



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

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

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: 5:05pm

B. Roll Call:

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

Others Present: Gary DiPiazza, Frank Beaver, Julie Wolf

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the March 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 – 2/13/2023

Motion to approve:
 made by: Eno
 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
Sports Fishermen upset about Gilnets.
- III. Legal Dept. Update:** None
- IV. New Business:**
- V. Continuing Business: Trout Lake Regulations**

2007 Inland Consent Decree proposed Walleye Table 1 changes” Discussion:

1) Remove the four (4) lakes from the LRBOI regulations that the MDNR has removed as Type D trout lakes. This would allow LRBOI citizens additional opportunities for harvest under the general fishing regulations and not the Type D restrictions.

2) Add the seven (7) lakes to the LRBOI regulations that the MDNR has added as designated Type D lakes.

Motion to approve:

Trout Lake Regulation changes:

made by: Eno

supported by: Grocholski

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

Motion approved 3-1-0-0

Cleanup of Tribal Lands: Frank is going to check about Adopt- a-Highway for 2023. Frank does not believe there is a current plan for lands cleanup at this time. The department is waiting for more information from the EPA. The Brownfield Specialists are attending the annual EPA conference and we should know more soon upon their return.

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

MHRC state and federal regulators included the tribe with discussions.

NO bear harvest report. Commission would appreciate a report for the harvest so we can do our due diligence to determine actual harvest numbers.

Deer Harvest Report: The state pressures hunters to report. Discussion ensues about ways to support tribal hunters reporting their harvest. Trying to find solutions to determine the health of herds and populations.

The Tribe is still participating with discussion with Consumers Energy concerning Tippy Dam removal, no new news.

VI. Public Comment:

There is currently one vacant seat on NRC commission.

VII. Next meeting Date: 04/10/23

VIII. Next meeting items:

- Consumers Energy/Tippy Dam
- Clean up of Tribal Lands
- Bear and Elk Drawing discussion planning

E. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting: 6:28pm

made by: Eno

supported by: Grocholski

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

Motion approved 4-0-0-0