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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2002  
LITTLE RIVER BAND COMMUNITY CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Community Center on July 24, 2002. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

**I. Opening Prayer**

The Tribal Council engaged in a silent prayer.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call To Order:**

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting of Wednesday, July 24, 2002, was called to order at 10:17 a.m.

**B. Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	C. Fisher – Present	T. Kleeman – Present
L. McCatty – Absent	P. Medahko – Present	S. Parsons – Present
E. Porter – Present	P. Ruiter – Present	J. Sam – Present

Quorum established.

Others Present: Jo Anne House, Kathleen Block, John Bussey, Candace Chapman, Ruth Bussey, Alyce Giltz, Pat Morris, Leatrice Castonia, Martha Kase, Matthew Stratton, Jessica Burger, Katie Glocheski, Bridget Cole, June Sam

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Fisher asked that CMT business 1 and 2 be removed from the agenda.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED BY  
REMOVING CMT BUSINESS #1 AND #2; by Kleeman;  
supported by Ruiter.**

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Absent	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**D. Tribal Council Minutes**

No minutes for approval today.

**E. Public Comment Period**

Katie Glocheski asked why Bob Guenthardt received a \$17,000 accrued vacation time check. Glocheski asked why this occurred and expects Council to come back to the membership with an answer. Medahko stated this was just learned by Council on Saturday. Pat Morris asked how much vacation time he was supposed to get. Kleeman stated the resolution stated 240 hours.

Alyce Giltz spoke of two eleventh graders and having them receive a laptop computer. Giltz stated she was told by Education, because of the budget, that the eleventh graders would not receive their computers until January. Parsons stated this is the first he has heard there was not sufficient funds in this line item. Parsons stated will speak with the Education Department.

Glocheski stated Michigan Indian Elders had a scholarship fund and was told by the Tribal Education Department they did not have time to "monkey with it".

Bridget Cole arrived at 10:26 a.m.

Martha Kase stated that she received a letter confirming that the CARF accreditation licensing inspection is going to be August 6 at 9:00 a.m.

Stratton stated that he was glad to see the U.S. Forest Service item on the agenda. Stratton asked about the 4-acre piece at Indian Village. Parsons stated this has been discussed with the Ogema. Stratton asked about the Personnel Manual on the agenda.

Gary Markowski arrived at 10:32 a.m.

Parsons stated that the Council was trying to establish a baseline Personnel Manual.

Markowski asked the Council members if he could ask each Council member to see if the Council members approve of an entry fee to powwows. Parsons stated this has been brought to the Council's attention before. Fisher stated it appears Markowski is not interested in the reasoning behind the answers. Ruiter stated she does not believe Tribal

members should not have to pay to enter a powwow. Kleeman stated she does not believe she should be charged but the way it was portrayed to the Council, this powwow pays for other events that are free to membership. Parsons stated he has concerns about charging Tribal members, but there was also a concern of how to let people know to bring their Tribal ID card and the need to appropriate correct amounts of money for Cultural Preservation. Sam stated the process was already ongoing and there was no way to communicate or change at that point. Sam stated she has paid to get into many powwows around the state and some she has entered free. Sam stated she supported the idea of Tribal Members not paying to get into the powwow. Markowski stated it was a crime that Tribal members were charged. Medahko stated she is opposed of having Tribal members having to pay to get into their own powwow. Porter stated that she does not feel Tribal members should be charged but that the Tribal members should also volunteer at the powwow. Porter stated this is not just profit making but that it is used for food, prize money and that it helps to put on the Muskegon Powwow.

Lisa McCatty arrived at 10:47 a.m.

Parsons stated he was contacted by McCatty that she was going to be late and under the circumstances of Carol Bennett's grandson's passing, she is not in attendance today.

Markowski asked McCatty how she felt about charging Tribal members. McCatty stated she does not believe there should be any charge for Tribal members. Fisher stated that he is in agreement with everything that has been said, and Fisher stated he was confronted with this years ago and sympathizes with the problem.

John Bussey spoke of Bill HR5005 where Indian Tribes are listed with local units of government. Bussey stated this will be difficult to fight but this is taking a huge step backwards. Bussey stated Indian Tribes need to step forward regarding the issue of Tribes being categorized as local units of government similar to townships. Parsons asked Bussey where this bill was in the process. Bussey stated this was just introduced into the House. Jessica Burger stated this item is on for vote before recess in Congress. Burger stated that it has a good chance of passing without any changes. Burger stated that this legislation does not even all Tribes the same level of governmental recognition as counties. Bussey stated the Homeland Securities Act could be seen on the Internet at [www.thomashr5005.com](http://www.thomashr5005.com).

Cole wanted to respond to the issue of the laptop computers and stated the Education Department runs on a calendar year budget and this is the way it has always been. Cole stated need to have a specific number of students to get the best rate for laptop computers for volume purchasing. Cole



stated when the parent committee set up the laptop computer program, this was to be used to transfer to college. Cole stated this may not be a necessity in high school but is in college. Cole stated there have been no computers sent and a determination will be made in January. Parsons clarified this is not a budget issue but a deadline issue. Medahko asked if everyone is aware of the deadline date. Cole stated that packets were sent regarding this with the deadline date information.

Burger, Kase and Cole left at 11:02 a.m.

### **III. Continuing Business**

#### **A. Grants & Contracts**

#### **B. CMT Business**

##### **1. Change Order for Netcom in the amount of \$84,117.00**

Removed from agenda.

##### **2. Change Order for North American Video in the amount of \$71,415.78**

Removed from agenda.

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **A. Approving Appropriation from Land Acquisition**

A change was made to use money from the General Fund for the Archaeological Survey on the Pere Marquette Acres (Custer) Property. Markowski asked if this is for land at the Custer Property and if this is used with grant money. Parsons stated this is coming from the General Fund and not from grant funds.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0724-01,  
APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL  
FUND TO BE USED FOR EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH  
COMPLETION OF AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY ON  
THE PERE MARQUETTE ACRES (CUSTER) PROPERTY;  
by Porter; supported by Kleeman.**

#### **Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**B. Supplemental Appropriation from Fisheries Settlement Fund to Include Funds for Dock/Storage fees for Tribally-owned Commercial Fishing Vessels**

McCatty stated she had more information regarding this item.

Council recessed at 11:07 a.m.

Council returned from recess at 11:12 a.m.

Parsons stated there is a question regarding the confidentiality of information and that this matter will be discussed in Closed Session. McCatty stated \$3.9 million has been received and verified that there are funds available for the dock/storage fees. Chapman asked if there is accurate account information regarding this item. McCatty stated there is accurate account information.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0724-02,  
APPROVING BUDGET MODIFICATION TO THE  
PROGRAM BUDGET IN THE NATURAL RESOURCE TO  
INCLUDE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM  
THE U.S. V. MICHIGAN FISHERIES TRUST FUND IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 FOR VESSEL  
DOCKAGE/STORAGE FEES FOR THE TRAP NET/GILL  
NET VESSELS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF  
MICHIGAN;** by Fisher; supported by McCatty.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett –	Absent	C. Fisher –	Yes	T. Kleeman –	Yes
L. McCatty –	Yes	P. Medahko –	Yes	S. Parsons –	Yes
E. Porter –	Yes	P. Ruiter –	Yes	J. Sam –	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**C. Approval of Personnel Manual**

Parsons stated that the Council was trying to establish a baseline. Parsons stated this might need to be tabled as this was just received this morning. Sam stated there are still areas that need to be changed from “Tribal Manager” to “Tribal Ogema” in sections 2.9 a, b and c, 6.12 contains a reference to a Tribal chairperson, 7.4 and 7.6 and should read Tribal Ogema instead of Tribal Manager. House asked that the Personnel Manual be set up for a work session. House stated she was informed by Mr. Davis of some background checks and other governmental conflicts. Sam recommended to postpone this item until next week, get changes to the areas noted and adopt that version next week.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM UNTIL NEXT WEEK;** by Kleeman; supported by McCatty.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**D. Speed limit signs**

Ruth Bussey stated this resolution was passed at the Housing Commission. House stated she was asked to contact Housing and Public Safety regarding this matter. House stated she was to review how much the signs cost, placement of the signs on a map and develop legislation and recommending appropriate fine levels to enforce the speed limits. House stated cost of the signs was included in the Domres contract. House has contacted Gene Zeller regarding enforcing the speed limit signs. House stated the Housing Commission is in favor of the speed limit and now the Tribal Council will be approving an Ordinance next week regarding enforcing the speed limits.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE HOUSING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 02-0722-01, ADOPTION OF SPEED LIMITS FOR AKI MAADIZIWIN;** by McCatty; supported by Porter.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**E. Credit Card Authorization**

**1. Amendment of List of Authorized Holders of Tribal Credit Cards to Add Jonnie J. Sam, II**

Kleeman asked if in the “it is finally resolved” if it should read “bank” or “banks”. McCatty stated the “banks” would imply that there could be more than one account.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE ACTION ON ENTIRE ITEM E. UNTIL THE SECOND WEEK OF AUGUST AFTER A WORK SESSION IS SCHEDULED;** by Sam; supported by Kleeman.



Sam stated the language in this resolution is not explicit enough. Sam has an issue with item (E)(2) having Accounting holding the cards and there are no policies in place. McCatty asked that we adopt the second resolution today.

Porter had a concern with having the cards collected and not being trusted with her own card and believes this is her own responsibility. McCatty stated the issue was not with the Council or Ogema but with any credit card that has been issued in the past and to collect them. McCatty wanted to know if there are credit cards floating around that were approved by prior resolutions. McCatty would like to verify what credit cards are open. McCatty and Kleeman both went to accounting requesting information regarding the credit card accounts. Medahko stated to Porter that the collecting of credit cards was not in reference to Council. Markowski stated this is not a matter of trust. Ruter stated she would not put the credit card anywhere where someone else is in charge of it. McCatty spoke of procedures for the credit cards and that there are questions of whether resolutions that Council passes are being adhered to. House stated the resolution was drafted after what took place at agenda review. House stated this resolution was, without discretion; collect all of the credit cards. House stated this resolution is used to set up regulations for credit card usage and reconciliation of cards. Sam stated there may be credit cards authorized for members of the Gaming Commission. Sam recommended suspending use of credit cards until clarification is determined. Sam would like all credit cards collected and adopt a policy to reissue new ones. Sam suggested getting information directly from the banks instead of accounting. Porter suggested suspending use of credit cards without actually confiscating the credit cards. Chapman asked for clarification of whom the credit cards are issued to. Parsons stated someone else's card could be used to make a room reservation or for a rental car place. Kleeman stated she could contact all departments and let them know that use of the credit cards is suspended as of such and such a time and anything after that would be their personal responsibility. Ruter stated that you should be able to contact the bank with a print out of who has credit cards. Fisher stated there are enough unresolved issues to constitute a work session for this item. Markowski recommended starting from scratch and reissue new cards. Porter stated Council does not know how many cards are out there. Council is unaware if the cards were turned in. Medahko understands what Markowski is recommending, but the Council needs time to review this item.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – No	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

**MOTION THAT THE TRIBAL COUNCIL REQUEST A REPORT FROM ACCOUNTING WITH 3 SPECIFIC QUESTIONS; 1) WHO WERE THE CARDS ISSUED TO 2) WHO WAS ISSUING INSTITUTION AND LINE OF CREDIT 3) USE OF CREDIT CARD AND SEND SEPARATE REQUEST TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO COMPARE WITH ACCOUNTING BY TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2002; by Sam; supported by Porter.**

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO HAVE TRIBAL COUNCIL SPEAKER OR TRIBAL COUNCIL RECORDER SEND NOTICE TO ACCOUNTING THAT ALL INDIVIDUAL CREDIT CARDS ARE SUSPENDED FROM JULY 25 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FROM THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, NO EXCEPTIONS, WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE GAS CARDS OR CREDIT CARDS FOR GSA VEHICLES; by Kleeman; supported by Ruiter.**

Parsons brought up an issue if there was a credit card reservation already made. It was stated there would be a crunch to have travel advances done instead of using Tribal credit cards. Fisher asked if the Tribal Council has the authority to take away any Gaming Commissioners credit cards. Sam stated the guarantee for those credit cards comes from the Tribe itself. Sam stated this would need authorization by Council for any Gaming Commission to have a credit card. House stated that the Tribal Council has the same level of authority with the Gaming Commission as any other entity of the Tribe.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes



E. Porter – Abstain	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes
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Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

**F. Acceptance of Financial Report Dated June 2002**

Parsons stated this was submitted to Tribal Council at the Saturday, July 20, 2002 meeting. Parsons stated this was pending a work session with the Ogema on Monday and this work session was postponed.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE PENDING WORK SESSION;** by Kleeman; supported by Porter.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – No

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

**V. New Business**

**A. Process Adopting Procedures for Proposed Constitutional Amendments Submitted by Tribal Members**

**MOTION TO REJECT REGULATION REGARDING FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL REVIEW OF CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS, #R100-02:TC;** by Kleeman; supported by Medahko.

Markowski asked what this item was regarding. Parsons stated these regulations are proposing that the only vehicle for proposing amendments are through petition. Sam stated she was in favor of adopting the process as the Tribal Council could be authorized to hold the secretarial elections. Sam stated without adopting procedures the Council could also not do it. Fisher stated the Council has taken an oath to uphold and protect the Constitution and in his mind opening up the Constitution is not in the best interest for the Tribe. Fisher stated that this does need a process.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	C. Fisher – No	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – No	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – No

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Parsons stated the reason he voted for the motion to reject was to vote on items b., c., and d. and this regulation would have precluded from voting on those items.

**B. Request for Constitutional Amendments Regarding Election of Tribal Court Judges and Appellate Judges**

Jessica Burger and Angie Turner arrived at 12:19 a.m.

Parsons stated the Constitution now states that these positions are appointed and this resolution would result in a change to the constitution to be proposed to have those positions be elected. Burger asked if this was a request to change the Constitution. Parsons stated this is for a Secretarial Election and nothing has been submitted as of yet. Burger asked if this was brought forward by 30% of the membership. Parsons responded the issue had been put forward by one member, and stated that if there is a move forward with this, that it would call for a Secretarial Election on whatever is brought forward by the Council and would be put to vote by the membership. Fisher stated submitting judges to an election process to some degree destabilizes the government.

Kimberly Alexander arrived at 12:22 a.m.

Ruiter stated if judges are appointed you can't get rid of them unless all of the other judges agree. Markowski states that this puts too much power on one person and causes a conflict of interest. Sam stated part of the reason she wanted to adopt a process was to put the ability to request a constitutional amendment back to the membership, for submitting items for Secretarial Election, rather than just one Tribal Member submitting a request for an agenda item to get a constitutional issue changed. Sam stated whether or not her vote is for election of judges – one member initiated this and not a group of members – from here on out any member who wants a constitutional amendment could be brought to the Council, and then a vote of the membership-rather than the petition process. Markowski stated he thought the bad ones would be weeded out. Sam clarified that all changes would be put to a vote, because the Council would not be in a position to put some changes on the agenda but not others, that all submissions would have to be forwarded in the same manner. Parsons stated it is his intention to bring New Business A back to the table next week. Parsons stated the Council has talked about these amendments to the Constitution for almost a year and he felt that it needed to go before the membership.

House stated there were comments raised in regards to judges and appellate judges. Sam stated there is nothing in the amendment regarding recall of Tribal judges and that this request was not made. House stated the same recall provisions would be included as is with the Constitution now. House stated the judges are appointed by the Tribal Ogema, ratified by the Tribal Council and therefore power does not fall with one person



but rather two different sections of government. House stated the Secretarial Election would ask for constitutional amendments and at the appellate level – a non-member and has experience and a required elder position. If adopted by Secretarial Election, a candidate would need to declare what position they would be running for.

Bridget Cole, Helen Ann Yunis, Matthew Stratton and Shelly Kequom arrived at 12:30 p.m.

Medahko stated that the process of adopting procedures was not in place for this Tribal member and this person needs to be given due process. Medahko stated the member should have been told to have a membership petition at the time these amendments were submitted to the Council. Medahko stated she is very pleased with our new Ogema attending the Council meetings and things are coming to light and is in support of having this go to the membership. Sam voiced her opinion that this change was being proposed due to one member of the Judiciary. Parsons stated the recall item was not brought forward by the Tribal member. Parsons stated if he votes yes for this item he is having these items brought forward to a secretarial election and not necessarily the way that he would vote on this particular item. McCatty clarified that these are the three items that Bob Hardenburgh wanted brought forward. McCatty asked if this is not what Hardenburgh wanted on the agenda then maybe we should not go forward with this. Ruiter stated this is what Hardenburgh asked for and Jo Anne House critiqued his request with his permission. Chapman asked if House could do that with all member requests. Parsons stated there were parts of the request that conflicted with other parts of the Constitution and these items were addressed with Hardenburgh in several work sessions. Stratton asked why the Council is involved in this process at all and stated that it should be a separation of powers. Stratton stated if Council enacts this item then is that setting precedence for future items. Parsons stated the Constitution stated that this is the way this item can come forward. Porter stated if she wanted constitutional amendments she would go to the Tribal membership and knock on doors with a petition, and not take it to the Council.

Kenny Pheasant arrived at 12:52 a.m.

Parsons stated this has been a frustrating experience. Porter stated an individual should have talked to the membership regarding this item to bring it forward. Glocheski stated the Tribal Judge was appointed by one person without a legal background check of any kind. Sam stated there is a provision to file a complaint with the judge's board if you have a problem with one of the judges. Burger commended Hardenburgh bring this request forward. Burger commended Ruiter to keep bringing this item forward on behalf of Council. Burger stated that Section 2 initiative states

that amendments to the constitution should have come forward in the way of a petition. Burger stated a broad-based review should have been done by the membership. Burger asked, if Ruiter asked to postpone this item, she would like to see the amendments as she may be in favor of this and put her name on a petition, but she would need to review. Burger stated that she does not want this item brought to the Secretary without membership review. McCatty stated there are two options according to the Constitution, by petition or bringing it to the Tribal Council. McCatty stated these minutes would be very confusing for the membership. Markowski stated this would be voted on by Tribal members. Markowski asked if this item is being postponed until next week. House stated Burger's concerns are not an option and the proposed amendments could potentially be approved by Tribal Council and sent to the Secretary of Interior to schedule an election.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS B, C AND D UNTIL COUNCIL CAN GET A WORK SESSION WITH BOB HARDENBURGH;** by Ruiter; supported by Kleeman.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	C. Fisher – No	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Stratton asked to eliminate the requirements to take amendments to the Secretary of Interior. Parsons asked Stratton to put that in writing to the Tribal Council.

- C. Request for Constitutional Amendments Regarding Election of Members of the Election Board**
- D. Request for Constitutional Amendments Regarding Filling Vacancies if Tribal Court Judges, Appellate Judges and Election Board are Elected**
- E. Resolution in Opposition of Transfer of Management of Areas Designated as U.S. Forest Service to the State of Michigan**

Porter raised the question of having a Natural Resource Commission, Natural Resource Department, and Conservation Department. Parsons recommended using the name Public Safety instead of Conservation. Porter stated the certification is not included on the resolution. Sam stated she has proposed changes to this resolution. Sam asked that "service area"



be changed to “reservation” throughout the resolution. Glocheski asked where these lands are located. Sam stated in this resolution, with modifications, the Tribe is stating that the lands should be “ours” and not switched to the State of Michigan within our Tribe’s reservation. Glocheski stated too many roads have been blocked by the U.S. Forest Service already. Sam stated this specifically states do not give transfer of management of areas to the State of Michigan but rather to the Tribe as those lands are within our Tribe’s reservation territory. Fisher asked if it needed to be listed as “reservation” and also list “service area”.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0724-03, OPPOSING TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT OF AREAS DESIGNATED AS U.S. FOREST SERVICE TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, AS AMENDED;** by Kleeman; supported by Ruiter.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett –	Absent	C. Fisher –	Yes	T. Kleeman –	Yes
L. McCatty –	Yes	P. Medahko –	Yes	S. Parsons –	Yes
E. Porter –	Yes	P. Ruiter –	Yes	J. Sam –	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Ruiter left at 1:20 p.m.

Sam stated this is so important because of the millions of dollars that have been stolen from the Tribe due to forestation and mineral rights, because the Federal Government does not honor its treaties or their own laws. Porter stated the forestlands bring in almost \$30 million dollars according to documentation submitted with this agenda item. Sam stated not a dime of this money was given to the Tribe, even though much of the lands in question are within the Tribe’s reservation boundaries. Porter stated this item has already passed in the Senate in the State of Michigan, to request transfer of management to the State.

**F. Approval of Amendments to the Little River Casino Resort Employee Handbook Re-Clarifying The Indian Preference Policy**

**MOTION TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM PENDING WORK SESSION;** by Medahko; supported by Fisher.

Sam stated the Tribal Council took action to amend the Casino Handbook in February 2002. Sam is asking that the Casino Handbook be consistent with the Tribe’s Indian Preference Policy. House clarified that this item is to be used for reconsideration of the Indian Preference Policy at the Casino. Sam and Parsons directed Jo Anne House to develop a revision to

the policy to change back to be in line with the Indian Preference Policy. Glocheski would like to see Indian Preference with promotions. Parsons stated this would be contained in the policy. Medahko stated this is why she is bringing this forward. Porter stated this has been discussed amongst the Council and Medahko put this on paper for the Council.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Absent	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

**G. Adoption of Amendments to Enrollment Ordinance**

There was some discussion as to which resolution to act on as there were two resolutions pertaining to this item. It was clarified that there was a resolution that amended the deadline for approval and implementation and one that adopts the Enrollment Ordinance that was put before the Council.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0724-04,  
AMENDING THE DEADLINE FOR APPROVAL AND  
IMPLEMENTATION OF ENROLLMENT COMMISSION  
REGULATIONS FROM JULY 29, 2002 TO AUGUST 7, 2002;  
by Porter; supported by Kleeman**

Porter asked if the Enrollment Commission is ready to enact these resolutions. Helen Ann Yunis stated the Commission has worked very hard on these regulations. Yunis stated that the additional changes that came out of the work session last week with the Council were placed into the new document. Sam reiterated that Yunis stated that an individual could write a letter stating that another's individual's enrollment could be fraudulent and this could be submitted as evidence. Sam stated she thought that is why we had an internal audit within the department and may not want that to support this item until have time to review this.

Sam brought up the idea of having an affidavit be entered and another individual Tribal member refuting that statement. Yunis identified that affidavits have always been included in the ordinance, however the amendments and regulations identify standards of evidence to implement the use of affidavits – clear and convincing. Sam reiterated her concerns and that there is not a clear answer for that. Yunis identified that it is broader than just a Tribal member, it could be anybody. This is in reference to a non-enrollment, not blood quantum.



Markowski asked how often affidavits are used – three elders. Glocheski stated it was not used. Yunis stated that the regulations have not been adopted. Markowski asked if non-native children are adopted by a member, are they enrolled in the Tribe. Gloscheski said no.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Absent	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Parsons stated the Council will review the new ordinance and regulations and will contact the Enrollment Commission if a work session is needed.

**H. Resolution Amending and Correcting the Budget Allocation for the Cost of Renovation Work to the Interim Casino, Expansion Area, for use by the Little River Casino Resort Training Center and The Gaming Commission**

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0724-05, AMENDING AND CORRECTING THE BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR THE COST OF RENOVATION WORK TO THE INTERIM CASINO, EXPANSION AREA, FOR USE BY THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT TRAINING CENTER AND GAMING COMMISSION, AS AMENDED; by Kleeman; supported by Porter.**

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett – Absent	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Yes	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Absent	J. Sam – No

Motion carried (6-1-0-2)

**VI. Concluding Business**

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) – July 31, 2002**
- B. Public Comment Period**

Stratton responded to something someone had stated earlier that he took offense to that he does not know everything there is to know about how to run a government. Stratton stated he has been in the military and does know about government and has a Masters Degree with Organizational Development. Stratton stated he would put in writing that they do not need to send amendments to the Constitution to take out sending any

amendments to the Secretary of Interior. Medahko stated she would like to cut all ties with the Federal Government on all levels.

Sam stated there is a Homeland Securities Act going on. Sam stated that Indian Veterans Associations should demand respect for their Indian Nation and asked Stratton to have the Veterans Society write something pertaining to this. Glocheski asked if that would be a good thing to bring up to the Elders Meeting in Albuquerque. Sam stated yes.

***Speaker Parsons informed the Membership that the Council would be going into closed session. The purpose of closed session is to discuss business matters considered privileged or confidential, involving consideration of bids/contracts, pending legal issues, and/or personnel matters.***

**MOTION TO ADJOURN OPEN SESSION;** by Kleeman; supported by Sam.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett –	Absent	C. Fisher –	Yes	T. Kleeman –	Yes
L. McCatty –	Yes	P. Medahko –	Yes	S. Parsons –	Yes
E. Porter –	Yes	P. Ruiter –	Absent	J. Sam –	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

This portion of Open Session was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

The Council recessed the Closed Session at 6:04 p.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2002.

**VII. Open Session**

**MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION;** by Medahko; supported by Porter.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett –	Absent	C. Fisher –	Yes	T. Kleeman –	Absent
L. McCatty –	Yes	P. Medahko –	Yes	S. Parsons –	Yes
E. Porter –	Yes	P. Ruiter –	Absent	J. Sam –	Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #02-0724-06;** by McCatty; supported by Sam.



**Roll Call**

C. Bennett –	Absent	C. Fisher –	Yes	T. Kleeman –	Absent
L. McCatty –	Yes	P. Medahko –	Yes	S. Parsons –	Yes
E. Porter –	Yes	P. Ruiter –	Absent	J. Sam –	Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 02-0724-06,  
CLARIFYING AND RESTRICTING AUTHORITY TO  
AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES FROM CERTAIN  
ACCOUNTS;** by McCatty; supported by Porter.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett –	Absent	C. Fisher –	Yes	T. Kleeman –	Absent
L. McCatty –	Yes	P. Medahko –	Yes	S. Parsons –	Yes
E. Porter –	Yes	P. Ruiter –	Absent	J. Sam –	Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

**MOTION TO ADJOURN;** by McCatty; supported by Medahko.

**Roll Call**

C. Bennett –	Absent	C. Fisher –	Yes	T. Kleeman –	Absent
L. McCatty –	Yes	P. Medahko –	Yes	S. Parsons –	Yes
E. Porter –	Yes	P. Ruiter –	Absent	J. Sam –	Yes

Motion carried (6-0-0-3)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. (Thursday, July 25, 2002)

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen Block  
Transcribing Assistant



Janine Sam  
Tribal Council Recorder