



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Natural Resources Commission
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, Michigan 49660**

**July 8, 2019
Open Session Minutes**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: 5:05pm

B. Roll Call:

Virgil Johnson.....Present
Connie Eno.....Present
Martha Howell.....Present
Boo Battice.....Present
Richard Koon.....Excused

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Others Present:

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the July 8, 2019 agenda:

Made by: Battice

Second: Eno

Johnson –yes	Koon - Excused	Eno - yes	Battice – yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 4-0-1-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes – June 10, 2019

Motion to approve:

Made by: Eno

Second: Battice

Johnson–abstain	Koon - Excused	Eno - yes	Battice – yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 3-0-1-1

E. Law Enforcement Update:

Brown- Powwow success – Campground has influx of member, couple of citations for alcohol. Conservation Officers went to Minnesota for wildlife forensics class. Lots of discussion on human attacks and how agencies respond. Bear vs. Dog in Bear Lake, dog died. Bears are moving into our area. Dept. needs educational/info materials for distribution. Brown went to White Earth to represent at a funeral for a fallen officer.

Virgil asks about:

CWD transitioning to humans? Brown says no confirmed reports.

Hunter Safety Class for members this year? Brown says, Yes. Virgil wants to be involved.

Discussion of Baiting: How the State does it and what proposals is the State making for Bear? Proposals for Walleye and Perch, we need to know.

F. Natural Resources Department Update:

Frank – Opening increasing acres, increase leaser for Zilinski. Virgil wants to know soil conditions at the corner by the WWTP. Work session- invasive species – wild olives being removed, trying to get all invasive plants removed. Schedule work session w/council for strategic plan for NRD.

G. Legal Dept. Update:

Elyse – saw 2 bears. Working on 20/20 Consent Decree in confidential stage atm. asking for suggestions to look over and include. Gear restrictions need to be looked at; other Tribes are looking at it. Trap Nets – need to get away from, other Tribes want Gillnets. Bi-Catch limits inland vs. Lake Michigan. Asking for proposals for Consent Decree.

H. New Business:

Commercial fishing business operations. Virgil talked to Tom St. Dennis about GTB loan program for fishermen. Would like to have commercial fishing program loan placed under the EDC.

Motion made to invite EDC to attend meeting to talk about Commercial Fishing:

Motion to approve:

Made by: Battice

Second: Eno

Johnson–yes	Koon - Excused	Eno - yes	Battice – yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 4-0-1-0

I. Continuing Business:

None

J. Public Comment:

Rich Koon – selling of Bear Hides, why cannot Tribal members sell them?
 Beaver – Does not have an answer today. Brown – Black market is huge for Bear parts. Parts are wasted.
 Griffith Road Property – Restrict use of chemicals on property to protect Bear Creek Watershed. Provide comments to Tribal Council about protecting the property from chemicals. Virgil says restrictions are in place.
 Beaver – Cannot develop commercially – no residential – only recreation and conservation activities.

K. Next meeting Date: 08/12/19**L. Adjourn Meeting**

Motion to adjourn the meeting: 6:18pm

Made by: Eno

Supported by: Howell

Johnson–yes	Koon - Excused	Eno - yes	Battice – Yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 4-0-1-0