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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



Elders Monthly Meeting 2953 Shaw be Quo-ung

August 3, 2022

Roll Call and Stipend: Meeting called to order:

Chairperson Chuck Fisher at 12:00 pm. Gary Dipiazza filling in as an acting trustee.

Chuck Fisher Present	Detra Kelsey Absent	Gary Dipiazza-acting
Marcella Leusby Present		

Quorum:3-1-0-0

Approval of Agenda: Marcella Leusby made motion to approve the agenda, Chuck Fisher seconded. All approved.

Chuck Fisher Yes	Detra Kelsey Absent	Gary Dipiazza-acting
Marcella Leusby Yes		

Quorum:3-1-0-0

Approval of Minutes: None

Made motion to approve the minutes - seconds. All approved.

Chuck Fisher	Detra Kelsey	Gary Dipiazza-acting
Marcella Leusby		

Quorum: 0-0-0-0

1. We had a very good turnout for our first Elders Meeting on over 2 years!! We had a hundred in attendance!! A big thank you to everyone who donated prizes.

New Business: Ogema's Advisory Board gave a presentation on what their job are. The group consists of three businesspeople, Mike Moore, Chuck Wahr, and Kim Dun. They all have the knowledge in various fields of work management, business backgrounds, and laws. The Ogema hired them to find more ways of improving the Casino and how to make more income for the Resort.

General Manager Andrew Gentile talked of the revenue the Casino has brought in. We seem to be breaking even as of now. They still have a shortage of workers. The employees have been doing an excellent job keeping everything running.

With Covid happening and being shut down in 2021 it has hurt the Resort. Mr. Gentile told them that 2% of the online gaming goes to taxes (which the tribe gets back), 10% goes to Per Cap and the rest goes into a Special Fund for Council.

The EDC Manager Eugene Magnuson gave a presentation of what the Little River Holdings have been up to. The mission of this entity is an economic business that will increase the growth of the tribe's economic business to help profits and growth for the tribe and for other tribes.

With monies from grants and the tribe the EDC has been able to build Odeno, the Hillcrest Apartments, which is due to open this fall and the Gateway Project. The enterprise also has a Board of Directors who are businesspeople whose action plan is to set up Little River Holdings with endeavors that will make a profit business for the tribe.

Casino manager Andrew Gentile – With Covid happening and being shut down in 2021 it really hurt the resort. The money from online gaming, which 10% goes for per cap, 2% goes for taxes, (which comes back to the tribe), the rest of the money goes into a special fund for Council. The employees of the Casino have been going above to make sure the Casino is up and running. They have done an awesome job.

2. Old Business: None

3. Open Session: One elder wanted to know how the Golf Course was going. It's not turning a profit yet, they've had to apply for a liquor license and reseed some of the ground. As business's go it's usually 4-5 years before a profit starts showing.

Muskegon Clinic is almost ready to open. Just waiting for the ok, it will be fully staffed, same as the Manistee Clinic is.

Even though the Governor has turned down the Muskegon Project for the time being work is still being done on a possible phase 2.

4. Adjourned: 4:25 pm adjourned. Motion to adjourn by Marcella Leusby, Chuck Fisher seconded, All approved.

Chuck Fisher Yes	Detra Kelsey Absent	Gary Dipiazza-acting
Marcella Leusby Yes		

Quorum:3-1-0-0

5. Next Meeting: September 3, 2022

Elder's Secretary,


Marcella Leusby