

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



Elders Conference

November 6th and 7th, 2022

1. **Roll Call:** Chuck Fisher called meeting to order at 9:40 am

<u>Jessica Steinberg-x</u>	<u>Chuck Fisher-x</u>	<u>Sandy Mezeske-x</u>
<u>Tammy Burmeister-x</u>	<u>Marcella Leusby-x</u>	

Quorum: 5-0-0-0

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Sandy Mezeske made motion to accept agenda, Jessica Steinberg seconded. All approved

<u>Jessica Steinberg-yes</u>	<u>Chuck Fisher-yes</u>	<u>Sandy Mezeske-yes</u>
<u>Tammy Burmeister-yes</u>	<u>Marcella Leusby-yes</u>	

Quorum: 5-0-0-0

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Sandy Mezeske made motion to accept October 1 minutes. Jessica Steinberg seconded, all approved.

<u>Jessica Steinberg-yes</u>	<u>Chuck Fisher-yes</u>	<u>Sandy Mezeske-yes</u>
<u>Tammy Burmeister-yes</u>	<u>Marcella Leusby-yes</u>	

Quorum: 5-0-0-0

4. New Business: Chuck Fisher presented the Elders draft budget for 2023 in the amount of \$126,650. This does not include the meals for the elder's monthly meetings, he stated that there will be more discussion on the budget at the December meeting.

The election for 3 new elders commission will take place at the December 3 meeting. New position will be decided then for Chairperson, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

Jessica Steinberg, Sandy Mezeske, Tammy Burmeister was temporally voted in to be on the Elders Committee until the election in December. Elders voted in favor of this temporally vote.

Jessica reminded the elders of the date and time for the Elders Christmas party. Agenda covers a crazy sweater contest, a gift exchange, a small skit by elders, a photo booth, possible DJ with dancing.

5.Old Business: None

6.Public Comment: *Would like to see elders attend the MIEA meetings. Will be election for MIEA in February meeting. Would like to see a trip planned for 2023 for the elders, would like to take a trip to the boarding school exhibit in Mt. Pleasant. If planning a trip to one of the Casinos let it be known they want to go to one that is in support of Little River and the Muskegon project.*

The Warrior Society offered to make a donation of 9 or 10 meals to Muskegon elders but they need to find out the cost before doing it.

It was said we need to come together for the common good of the elders and the tribe. We shouldn't disregard the tribes that don't support us and we need to support and help Vicki Wells as she starts to get the Elders Meals up and running.

An Elder asked if they could see a hand of how many elders and their family members that were involved in the boarding schools.

With the Currants being in digital form, Elders don't have the ability to view the tribal news. It was bought up that there should be a budget set up to send out the Currants in paper form.

Ogema spoke about elders getting involved in the boarding school issues. Its important for the tribe to keep records on those who were a part of this, This will lead to a path of healing. He has been asked to be a consultant on a state level on the 200 or more children who were involved in this and have not been accounted for, we need to find the facts and bring these children home. BIA has been holding records that were in storage areas aren't in good condition.

It was mentioned if there would be Elders meetings in the future in other areas, like Muskegon and Wisconsin. Chuck stated that this will be looked into.

7. Adjournment: *Jessica made motion to adjourn meeting at 4:00 pm, Chuck seconded, all yes*

<i>Jessica-yes</i>	<i>Sandy-yes</i>	<i>Marcella-yes</i>
<i>Chuck-yes</i>	<i>Tammy-yes</i>	

Quorum: 5-0-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm

Respectfully,

Elders Secretary