



Gaa Ching Ziibi Daawaa Anishinaabek

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Natural Resource Commission

Held at: via ZOOM

Manistee, MI 49660

Regular Meeting

February 8, 2021

I. Opening Prayer

II. General Business

A. Call to Order & Time of Call

Gary DiPiazza provided the prayer.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Roll Call #1

V. Johnson– Present	R. Koon– Present
M. Howell– Present	C. Eno – Present
B. Battice - Absent	

Quorum Established.

Others Present: Frank Beaver, Councilor Gary DiPiazza, Elise McGowan-Cuellar, Bob Sanders

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA; by Eno; seconded by Koon.

Roll Call #2

V. Johnson– Yes	R. Koon– Yes
M. Howell– Yes	C. Eno – Yes
B. Battice - Absent	

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D. Approval of Available Open Session Minutes

It was noted there were no minutes to approve.

III. Natural Resources Department Update

Bob Sanders said there are some potential bear regulation changes from the State where they don't allow barrel baiting on State land. That would be a big change that LRBOI will need to look at. Sanders noted Tribal Members would then not be allowed to barrel bait on State land. Sanders would like to know how the Commission feels about the bear population in the upper and lower peninsula. It was noted around 50 Tribal permits were issued with around 6 people bagging a bear.

Koon stated the Commission would need a population density report for the bear.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding bear hunting and bear population.

Chairperson Johnson asked that it reflect in the minutes that there was a discussion about approving the by-laws and it was pointed out to the Commission that we don't have to re-approve if there are no changes.

Johnson asked if the Commission should be going through the Hunting and Fishing Regulations.

Elise McGowan-Cuellar stated they do have a small work group but there have been no suggested changes yet. It is on-going.

IV. Legal Department Update

V. Natural Resource Commission Business

A. Hearing (none-scheduled)

VI. Public Comment

Richard Koon asked why the Tribe couldn't look into Tribal Members legally harvesting a sturgeon with hook and line only, allowed only one a year, and being registered with the Tribe. There is an abundance out there and would be a once in a lifetime experience.

Frank Beaver asked the Commission to place this on a future agenda and he will bring his people to discuss.

VII. Return to Open Session

MOTION TO MOVE FROM CLOSED TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:34 P.M.;
by Koon; seconded by Howell.

Roll Call #3

V. Johnson– Yes	R. Koon– Yes
M. Howell– Yes	C. Eno – Yes
B. Battice - Absent	

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MOTION TO MOVE THE LETTER TO MR. BATTICE FROM CLOSED TO OPEN; by Eno; seconded by Koon.

Roll Call #4

V. Johnson– Yes	R. Koon– Yes
M. Howell– Yes	C. Eno – Yes
B. Battice - Absent	

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MOTION THAT THE COMMISSION NEEDS MORE INFORMATION ON THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ON DIGGING NEAR LINE 5; by Eno; seconded by Koon.

Councilor DiPiazza asked if the Commission would like a meeting with Jay Sam.

Johnson responded yes.

Roll Call #5

V. Johnson– Yes	R. Koon– Yes
M. Howell– Yes	C. Eno – Yes
B. Battice - Absent	

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- A. Next Agenda Items
1. Sturgeon harvest

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- B. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:46; by Howell; seconded by Eno.

Roll Call #6

V. Johnson– Yes	R. Koon– Yes
M. Howell– Yes	C. Eno – Yes
B. Battice - Absent	

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Submitted by,

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