



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

**October 14, 2019
Open Session Minutes**

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: 5:08pm

B. Roll Call:

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

Others Present: Law Enforcement and Legal Dept.

C. Approval of Open session Minutes for
Motion to approve the August 12, 2019:
Made by: Eno
Second: Koon

Johnson - yes	Koon - yes	Eno - yes	Battice - yes
Howell - no			

Motion approved 4-1-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes – September 9, 2019

Motion to approve:
Made by: Eno
Second: Howell

Johnson - yes	Koon - yes	Eno - yes	Battice - yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 5-0-0-0

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E. Law Enforcement Update:

None

F. Natural Resources Department Update:

Two Elk hunters in phase 1, neither hunter was successful. All 4 tags going into December hunt. Hunters had great success in past hunts. The Commission need to review 20/20 Migratory bird bag limits and species.

Motion to approve: Adding hunting of Sandhill Cranes and Teal Ducks in the 20/21 season.

Made by: Koon

Second: Eno

Johnson - yes	Koon - yes	Eno - yes	Battice - yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 5-0-0-0

G. Legal Dept. Update:

Discussion of Eagle shooting over the weekend. Elyse brought forth the opposition of the proposed removal of the Gray Wolves from the endangered species list.

Motion to approve: Opposition of Removal of Gray Wolves from the endangered species list. Resolution NRC 2019-1014-01

Made by: Koon

Second: Battice

Johnson - yes	Koon - yes	Eno - yes	Battice - yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 5-0-0-0

Bear management: Baiting and harvesting. NRC can write own rules about bear hunting, baiting, and harvesting. NRC needs to go over and clarify Bear Regs in the booklet provided by the Department and clear up any conflicting info.

H. New Business:

None

I. Continuing Business:

20/20 Updates: Confidentiality agreement with 4 tribes and the State of Michigan will hopefully be complete by October 31, 2019.

J. Public Comment:

Fishing money disbursement to all Tribal Members. EDC never responded to the latter asking to meet with them.

None

K. Next meeting Date: 12/09/19

L. Adjourn Meeting

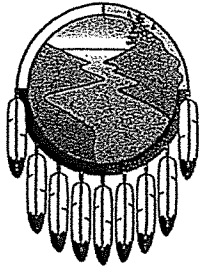
Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 6:19pm

Made by: Koon

Supported by: Battice

Johnson - yes	Koon - yes	Eno - yes	Battice - yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 5-0-0-0



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Resolution NRC-2019-1014- 26

Resolution in opposition to the proposed removal of the Michigan Gray Wolf from the federal endangered and threatened species list

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Anishinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and a treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 9(f) of the Constitution to create by ordinance regulatory commissions and to delegate to those commission the power to manage the affairs of the Little River Band; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council did by Ordinance #06-500-01 create the Natural Resource Commission to be a regulatory body and delegated to that Commission the power to oversee and regulate the use of the natural resources within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to remove protections of the Michigan gray wolf; and

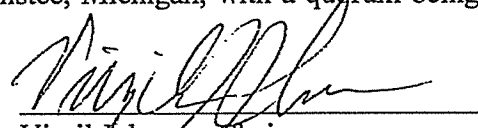
WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resource Commission urges the Fish and Wildlife Service to support tribal management and protection of gray wolves within

the 1836 territory by the tribe through management in the 2007 Inland Consent Decree;
and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resource Commission opposes the proposed removal of the Michigan Gray Wolf from the federal endangered and threatened species list.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resource Commission with 5 FOR, 0 AGAINST, ABSTAINING, 0 ABSENT, at the Commission's regular meeting held on October 14, 2019, at the Tribal Natural Resource Department Building in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such a vote.


Virgil Johnson, Chair

cc. Tribal Council
Tribal Ogema
Natural Resources Department