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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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 10, 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:

Due to Parsons' absence, Sam acted as Speaker in accordance with the Tribe's Constitution and McCatty acted as recorder. The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting of Wednesday, October 10, 2001, was called to order at 1:04 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Steve Parsons and Pam Medahko are attending a funeral out of town.

Others Present: Jo Anne House, Kathleen Block, Bill Willis, Leatrice Castonia, P. Morris, Alice Linscott, Katie Glocheski, John Bussey, Matt Stratton, Phillip Memberto, Donald Koon, Sr., Gene Schudlich

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED; by Kleeman; support by Porter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-2-0)

D. Tribal Council Minutes

9/19/01

These minutes were postponed from last meeting and roll call has been reviewed. New business 2nd item should be labeled B and all subsequent lettering applied.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 19, 2001 OPEN COUNCIL MEETING AS AMENDED; by Fisher; support by Kleeman.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-2-0)

10/03/01

MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 3, 2001 MEETING MINUTES; by Kleeman; support by Porter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-2-0)

E. Public Comment Period

Gene Schubert stated he has not been to a Council meeting in 13 years. He stated he likes the newsletter and is proud to be member of Little River Band.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

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

B. CMT Business

Fisher stated there were no Open Session items and item on agenda was moved to Closed Session.

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

Sam stated that Brooks is still working on this item.

MOTION TO POSTPONE UNTIL 10/17/01; by Kleeman;
support by Porter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-2-0)

V. New Business

A. Acceptance of Tribal Census Grant from Administration for Native Americans (ANA) and approving budget modification to FY2001 Operating Budget

Willis stated Tribe was awarded the funds and Council needs to formally accept them.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 01-1010-01, FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TRIBAL CENSUS GRANT FROM ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS AND APPROVING BUDGET MODIFICATION TO FY2001 OPERATING BUDGET; by Kleeman; support by Porter.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-2-0)

B. Acceptance of Community Services Block Grant from Michigan Family Independence Agency (FIA) and approving budget modification to FY2001 Operating Budget

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 01-1010-02,
 ACCEPTING OF COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK
 GRANT FROM MICHIGAN FAMILY INDEPENDENCE
 AGENCY AND APPROVING BUDGET MODIFICATION
 TO FY2001 OPERATING BUDGET; by Porter; support by
 Kleeman.**

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-2-0)

C. Resolution of support from Tribal Council

This was submitted by Tribal Ogema. Sam stated this resolution would be sent to the Muskegon Family Care facility in support of a grant the facility is pursuing. This is a health facility in Muskegon that is trying to get federally qualified and they are asking for support. We will not be supporting this facility financially.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 01-1010-03,
 SUPPORTING SUBMISSION OF FEDERAL 330 GRANT
 APPLICATION BY MUSKEGON FAMILY CARE TO
 BECOME FEDERAL QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER; by
 Ruiter; support by Kleeman.**

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-2-0)

D. Legal Opinion Regarding Closing Enrollment

The Constitution allows Tribal Council to set standards for closing enrollment. The Tribal Council cannot add any substantive requirements to restrict enrollment either permanently or temporarily, as members should have enrolled by a specific date. Enrollment cannot be closed according to the legal opinion submitted by House. It was stated that we are not under the same Constitution as other tribes who close their enrollment. In order to close the enrollment we must change the Constitution, according to legal opinion. Glocheski voiced concerns with over 2,000 applications and 6 to 8 applications coming in every day.

Glocheski stated the Enrollment Commission asked for closing because they were backlogged. She also stated that perception was to close enrollment in order to catch up on the files and open back up when they feel they have it under control. Sam stated this needs to be done in an appropriate manner.

10 minute recess - Back in session 1:36

E. Ford Street House Renovation

Memberto states Ford Street house needs to have a lot of work done to it and over time it would pay for itself. The \$75,000 appropriation of funds will cover everything - time, labor and materials. Work that will be included is exterior work, interior stairwell, doors, paint, demolition of exterior garage, plumbing, landscaping, mechanical work for furnace, re-wiring to meet code, wall repair, ceiling work, flooring, plumbing, carpeting, counters and cabinets in both apartments, among other items. Apartment rental will be available to Tribal members first. Memberto will take pictures of house before renting and renters will have to sign an agreement if there is anything damaged they will have to pay for it. Due to tribal preference and being within 10% of the next bid, Little River Maintenance and Construction was awarded the project. Little River Maintenance and Construction will be subbing out some of the work but the bid does include those costs.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 01-1010-04,
APPROVING MODIFICATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR
2001 OPERATING BUDGET TO INCLUDE A
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$75,000 FOR RENOVATION OF THE RENTAL UNIT(S)
AT 148 FORD STREET; by Porter; support by Sam.**

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (4-2-2-1)

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) – October 17, 2001 and October 20, 2001**
- B. Public Comment Period**

Castonia asked questions of what we need grant for census bureau. Bussey stated that the census grant will help the Tribe gain information on membership to get additional grants. He stated we need to know information regarding the members i.e. diabetes, job skills. Fisher stated

that we will be able to get at the needs of our people with the census information.

A concern was raised by Koon, Sr., regarding retaining the services of the Little River Maintenance and Construction Company. Sam stated Mike Sprague is currently being employed by the company, which makes 4 full time employees. Glocheski asked if Dave Schultz is on the Board with Fisher. Fisher stated that Schultz is on the Board along with Joe LaPorte, and Bill Willis. Dave Schultz is the chairman of the Board. There is a site supervisor for each construction project. Question was raised by Glocheski regarding employment of other Tribal members and Sam stated any items of concern should be forwarded in writing to the Construction Board. If anyone has concerns about a board member that has conducted inappropriate actions then those items would be brought to Tribal Council.

Memberto is the chairperson of the Housing Commission and is not involved in Little River Maintenance and Construction Company in any way.

Sam stated that the Tribal Council minutes regarding opinions of the Tribal members are of those members and not of Tribal Council.

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 Bennett.

Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-2-0)

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

Council reconvened in Open Session at 3:15 p.m. No items were moved from Closed Session to Open Session.

MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION; by Kleeman; support by Ruiter.

Roll Call

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

E. Porter – Yes	P. Ruiter – Yes	J. Sam – Yes
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Motion carried (7-0-2-0)

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Kleeman; support by McCatty.

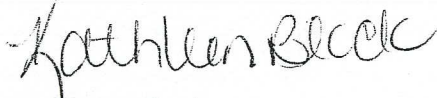
Roll Call

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

Motion carried (7-0-2-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen Block
Transcribing Assistant



Janine Sam
Tribal Council Recorder