

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians/Election Board
Open Meeting Minutes
February 20th, 2025

I. Call to order:

A. Laura made a motion to begin the Open session meeting at 7:15 P. M.

- Roll Call

Kathy Gibson – Present	Laura Echelbarger – Present	Janine Sam – Absent
Shawwna Gonzalez – Present	Lee Ivinson – Present	

II. Others Present: Susan Thull 3727 and Danny Pineda 2601.

III. Minutes Approved: None

A. Laura made a motion to approve January 14th, 2025, Closed Meeting Minutes and Lee supported.

Kathy Gibson – Yes	Laura Echelbarger – Yes	Janine Sam – Abstain
Shawwna Gonzalez – Yes	Lee Ivinson – Yes	

B. Laura made a motion to approve January 15th, 2025, Closed Meeting Minutes and Lee supported.

Kathy Gibson – Yes	Laura Echelbarger – Yes	Janine Sam – Abstain
Shawwna Gonzalez – Yes	Lee Ivinson – Yes	

IV. Discussion:

A. Discussed Sara Agosa's emailed questions:

- “Can you please verify how purchases for contracts and services are made and the approval process? Because it came out in an Election work session that the Purchasing and Procurement Regulations were changed. I was not aware of this change. We don't have control of that and we just follow what is in place when we need to get a vendor.
- How do postings for RFPs work? What is the Election Board's procedure to select vendors? Those RFP's do go to purchasing, Michle Lucas, we follow the purchasing and procurement that was set forth for us.
- I also want to verify, is ESC the ballot count vendor? (The same vendor the tribe used for several year). AES, Automated Election Services is our Election Vendor. We have used them in the past.

B. Susan Thull let us know of a few mistakes she noticed on our Voter Participation List and we discussed and researched those.

- C. Lee gave the numbers for Registered Voters in districts. A total of 601 for 9 County and 639 for Outlying equaling 1240 Registered voters.
- D. Susan asked if we would continue to register, and we said yes. We will continue to register but the deadline has passed to vote in the upcoming election but nonetheless, we will continue getting Tribal members registered.
- E. The day we announce Registered voters for the Membership meeting is the day of.
- F. Kathy described how we do our open meetings for the tribal members who are new in the meeting.

V. Motions to put into Open Session: None

VI. Adjournment:

- A. Kathy made a motion to adjourn the closed session at 7:30 P.M. Supported by Lee.

Kathy Gibson – Yes	Laura Echelbarger – Yes	Janine Sam – Absent
Shawwna Gonzalez – Yes	Lee Ivinson – Yes	