



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

May 09, 2022
Open Session Minutes
Zoom Info
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I. General Business

A. Call to Order: 5:02pm

B. Roll Call:

Virgil Johnson- Chair.....Present
John GrocholskiPresent
Martha Howell - Recorder.....Present
Connie Eno.....Present
Vacant

Others Present: Gary DiPiazza, Julie Wolf, Elise McGowan, Natasha

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the May 9, 2022 agenda:

Motion to approve:
made by: Eno
supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 4-0-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes

Motion to approve the April 11, 2022 Open Session Minutes:

Motion to approve:
made by: Grocholski

supported by: Eno

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 4-0-0-0

E. Approval of Closed Session Minutes

Motion to approve the April 11, 2022 Closed Session Minutes:

Motion to approve:

made by: Grocholski

supported by: Eno

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 4-0-0-0

- I. Law Enforcement Update:** None
- II. Natural Resources Department Update:** None
- III. Legal Dept. Update:** None
- IV. New Business:**

Johnson and John toured some properties today. We found some "dumps". The NRD just got some new funding, and I would like to see it used to clean up some of these "dumps". We went to three sites and it really needs to be cleaned up.

The NRC made rules about tree stands being removed after the season. When you leave a stand in the woods, people are discouraged from putting up a new stand. I would like to see the department do something about removing the stands.

Wolf mentioned to check with NRD about the strategic plan for restoration and property upkeep and maintenance. We need the departments to show up to the meetings so they are aware of the conversation.

John says we have some new trash dumps, old trash dumps, and some soil contamination possibly.

Gary said Allison has a master plan for cleanup.

F. Approval of Resolution NRC # 2022-509-002

Motion to approve the Annual Update to the 2022 Elk and Bear Regulations:

Motion to approve:

made by: Eno

supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 4-0-0-0

V. Continuing Business:

Natasha Update: PHD student trying to understand how environmental/climate changes are impacting tribal members hunting, fishing and gathering. She has been doing interviews and focus groups. So far, she has interviewed 13 people. She is now analyzing data and transcribing the recorded interviews. She will be doing work this summer with the Sturgeon program and watershed projects. "How do these programs operate day to day? Getting an understanding of the day-to-day activities will help me understand how climate change affects these programs." She has been volunteering at the Elders lunch to do community outreach. Research is on-going until the end of July. Her goal for interviews is twenty people but she would be happier if she could get thirty people.

VI. Public Comment:

None

VII. Closed Session:

Motion to move to closed session to approve the April 11, 2022 Closed Session Minutes:

Motion to approve:

made by: Eno

supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 4-0-0-0

A. Move to Open Session:

Motion to approve the April 11, 2022 Open Session 6:17pm:

Motion to approve:
 made by: Grocholski
 supported by: Eno

Johnson – yes	Eno - abstain	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 3-0-1-0

VIII. Next meeting Date: 06/11/22

The next meeting is the Elk and Bear drawing, Saturday 1pm meeting at the Pow-wow grounds.

B. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting: 6:40pm
 made by: Grocholski
 supported by: Eno

Johnson – yes	vacant	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 4-0-0-0