe Interior to call a Secretarial Election to present the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in accordance with Article XIV of the Constitution and 25 C.F.R. Part 81, and in the form of the ballot proposal set forth the below. PROPOSAL #l-ShouldArticle I Section 1 be amended asfollows:

ARTICLE I. TERRITORY
Section 1 -Territorial Jurisdiction. The territorial jurisdiction of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians shall encompass all lands which are now or hereinafter owned by or reserved for the Tribe or for the benefit of its Tribal Members, including, but not limited to, the Manistee Reservation in Manistee County (Michigan), and Custer and Eden Townships in Mason County (Michigan) and all lands held in trust for the Tribe or any Member of the Tribe by the United States of America.
The Tribe's territorial jurisdiction shall be exercised to the fullest extent consistent with this Constitution, the sovereign powers of the Tribe, and federal law and shall extend to below and above ground.

Current Constitution

ARTICLE I. TERRITORY
Section 1 – Territory. The territory of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians shall encompass all lands which are now or hereinafter owned by or reserved for the Tribe, including the Manistee Reservation in Manistee County (Michigan), Custer and Eden Townships in Mason County (Michigan) and all lands which are now or at a later date owned by the Tribe or held in trust for theTribe or any member of the Tribe by the United States of America.

Proposed Changes

PROPOSAL #2 -
Should Article II be amended as follows:
ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP
Add a new Section 1 as follows:
Section 1 - Closing of Enrollment. Adult enrollment in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians shall be closed to new applicants on the date this amended Constitution is approved by the majority vote of eligible voters as described in Article XIV. Enrollment shall remain open for two groups of individuals: (1) to an individual age 18 years and younger who meets the requirements set forth in this Article; and (2) to an individual adopted while under the age of 18 years old, who thereafter learns that he or she meets the requirements set forth in this Article.

Current Constitution

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP
Section 1 - Eligibility for Membership. An individual is eligible for membership in the Tribe, if he/she possesses at least one-fourth (1/4) degree Indian blood, of which at least one-eighth (1/8) degree must be Grand River Ottawa or Michigan Ottawa blood and:
(a) Is a lineal descendant of a member of the historic Grand River Bands who re-