



Gaa Ching Ziibi Daawaa Anishinaabek

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Natural Resource Commission**

Held at: Natural Resource Department
Manistee, MI 49660

**Regular Meeting
January 13, 2020
5:00 p.m.**

I. Opening Prayer

Gary Di Piazza led them in an Opening Prayer.

Creator, look after us as we go through these days.

Let us make the best decisions as we can for our members and our Tribe as a whole.

Let us keep Mother Nature in our best thoughts.

To help her to clean our environment for a healthy way of life and a healthy way of living.

Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order & Time of Call

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

B. Roll Call

V. Johnson – Present	R. Koon – Present
M. Howell – Absent	C. Eno – Present
B. Battice -- Present	G. Di Piazza - Present

C. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Chairman Johnson said he has the only agenda for this meeting.

MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA FOR JANUARY 13, 2020; by Eno;
seconded by Koon.

Chairman Johnson said they don't have anything to approve especially without their recorder being here. Johnson said it was his understanding that Mr. Di Piazza said they didn't elect their Officers last time or their schedule for 2020. Johnson said those two things have to happen. Johnson said also had discussion last October about their By-Laws. Johnson said they just did them in September but what he would like to do is revisit and say there are no changes to the By-Laws then submit them for January.

Roll Call #1

V. Johnson – Yes	R. Koon – Yes
M. Howell – Absent	C. Eno – Yes
B. Battice -- Yes	

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D. Approval of Available Open Session Minutes

None Submitted

III. Natural Resources Department Update

Robert Robles said he doesn't have much but they are pretty busy. Robles said they had deer season and officers for elk season. Robles said he has been attending all the 2020 Negotiation Meetings. Robles said he has training on Friday but other than that he can't think of anything else from the top of his head.

Chairman Johnson asked are there any questions for Law Enforcement.

Gary Di Piazza said he would like a short synopsis on the elk. Di Piazza said he doesn't know if he can publish names like who got one.

Connie Eno said one was on Tv. Eno said ___ Gibson was on Tv.

Gary Di Piazza said he would like to get something in the Currents so if he could get something together and send it to Rebecca Groh. Di Piazza said pictures taken as well.

Robert Robles said he will get their permission first.

Bob Sanders reported that tagged deer were down from last year.

Connie Eno asked Bob Sanders if there was any CWD.

Bob Sanders said not at their Check Station.

Robert Robles said it was way down from last year.

IV. Legal Department Update

Attorney Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said she has no legal updates. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said the department and she continues to attend the 2020 Negotiations. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said she feels comfortable saying that things are starting to happen and the Tribes are working together. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said it is looking positive. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said the Consent Decree expires August 8, 2020 and it may not happen but stay positive.

Chairman Johnson said the Governor vetoed the Baiting Bill. Johnson said there is also legislation to extend the Rifle Season.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said she will send an e-mail to see if that is in effect already. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said that was discussed at CORA too who will look into it further. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said she will keep an eye on that legislation.

V. Natural Resource Commission Business

- A. Hearing (none-scheduled)
- B. Continuing Business
- C. Election of Officers –

Chairperson – Virgil Johnson

MOTION NOMINATE VIRGIL JOHNSON; by Di Piazza; seconded by Koon.

Roll Call #2

V. Johnson – Yes	R. Koon – Yes
M. Howell – Absent	C. Eno – Yes
B. Battice -- Yes	G. Di Piazza - Yes

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Recorder – Gary Di Piazza

MOTION TO NOMINATE GARY DI PIAZZA AND GRACE HENDLER;
by Di Piazza; seconded by Koon.

Roll Call #3

V. Johnson – Yes	R. Koon – Yes
M. Howell – Absent	C. Eno – Yes
B. Battice -- Yes	G. Di Piazza - Abstain

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D. Approval of Calendar for 2020

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DATES FOR THE 2020 CALENDAR; by Koon; seconded by Battice.

Roll Call #4

V. Johnson – Yes	R. Koon – Yes
M. Howell – Absent	C. Eno – Yes
B. Battice -- Yes	

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E. Approval of Natural Resource Commission By-Laws

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION BY-LAWS; by Eno; seconded by Koon.

Roll Call #5

V. Johnson – Yes	R. Koon – Yes
M. Howell – Absent	C. Eno – Yes
B. Battice -- Yes	

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VI. Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

VII. Return to Open Session & New Business

A. Next Agenda Items

Camping Regulations

Sugar Shack-Conference in Mt. Pleasant next month. Chairman Johnson will be attending.

B. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:44; by Koon; seconded by Battice.

Roll Call #6

V. Johnson – Yes	R. Koon – Yes
M. Howell – Absent	C. Eno – Yes
B. Battice -- Yes	

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Submitted by, Grace A. Hendler