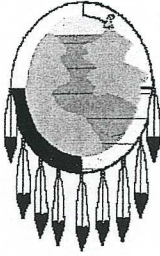


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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2001
LITTLE RIVER BAND COMMUNITY CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Community Center on October 17, 2001. 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, October 17, 2001, was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

B. Roll Call

C. Bennett – Present	C. Fisher – Present	T. Kleeman – Present
L. McCatty – Present	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, Bob Davis, Gary Markowski, P. Morris, Leatrice Castonia, Dan Shepard, Mike Sprague, Don Chartier, John Shepard

C. Approval of Agenda

Porter would like to place a personnel item on the agenda in Closed Session. Fisher requested a possible addition in Closed Session under Bids and Contracts – Item 7 - SBR Foundation Site Work. Parsons requested to remove New Business C – Acceptance of Resignation from Cultural Preservation, as this needs to be approved through the Committee first.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA WITH ADDITION IN
CLOSED SESSION UNDER PERSONNEL AND ADDING**

ITEM 7 - SBR FOUNDATION SITE WORK - UNDER BIDS AND CONTRACTS AND ALSO REMOVING NEW BUSINESS C IN OPEN SESSION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM CULTURAL PERSERVATION; by Sam; support by Kleeman.

Roll Call

C. Bennett – Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

D. Tribal Council Minutes

10/10/01

It was noted by Fisher to state that McCatty was recorder. Need to change in public comment that Gene Schudlich noted that he “liked receiving” the newsletter not that he “liked” the newsletter.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2001, WITH CHANGE OF ADDING MCCATTY AS RECORDER AND CHANGING SCHUDLICH “LIKED” THE NEWSLETTER TO SCHUDLICH “LIKED RECEIVING” THE NEWSLETTER UNDER THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT; by Kleeman; support by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

E. Public Comment Period

Matthew Stratton stated he is a disabled combat veteran of this Tribe. Stratton stated there are some issues occurring of what is a veteran and who do we honor as being a veteran. Stratton read some figures he compiled from the internet. During WWI we lost 116,616 soldiers, during WWII we lost 405,399 soldiers, during the Korean Conflict we lost 36,913 and during the Vietnam Conflict we lost 58,177 soldiers. There were 617,005 soldiers lost in 4 wars. Stratton stated those soldiers gave up their life for freedom that we now enjoy. Stratton stated to not honor the soldiers, even though they are not Native American, is an insult.

Stratton invited two veterans to the Council meeting – Don Chartier and John Shepard. Stratton stated Chartier has been helping many of the veterans that now still have problems that we face and are still with us today and that Shepard is still serving his community by always being at a fire when someone passes away. There are many veterans like this around here today that are Native American but there are just as many veterans out there who are not a member of this Tribe that support our Tribal community. Stratton stated if you asked any veteran of this Tribe, we fought to defend the Constitution of the United States and we will fight just as hard to defend the Constitution of the Little River Band and we don't discriminate because we don't have that option. We did not have the option of who to defend. Stratton presented gifts to Don Chartier and John Shepard. Stratton stated to never forget who has died and who lives so we can carry on.

Al Medacco stated his support of veterans. Medacco stated there is an effort to have a veterans organization started and are hoping to have a meeting on October 27. All veterans will be invited. Medacco has cards that will be sent out. Medacco stated all people are veterans no matter if man, woman, black, white or red.

Medacco also asked who holds the Tribal Council eagle feather fan. He asked if the person who is holding it has a permit to do so. He stated this fan belongs to the Tribe. Fisher stated Tribal Council is working on this.

Medahko commended Stratton on his words eloquently stated. Medahko's family highly reveres veterans of any race or nation.

Sam stated she supports Fisher in what he said. Sam states that if you drop a feather it is not yours anymore. If someone drops a feather at a Pow Wow, that feather is usually given away, most likely to a veteran or an elder that they know will keep that feather. Sam stated that she had forgotten about the eagle feather fan and takes responsibility for that. When she forgot the fan it is the same thing as dropping it. You don't leave eagle feathers unattended or leave them someplace unless they are kept in a specific way. The fan was forgotten for a week. Sam believes the fan is being taken care of in a good way.

Porter stated she too is responsible with great shame in forgetting the fan. You can't change what happened but can learn from it. Porter stated that hopefully this will bring us back together closer than we were.

Medahko clarified Sam's statement regarding when an eagle feather drops. She stated that when an eagle feather drops at a gathering or a Pow Wow, not just anyone can decide where it goes and that decision is given to the head veteran and he will ascertain whether it is returned or whether it will

be given to someone else. Al Medacco stated you have to be a veteran to pick the up the feather.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Bussey noted that there were no pending matters to present at this meeting.

B. CMT Business

1. Plans for Procurement Company Utilization

For information only. Fisher stated this was discussed at agenda review and that the CMT will begin to go to procurement companies to see about how their services best be utilized to cover the needs for purchasing for the furniture fixtures and equipment for the new casino. This will be occurring in the relatively near future.

2. Resolution to move Design Plus payment to tax-exempt loans

A resolution has not yet been developed for this item. Fisher stated there is no vehicle to pay Design Plus because the resolution that was approved by the Council approved payment through the tax side of the program. The Design Plus services fall under the tax-exempt side of the agreement, particularly related to the SBR building. It was accounting's position that the resolution needed to be corrected in order to do that.

MOTION TO TABLE UNDER CONTINUING BUSINESS, ITEM B OF THE CMT BUSINESS, THE RESOLUTION TO MOVE DESIGN PLUS PAYMENT TO TAX-EXEMPT LOAN; by Fisher; support by Kleeman.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

IV. Old Business

A. Resolution Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in the Absence of, the Tribal Council Speaker, to Execute a Special Counsel Contract with Dorsey & Whitney LLP

Brooks is still working on this item.

MOTION TO REMOVE THIS ITEM FROM THE AGENDA;
 by McCatty; support by Kleeman.

Roll Call

C. Bennett – Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

V. New Business

A. Supplemental Appropriation for Administration Building Renovation

Bob Davis stated this resolution is for \$20,000 for the administration building. Davis did not supply a list of how this money will be appropriated. He did state the building renovation would include re-carpeting, which should be in the neighborhood of \$8,000 to \$10,000, repainting of the interior of the building and an area will be boxed off to create a classroom. Stratton has been offering classes that have been well received and it would be more appropriate to have these classes in a classroom setting and expand the number in each class from 4 to 8.

McCatty stated that there was one bid for the carpet of \$2,500. Davis corrected that as saying the bid was between \$8,000 and \$10,000. Ruiter asked Davis how much the carpeting was a square foot. Davis stated he thought it was high at around \$10.99 sq. ft., which he thought was high.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 01-1017-01,
 APPROVING BUDGET MODIFICATION TO
 APPROPRIATE GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR AN
 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 FOR THE EXPENSES
 ASSOCIATED WITH THE RENOVATION OF TRIBAL
 PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1762 U.S. 31 SOUTH;** by Fisher;
 support by Kleeman.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

B. Supplemental Appropriation for Computer Program

Davis stated that at the beginning of the year the Tribe appropriated \$30,000 to education for computer program for higher education students and junior and senior high students. We have exhausted that fund and have a current waiting list of 15 students. This \$30,000 would buy around 20 computers and there is currently good pricing available. This will clear up the waiting list and give us an inventory.

McCatty stated there are 2 different computer programs at this time, one is for the students still in high school and the other is for seniors going into college that are enrolled to get a degree, which is for a laptop computer. Davis stated there were computers that were refurbished and given to high school students. He stated there are 3 or 4 students that are in high school that may take advantage of this particular program. There are about a dozen students in higher education that are on the waiting list and in school now. Castonia and Morris stated their opposition to giving the students these computers, as there are computers available at the school for their use. They stated the Tribe needs to start worrying about the membership.

Porter stated in the past when Tribal surveys were taken that it was high on the priority list of our Tribal members for the elders to help in the education of our children. This is the one way that we can help our children to get their education and further themselves in order to come back and work for the Tribe in a capacity that we have had to hire non-Tribal members in doing this job. If we don't train them and keep them in education we will never have Tribal members that are going to be able to do some of these jobs. Fisher stated this program is not limited to just our area and is an open program that is available to all Tribal members. Parsons stated it is hard to find a work station in college that is available because usually they are full of kids and they are all trying to get their papers out at the same time. This was a way to try to enable our students to have the tools necessary to do what they need to do in college.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 01-1017-02,
APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM
THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 TO
FUND THE HIGHER EDUCATION COMPUTER GRANT
PROGRAM IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT;** by Sam;
support by Porter.

Roll Call

C. Bennett – Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

C. Acceptance of Resignation from Cultural Preservation

Removed from the agenda.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) – October 20, 2001 and October 24, 2001

B. Public Comment Period

Bussey asked about Inter-Tribal coming to visit with Council and asked if there was anything he could do. Parsons stated we are attempting to coordinate that with a meeting with the Binojeeuk Commission. Medahko stated that Binojeeuk Commission meets again on October 26 and hopefully the secretary will have a date at that time.

Davis thanked Castonia, Morris and Markowski for attending the Council meetings.

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; support by Medahko.

Roll Call

C. Bennett – Yes	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 (9-0-0-0)

This portion of Open Session was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Council reconvened in Open Session at 9:55 a.m. on October 20, 2001, after a recess from October 17, 2001.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE CLOSED SESSION AND GO TO OPEN SESSION; by Sam; support by Kleeman.

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 – Absent	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (6-0-3-0)

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Kleeman; support by Medahko.

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 – Absent	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (6-0-3-0)

There were no items to be placed in Open Session from the Closed Session. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen Block
Transcribing Assistant



Janine Sam
Tribal Council Recorder



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ADDENDUM**

The following item was moved from Closed to Open Session on 10/17/01.

**MOTION TO APPROVE TRAP NET EQUIPMENT
LEASE AGREEMENT, RESOLUTION # 01-1017-03,
RATIFYING THE TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION
OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT WITH
LEVI STONE AND MATTHEW STONE FOR
START-UP OF A TRIBALLY-LICENSED
COMMERCIAL TRAP NET FISHING OPERATION;**
by Fisher; support by Porter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 01-1017-04,
RATIFYING THE TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION
OF A CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH DARREN
MITCHELL TO ASSIST WITH TRAINING AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF TRIBALLY-LICENSED
COMMERCIAL TRAP NET FISHING
OPERATIONS;** by Porter; support by Kleeman.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-2-0)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 01-1017-05, APPROVING BUDGET MODIFICATION TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2001 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AND APPROPRIATING \$10,000.00 FROM THE U.S. V. MICHIGAN "FISHERIES TRUST" FUND FOR EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT ON THE PURCHASE OF THE "WALTERS FISHERIES" REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS ASSETS AND AUTHORIZING THE TRIBAL OGEMA TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF A PURCHASE AGREEMENT; by Kleeman; support by Porter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-2-0)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 01-1017-09, AUTHORIZING THE TRIBAL OGEMA, OR IN HIS ABSENCE, THE TRIBAL COUNCIL SPEAKER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH A.J. VENEKLASEN FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE LITTLE RIVER WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,145,977.00 AND CONSENTING TO HAVE DISPUTES RESOLVED IN THE COMMERCIAL DIVISION OF THE TRIBAL COURT; by Fisher; support by Kleeman.

Roll Call

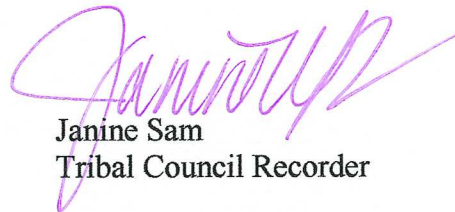
C. Bennett – Absent	C. Fisher – Yes	T. Kleeman – Yes
L. McCatty – Absent	P. Medahko – Yes	S. Parsons – Yes
E. Porter – No	P. Ruitter – Absent	J. Sam – Yes

Motion carried (5-1-3-0)

Respectfully Submitted,



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