



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

February 13, 2023  
Open Session Minutes  
Zoom Info  
Meeting ID: 567 831 8925 PW: 1994

**I. General Business**

**A. Call to Order: 5:02pm**

**B. Roll Call:**

Virgil Johnson- Chair.....Present  
John Grocholski .....Present  
Martha Howell - Recorder.....Present  
Connie Eno.....Present  
Vacant

**Others Present: Gary DiPiazza, Frank Beaver, Pam Johnson**

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the February 13, 2023 agenda:

Motion to approve:  
made by: Eno  
supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

**D. Approval of Open Session Minutes**

Open Session Minutes – 1/9/2023

Motion to approve:  
made by: Howell  
supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*

**I. Law Enforcement Update: None**

**II. Natural Resources Department Update: Frank Beaver**  
Updates to trespass permits. Issued 37 trespass permits in 2022.

**III. Legal Dept. Update: None**

**IV. New Business:**

**V. Cleanup of Tribal Land. Action only.** Department just received a waste management cleanup plan. We just got funding from the EPA and we are processing/formulating a cleanup plan. It was suggested to tape off proposed “cleanup zones” so tribal members are aware of the danger and it will acknowledge that a cleanup is in process at the site.

Bear harvest report: None. A bear management workgroup works to track reports and issue permits.

Whitetail Deer harvest report: None.

**VI. Continuing Business: Trout Lake Regulations**

2007 Inland Consent Decree proposed Walleye Table 1 changes” Discussion: John believes the State is attempting to get us to support trophy fishing. Virgil agrees that if we approve the changes it will only support sport fishing and not benefit tribal fishers on type D lakes. We do not support addition of any more lakes.

Removal Crockery Lake. It is at risk of being fished out. We would like numbers in order to make an informed decision on changing the Walleye harvest. We are dropping the walleye discussion.

The UFO shot down supposedly had a “payload” attached which may have been dropped into either Lake Michigan or Huron. Trying to get more information and what the object was and if/ how it may affect the CORA tribes.

MHRC state and federal regulators included the tribe with discussions.

The Federal Fish and wildlife service are all making sure we are included in addressing our options. They have given us four options. Let the license expire, consumer’s walks away. Consumers sell to private firm. Relicense the dams as. Fourth option is dam removal. The CORA tribes should start

discussions. Commission would like to ensure there are enough eyes and ears paying attention to the subject of the Tippy Dam/Consumers Energy situation.

**VII. Public Comment:**  
None

**VIII. Next meeting Date: 03/13/23**

**IX. Consumers Energy/Tippy Dam**  
Resolution Type D Trout Lake Regulations 2007 Consent Decree Walleye  
Clean up of Tribal Lands  
Bear Harvest Report  
Whitetail Report

**E. Adjourn Meeting**  
Motion to adjourn the meeting: 6:26pm  
made by: Grocholski  
supported by: Eno

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

*Motion approved 4-0-0-0*