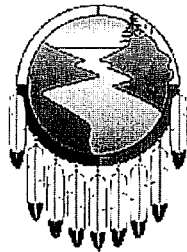


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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Elders Meeting
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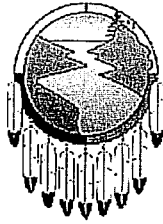
1. Call to Order/Prayer
2. Lunch
3. Roll Call/Stipend
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
 - a. No minutes for April or May
6. New Business

Introduction of new General Manager Andrew Gentile.
7. Open Session

Omega Larry Romanelli

 - a. Question and Answer
8. Next Meeting Date: August 5th, 2017
9. Adjournment:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



Aki Maadiziwin Center

Elders Minutes

June 3, 2017

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Elders Group meeting was held at Aki Maadiziwin Center.

Following are the minutes from that meeting.

Meeting started at 12:00 pm on June 3rd, 2017. Elder Al Metzger said Prayer.

Chairperson Mary Thomas did roll call:

1. Roll Call and Stipend

Mary Thomas-Here	Marcella Leusby-Here	Terri Tyler-Here
Darlene Martin-Here	Al Metzger-Here	

Quorum: 5-0-0-0

Council Members Present: Ron Wittenburg, Ron Pete, Diane Lonn, Gary DiPiazza

Guests/Speakers: Casino General Manager Andrew Gentile and Omega Larry Romanelli.

2. Approval of Agenda: Elder Marcella Leusby approved June agenda, Elder Al Metzger seconded.

Mary Thomas-Yes	Marcella Leusby-Yes	Terri Tyler-Yes
Darlene Martin-Yes	Al Metzger-Yes	

Quorum: 5-0-0-0

3. Approval of Minutes: No minutes for April or May meetings.

Mary Thomas-	Marcella Leusby-	Terri Tyler-
Darlene Martin-	Al Metzger-	

Quorum: 0

4. New Business- In March after much discussions Council decided to end the old Elders Committee. They constituted a new Regulation for the new Committee. Now, anyone 55 and over can serve on the Elders Committee. In May the elders voted on a new temporary subcommittee. Voted in was:

Chairperson: Mary Thomas

Vice Chairperson: Darlene Martin

Secretary: Marcella Leusby

Trustees: Al Metzger and Terri Tyler

Mary introduced the new General Manager of the casino: Andrew Gentile. He spoke of past job experience and is glad to be working here with Little River. And if anyone has any questions to please call or e-mail him.

Ogema Romanelli let everyone know that the Muskegon Project was still on going and they have started up a Shoreline Committee for the project. Larry invited the Casino General Manager to become involved in the project. Larry also stated they had tickets for the new Museum in Muskegon if anyone was interested. The Muskegon Museum is hosting an exhibition of photographs by Native American photographer Edward S. Curtis.

Elders voted to cancel the July meeting because of the Pow-Wow. The Committee decided to hand out \$5.00 food vouchers to elders only at the Pow-Wow. Terry Tyler will be doing the food vouchers and handing them out at the Pow-wow. Vouchers will be used only at Shalifoe Native Foods.

We will have our August meeting at the Gathering Grounds with a potluck picnic. The Casino was nice enough to volunteer to do hotdogs and hamburgers for us. It'll be a fun day for the elders!

We discussed more plans for the Elders Committee. The new Committee will be voted on at the November Elders Conference. Anyone that is going to run for a seat will need to have their paperwork in to Marcella Leusby-Committee Secretary, by August 1st. Send in a bio and reason why you would like to be on the Elders Committee. It will be put in the Currants and Rapids for the elders to see.

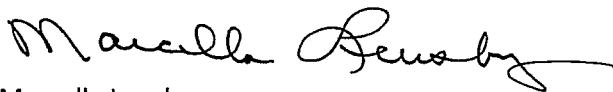
5. **Open Session**-Ron Pete congratulated the new committee and thanked everyone for his time as Elders Committee Chairman and work at the Casino. We are sorely going to miss that Team and all the work they did for the elders. Ron stated that the elders did not have a meeting last July because of the Pow-Wow. They also handed out meal vouchers to tribal elders at the Pow-Wow for Shalifoe Native American Foods.

Gary DiPiazza told the elders that there was fish at Big Blue. If any elder wanted to get some they need to make an appointment first to insure someone will be there. Gary also stated that at a later date Natural Resources might go to Muskegon to deliver fish.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

6. **Next Meeting:** August 5th, 2017

Elders Committee Acting Secretary,



Marcella Leusby