



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on April 15, 2020. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Gary DiPiazza, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

B. Roll Call #1

T. Guenthardt -Present	C. Champagne -Present	D. Corey -	Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	R. Pete -	Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	D. Lonn - Present	S. Lewis -	Present

Quorum established.

Ron Pete asked the people who are here to please state their name and your Tribal ID number for Gary to record so someone can get started.

Others Present: Larry Romanelli – 3251, Clatus Clyne – 2874, Martha Howell – 3635, Mary Thomas – 202, Rebecca Liebjng – 2878, Bradley Pringle, Steve Wheeler, Lyle Dorr – Grants, Dr. Daryl Wever, Jeff Simpkins – HR, Caitlin Carey – ULD, Jamie Friedel – 4744, Bernadene Crampton – 3921, Elise McGowan-Cuellar - ULD

C. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION TO APPROVE WTHE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 15, 2020 AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING
CORRECTIONS: UNDER V. ANY REPORTS THAT ARE DUE
WILL BE REMOVED DUE TO CLOSURE, UNDER VI. THEM**

WILL BE REMOVED DUE TO CLOSURE ALSO AND THERE WILL BE AN ADD UNDER BUSINESS V. A. APPROVING TRIBAL GOVERNMENT CFO SUBMISSION TO TRIBAL DATA CARES ACT FUNDING AND ALSO UNDER CLOSED X. D. REMOVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR ANY OF THE COMMISSIONS OR ENTITIES DUE TO CLOSURE; by DiPiazza; supported by Lonm.

Ron Pete asked if there was any further discussion. Is anybody going to abstain?

Roll Call #2

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza -	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonm -	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

D. Tribal Council Minutes

III. Continuing Business

- A. Grants & Contracts**
- B. Budget Modifications**
- C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

IV. Acceptance of Reports

- A. Report of the Tribal Ogema**
 - 1. Operations Report** **January 2020**
 - 2. Financial Report** **February 2020 - None Submitted**

It was noted by Speaker Pete that the January 2020 Operations Report was received.

Removed – due to closure

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports – March 2020 – None Submitted

- A. Binojeeuk Commission**
- B. Enrollment Commission**
- C. Gaming Commission**
- D. Health Commission**
- E. Housing Commission**
- F. Natural Resource Commission**

**VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities – March 2020 –
 None Submitted**

- A. Elders Committee Minutes**
- B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report**

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

A. Approving Tribal Government CFO Submission of Tribal Data Act Funding

CARES Act payments to Tribal Governments are to be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and Indian Tribes and although that consultation has not yet concluded, certain data is requested of Tribal governments at this time to assist in this determination. The Tribal Ogema, by and through the CFO has gathered data for the submission to request CARES Act funding.

Councilor Lonn said you are submitting the information, I read everything and I understand what we are doing, now the CARES Act what will that do for the Tribe itself. What will it fund? If we are approved what will it fund?

Steve Wheeler responded with his apologies but I am gathering this data that is necessary to submit the information needed so we can be in the pool of all of the tribes to receive funding. It is not totally clear to me how that is going to be split yet but we need to provide population numbers, enrollment numbers, acreage numbers, total expenditure numbers and total employment numbers and you will receive funding from the CARES Act from the pool of money for tribes that will basically enable us to help pay for Tribal operations which is going to be needed during this time.

Lonn said so we have a different set up or something for the clinic and the pharmacy through IHS.

Ogema Larry Romanelli said this is part of the CARES Act and this is a significant amount of money that is coming from the federal government. For tribes to be able to participate in that there is documentation that has to be submitted. You have to give them the number of Tribal members you have. You have to know how many employees, your land that is in holdings that is either fee simple or land in trust. You have to give them some financial numbers as well. This is part of the financial information that is needed so that we can participate. This information is needed by the close of business on February 17th which will be Friday. It gives you a short window of opportunity to participate so we had to move ahead very quickly and in doing so I believe Rebecca Liebing got the information together and put it on the agenda for today so that we would have the right to disclose this information to the federal government.

Lonn said thank you so much.

Councilor Cindy Champagne noted to Larry that you said February 17th and I think you meant April 17th, which is no big deal.

Romanelli responded yes.

Champagne asked what kind of money are we looking at getting from the CARES Act or do we not have any idea because we don't know how many tribes are participating.

Romanelli said right, that is part of it. They want to determine how many tribes are eligible to participate. There is some other information that goes along with that. They are trying to determine the total amount of money in one way. We have another issue as you have the 570 odd tribes that can participate but there is also some language that says the Alaskan native tribes and villages but there is also the Alaskan native corporations. Now some of the tribes believe the corporations should not be listed in getting the payment with some of the stimulus money because they are actually a corporation. I think tribes within Michigan are of belief too.

Champagne said thank you.

Romanelli said you are welcome. There is not a real good way to determine what the amount of money will be. One thing that they are looking at is paying off in three different ways. One would be an initial amount of money that would be set aside and would just go across to every tribe a per capita but we have tribes like the Navajo's that have 350,000 members and we have the Cherokees that have 380,000 members so when you look at our 4,000 members our pieces of pie there probably won't be that much. Then they have the other, one of the things they are looking at is a few other ways. They hopefully will do it in three different segments. One will be on economic need, one is based on per capita and I forget what the other one is. So that is how it is being determined.

Champagne said I have one other question for Larry. Can any of this money be used to set up a program to help because now Manistee is one of the communities that is getting hit with this COVID-19. Across the lake is Milwaukee and they got hit pretty hard and a lot with our members. Can you set up a program with this money or is it only used to run the government and not to set up programs to help our membership.

Romanelli said there are other monies that are available through different departments as well that we are looking at. We set up a group, a task force to look at the different abilities for recouping some of the money. I would assume this is for, some of it will be to run your tribe and I would assume that within that the Tribal government has the right to set aside what they want to. But there are also special circumstances I think that would apply in this case too. That is what we are having a hard time with, is we are trying to be on all the different calls. There are state calls, and state things

that are coming out and federal that keeps changing so we have different people on different calls trying to make sure that we cover all of the bases and kind of following the red dot on the wall situation.

Speaker Pete asked if there were any other questions on this submission.

Councilor Shannon Crampton said he didn't have a question but he just had a comment. Larry is right we have to get this in by the 17th. There is a weird, a weird tie in to the CARES Act that amended the portion of the Social Security Act that sets aside \$8,000,000,000 for tribes right now. That is the number that we are looking at. Fortunately we are a self-governance tribe so we are allowed to comingle those funds so we can use that however we want. I'm done.

Clatus Clyne – #2874, Shannon just basically answered my question. Diane's original question was what the money is for now and where it is coming from. When you are talking about the information on our per cap, does that include the children too as numbers on the roll.

Romanelli answered yes, I believe it does.

Clyne said why are we using the kids to just get that and any other time the kids get nothing and they are not included in the per cap or anything. It just seems like we are using them.

Romanelli said that would be a question for Council.

Councilor Lonnn said I do know that for Education they use the kids' numbers and that is how they get a lot of money and ability to give the kids the stuff they do is based on the kids count. A lot of the grant is total population so we would use the kids.

Clyne responded exactly.

Speaker Pete said he has just been waiting. I have also read the CARES Act a couple of times and some of the stuff in there for sure is kind of up in the air a little bit. To give an exact number of what we are doing, I think they have been applying to everything that we can and I hope that it all washes out when it comes up.

Lonnn said Amen.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0415-102, APPROVING TRIBAL GOVERNMENT CFO SUBMISSION OF TRIBAL DATA CARES ACT FUNDING; by Lonnn; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete asked if there was any further discussion. Is anybody going to abstain?

Roll Call #3

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, April 22, 2020

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Larry Romanelli just wanted to say that I appreciate everybody's cooperation in the social distancing and shelter in place. Again, we are following leads of the federal and the state what they are doing and trying to minimize the effect of the COVID-19. I think for us we are doing a very good job and I really appreciate everybody's cooperation. Hopefully if we continue to do so then things will be lifted here in another week or two. I think we are past the mid-way point personally, that is just a personal observation that we can lighten up some. This might be in effect for a little longer but I think the shelter in place may be lifted here hopefully within a week or two. We continue to watch the stats of deaths and the people that are infected, etc. on all levels. We also are watching the reimbursement from the state and federal governments so that we can try and get as much money as possible back and any kind of benefits that would come from that. We continue to watch our financial picture, both at the Resort and the government. We have to be prepared for the long haul and hopefully this doesn't go that long but that is what we are doing. It is a lot of meetings, many meetings and there are so many meetings that they are overlapping each other. There is one today that I was supposed to be on and they changed it I think three or four times because what happens is we have a local meeting that might be set aside because there is a state meeting with the other tribes that may be more important to get on and then that gets moved aside by some kind of federal meeting that gets set up. That is what we are going through. The other problem we have is that when meetings are set up sometimes they are by central time so it may say 3:00 which is a different time for us in Eastern Standard Time. So trying to muddle through all of that has been a real challenge but I think we are doing good overall. I listen to the other tribes and some of the things that they are going through but overall I think we are doing a pretty good job. We just keep moving forward.

Councilor Lonn asked if the other tribes struggling as much as we are.

Romanelli said I think some are struggling much more than us and others are not. Even within the state of Michigan, because there are calls with a couple of hundred people on there and I listen to some of the bigger tribes and what they are experiencing and then you have to remember, and even within the state of Michigan, there is such a difference between tribes, for example, there is a tribe in the UP that is having a heck of a time right now
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Lonn said Bay Mills yeah. It's Bay Mills isn't it.

Romanelli responded yeah but there are some others too. I mean we have two or three but I think Bay Mills is the one that is the most vocal about the problems they are having. Then you have other tribes that have a whole lot more money and a whole lot less Tribal members and it is hard to compete with that. Sustainability is a hell of a lot more than what we have. It doesn't do good to compare either way. We just have to be aware of where we are at because that is what happens even with per cap. There is such a wide range of things that tribes are dealing with. Overall, like they say, I think we are in a better half of the tribes all things considered.

Lonn said thank you.

Romanelli said you're welcome.

Councilor Champagne said I would like to ask Larry something. It may be pushed to closed but I am going to bring it up here if it is allowed thank you. Larry, I have been thinking a lot about this, are we looking at our membership count right now, how many of our Tribal members have walked on and do we know if they walk on because of COVID-19 and do we have any idea whatsoever, how many of our members have COVID-19 that since inclusion, I know that our population is primarily older individuals so I am really concerned about how many of our members that could be walking on because of the age alone. I am wondering if we are tracking that and if we are tracking the ones that have COVID-19, who they came in contact with and keep the data separate so that we have that to look at later on.

Romanelli said to my knowledge, the tribes are not able to track it for a number of reasons. They have talked about it but until you internally do something there is a not a way to track is the last thing I heard. In our tribe we have one reported positive within our tribal boundaries, etc. that I am aware of. Again, we will watch where that goes. But other than that I am not aware of any Tribal member that has confirmed to have the virus.

Martha Howell said I have a question for Larry. Good morning. Larry, the majority of this is on social media. You see the President and the

Governor everyday giving COVID-19 updates. Can you tell us why you are not utilizing a platform to keep your nation calm and updated on the state of our nation?

Romanelli said well I believe that we are keeping some of the information on our website and on our Facebook site. I don't get on there because it is kind of a, at times, a cess pool that is better to not get dragged into if I don't have to, to be quite honest.

Howell said the lack of physical leadership and a social media president (inaudible) is mentally hurting our community. (inaudible) We have elders going into each other's homes, in and out, all day long. There are people coming up here from Muskegon and going in and out of elders houses all day long, every day. Like, we need you to go on Facebook and put out some kind of video message to your nation and address them. Like you are worried about getting caught up in a cess pool and it is time to take action to save the lives of your population. That is what I have to say, thank you.

Romanelli said you're welcome. The thing is I am having the membership meeting by phone or whatever and it should be videotaped for April 25th. The amount . . .

Howell said that is 10 more days from now.

Speaker Pete asked Howell to please let the Ogema answer.

Romanelli said we have the membership meeting coming up on the 25th, beyond that there is a large number of hours put in everyday to holding meetings and finding out what is going on. I have to say that when you wrote to me, and I have a lot of people writing and emailing me and coming up with different situations, there are a lot of things that are happening within this COVID virus. Nobody has been through this before. I apologize that I am not out there more and giving information. I am hoping to do so by other members of our employees giving information.

Howell said you are our leader.

Romanelli said the other thing is I did answer you and I did take action on that when you said that there were people that were coming in from Muskegon.

Howell said I am trying right now . . .

Pete said I am going to end this, your call, unless you give the Ogema a chance to respond.

Councilor Lonn said I would like to say something.

Pete said the Ogema is not done.

Lonn said I am after, thank you.

Romanelli said the (inaudible) said that they were having people coming from Muskegon and starting issues up at Aki. We took action on that. As a matter of fact one of our officers was injured severely in one of those altercations and we are now down one less officer because of that. Yes, it is a frustrating process. What happens is people are calling and telling me this the night after or the day after the incident happens. I talked with my Public Safety and my Public Safety said is what you need to do is call, have them called immediately, that way we can respond and we can't do it on the next day. So, action was taken, I will apologize for not being out there more and giving more information directly. I will try to do a better job but I can tell you that the hours that I have been putting in since March 9th or thereabouts is about 15 or 16 hours a day. That doesn't include . . . there is more to it than that. There are a lot of things that are going on within the Tribe. I will do the best that I can.

Howell said your people are not seeing it. They need to visually see you send a clear message to keep our population safe.

Romanelli said I understand.

Howell said we are in danger, especially why would we call Tribal Police when they are the ones who have the virus. That makes no sense, okay. So we are at a point where we need something from you. We need something from you. I am begging you Larry. Put out something to the people. I am not the only one.

Romanelli said I understand that and I will do what I can and if there is something visually that I can put out before the membership meeting I will do so. We also have had some IT issues that have been going on at the same time. I have been working . . .

Howell (inaudible)

Romanelli said I will do something.

Pete said good God.

Romanelli said he will put something on webpage, thank you.

Pete said you're welcome.

Lonn said you know something I didn't expect this hurt to be going after Larry and that is the way I feel. I think, I am appreciative of what Larry is doing. It is a lot of work. He has to keep up on what is going on with this COVID virus. As far as our people at Aki, come on, they see TV and it says do not go out. Muskegon, do not communicate. It is their responsibility to take it, not us, to monitor them. I am staying in. Do I like it? Oh heck no but I am staying in because I see it on TV. I have heard it from everybody. We cannot expect our Ogema to hold hands with people. He is there to protect this Tribe. I think Larry you are doing great with your team keeping us informed of what this COVID virus is doing and how we are handling it. Thank you.

Councilor Champagne said Larry I am not attacking you I just have to make some comments. I understand where Martha is coming from. I am not saying you are not trying your hardest and doing your best, that is not my point, if you need more help I think there are federal organizations that are willing to help tribes that ask for it and that is all I'm saying about that. I am also concerned that we are not tracking and keeping track of the people coming in contact with the COVID that test positive. We should be keeping a database on that. I know it is not easy but there is ways to do it. So I would like to talk to you about this a little more on a work session if you all don't mind. That is all I really want to say at this point.

Romanelli wanted to respond to that. I absolutely understand what Martha is saying. They would really like to see their leader out there giving them information and I will try to do that. Again, I can videotape something and then put it on our website and Facebook or whatever it is. I can do that. Things have straightened out a little bit, not great, but a little bit better this week so I will try to do what I can there. As to your question or comment Cindy, I think, again, it is going to take more people. This isn't trying to pass the buck but there are liaisons both federal liaisons and state that I would like it if some Council members could get involved with tracking that, which they should be able to do. We have an Enrollment Commission for example that the Council oversees. If they could get with the other tribes and find that out I think it would be a great benefit with going forward. I would just make that suggestion.

Champagne wanted to respond to Larry.

Pete said he is in the cue right after that.

Champagne understands and said I'm sorry. Larry, I would agree with you that we probably could work together with all of the other tribes and the ones that don't want to participate that is up to them. I would be willing to look into how to track this and bring it forward to Council to see what we can do.

Romanelli responded great, thank you Cindy.

Champagne said you're welcome.

Pete said Larry, I do know I am on some of your calls also and I know that you and your team are doing a great job at tracking the money and the stimulus money that we can get back from the federal government. I don't think your team can do any better. As far as the Enrollment Department, the Enrollment Department should certainly keep track of the bereavement. The Enrollment Department keeps track of the bereavement and I would think that we would be able to get with the Enrollment Department and see how much death benefits are being paid out and that would be an easier way to handle that. Pete asked if I am being interrupted again.

Lonn said it is me.

Pete said you would think that they would be able to help keep track of that also. You know what, just in response to some of the comments earlier, I'm going to tell you what, these people, our people, certainly watch the news, they watch everything about staying in place and you know I agree with Diane that you can't hold everybody's hand. I just appreciate really what you have been doing.

Lonn just wanted to say a couple of things. One, the Enrollment Department does get the bereavement, a copy of the death certificate which would tell how they died. So you could ask Jessica that, how died and how many had the virus if there was any. She can give you that. She can't give you names but Enrollment can do that. I would be glad to help Enrollment to call the other tribes because they all know who I am and I am the liaison for Enrollment. Thank you.

Pete said if you would agree to that to get with that I would think that would be great.

Councilor Crampton said I would like to ask Larry if that is what you are asking us to do is to see if we can get some of the information on the COVID virus deaths among tribes.

Romanelli said well it was brought up and I think that might be the best way to do it yes.

Crampton said I have already been on there for about a week now and we are having the same problem that the federal government is in that with the lack of testing, some people who are passing on they are passing on because of Corona virus but it is not getting labeled as Corona virus because there is no testing.

Romanelli said right, exactly.

Crampton said so there is no numbers, so there is no real metric that we can apply.

Romanelli responded no. That was my point too is that as we go forward we could try our best but there are several things that are interrupting us having a clear count. I think it is a good idea to go forward. If Cindy and Di can start that, that would be great and work with you.

Crampton said okay, thank you.

Councilor Champagne said yes Larry, being that these are trying times and out of the ordinary I know Diane said she can't give us, Enrollment can't give us certain information but you can allow them to give us information so we can get the information we need for the Tribe. It is not that we are being nosy, we are trying to help the Tribe. So, there are some of the regulations that we have in place that is going to have to be put aside until this whole epidemic is out of the way.

Lonn said the only thing I said was names. We cannot give names.

Romanelli said we will do anything within our power but the regulations, but setting aside regulations I think something, I don't write the regs and I think we have to be very careful that we aren't infringing on people's privacy. I think there is enough information that you can glean just from what the regulations allow and go from there. Thank you.

Clatus Clyne – #2874, said hey Larry I understand you are having meetings and everything and that is really good but what we really want is what is coming out of the meetings. We want to know what you guys are doing, the supervisors and stuff like that. (inaudible). All of the citizens do not work for the Tribal government so it would be nice if the general citizens know what is going on. We don't want nobody holding our hand we just want information, that's it. Thank you.

Romanelli said I absolutely agree with that too. I think that hopefully we can start putting some of this information out very soon. It is changing, the first couple of weeks it was changing by every couple of hours and we are just, again, trying to chase it and find out what was going on. The next week or two it was changing every half day and trying to keep up with it has been a test. I absolutely agree. From my eyes I think that everybody can see it so I know that is a problem. Our employees who are very well working on this kind of thing, it is one thing to gather the information and then to understand it and write it down and work on it, it is another thing to let everybody know what we are doing. I can tell you I have a great staff. Some people have stepped up so well during this time. It is really appreciated and they are working hard. I think that now, and hopefully, even by the end of the week, we can give some kind of an update on our website and say what has been happening in different areas. This CARES information that we are getting that we have to have by Friday, April 17th, has been a trip. I think we are able to give you an update here shortly. And maybe I should do it by video and have them report where they are at and do it maybe in a video thing that I can put on. I will try. I appreciate what you are saying Clatus. I agree with that.

Clyne said I have one more remark. Some of the people are calling in with questions and they are really scared about this and we don't need condescending remarks from our Council, thank you.

Romanelli said I missed that but okay.

Councilor Corey said I understand the testing and everybody wants to have that assurance to know. The testing process is only for the hospitals and stuff right now. I don't think tribes can even order them. There is no way to track every Tribal member if they died of COVID since last November. I believe I have already had the virus in December. I believe it went through here in December but there is no way to confirm that or not. The second time around is probably going to come and go a few times so people will have to live cautiously about wearing the mask and I don't know why the cops didn't wear masks. Nobody is wearing a mask out in public so if you go to the shopping centers now and I would walk in wearing a mask and everybody looks at you like you are from Mars. I had it for four weeks but. You know, it is on each individual to get the knowledge and information. I watched the President and stuff as much as possible but you are self-informed. That is all I have to comment on that tracking issue.

Recorder DiPiazza just wanted to let everybody know the government stimulus for the \$1,200 is hitting everybody's banks. Unfortunately I have already witnessed people already out just having a hee haw time shopping. Again, like Dave said, you know, I was out and yes I felt like a martian

you know wearing a mask but people are not adhering to wearing a facemask of any sorts, whether it is a bandana or a pair of leather gloves or anything. These people, unfortunately, with the stimulus going out, you are going to see an incline and it is going to spike because I hear the same stories about Aki people handshaking and hugs and everybody running around. It is like until that sweeps through one of our communities, LTB just had a case right in their community. So you know there is a 14 day incubation period too. People need to be cautious if they are going out. I don't know what else to tell them. You can't make them do it until somebody they love is going to be tested or come down with it. And even China, China I will guaranteed you that they had more than what they said that passed away from this. Even New York they are just burying people because nobody is even claiming them. So are the numbers even correct. I have no clue. All I can tell you is people are not adhering to any sort of social distancing when they are out. Meijers, I won't even go into Meijers. You go in there and people are just lined up having a hee haw time and chatting. It is like most of us all have compromised immune systems or old but it is taking everybody, young, old, it doesn't matter. So just keep that in mind as you are out and about. Anything is better than nothing if you are out. Because you are going to bring that home and you are just going to pass it around like I don't know. Scary times and I do give my hats off to the Ogema. I have been on some of those calls and it is not, there is a lot going on and I want to keep everybody safe as much as anybody else. But, it comes down to personal responsibility so I am all set. Thank you.

Speaker Pete asked if there were any other questions specific to the Ogema.

Councilor Champagne said this may not be for Larry and it may be for Robert Medacco but my question is has our police force been trained on how to use a mask, ventilators or whatever and how to approach people. Have they received the training so they are protected from COVID-19 since we do have an officer that is down with it now? I am really concerned to make sure our people are protected because they have the right training.

Ogema Romanelli said I don't know if Officer Medacco is on the call. It is my belief that I have had several conversations with Officer Medacco before and after this incident and it is my understanding that yes, they do have had the training and they are trying to keep their distance. They are doing some things that are trying to help protect them in the community. One thing that they are doing is they are working 12 hour shifts rather than changing shifts more often. They are now just went to 7 day shift as well so there isn't this changing of equipment and cars and getting in and out. This virus also hit the Manistee Police Department pretty hard. While we

have a working arrangement where we assist them they are also taking their precautions not to bring the virus to the community. I think they are taking every step they can to protect and watch what is going on. Yes, I would have to say yes to your question.

Dr. Daryl Wever wanted to confirm with Larry as well that Robert and I have been communicating and what equipment they need. (inaudible) We have been working on several grants for additional supplies. (inaudible) He has communicated that he has the equipment and the training that is needed currently. (inaudible) . . . in regards to supplies that are available, (inaudible) . . . test kits, that are available right now. We received quite a bit of the PPE gear here in the clinic including the masks and we are actually submitting quite a few graphs that will allow us, and I think people were mentioning how we can help the members, how we help the area, so that is what was on last week's Council approval for like different sites and different COVID (inaudible) . . . vehicles or Suburban style that has a little bit more distance to transport patients. Each week it is changing. Like Larry said we are on these conference calls so we are trying to get all of this information together and get all the funding that is available and it is quite a bit of work and time. It is frustrating because I know people want to answer us but we are still trying to reach those answers. I get the frustration with members and everybody and what is going on and like Larry has mentioned, this is all new. It is changing. Everybody just needs to be a little bit patient but I will agree with accounting, different staff, people on different meetings and getting these grants and this paperwork in for different fundings and it is all in the works and all being processed and I think that it is a great idea that once we, once each department gets everything formulated and put together, kind of a nice outline for the Ogema, I think it would be a nice gesture to the members, maybe a video or audio to ease people's minds. The training is there. We are getting the funding so like Larry said, I think we are at a point now where things kind of sweeping the waters below the nose so we can actually kind of breath a little bit but yet it is still turbulent at times, but the clinic is here. We have the supplies, the PPE. There are other departments with questions and concerns. If they need something they can always communicate with us as well. But I know Robert Medacco has been looped in the chain of emails and communicating with everybody in regards to protection and everything that he needs and what he has.

Romanelli said thank you.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Councilor Crampton said I think we have pretty much beat that horse to death. I mean you guys covered everything that I had going. But this is a

legislative affairs update. I would just want to put this out there that at this time it is just a rumor that I have heard, contacting people in Washington, that our Governor was placed on the short list for Vice President for nomination by Joe Biden. I think she is number third on the list behind Jean Porter.

Lonn said that is what I heard too.

Pete said I also heard that senator from California who was also in the primary she was put number one.

Crampton responded yeah, she was her, Jean Porter and I think Gretchen was put on number three last night.

Lonn said I think there is five.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Pete noted there was no public comment.

The purpose of closed session is to discuss business matters considered privileged or confidential involving consideration of bids/contracts, pending legal issues, and/or personnel matters.

MOTION TO GO OUT OF OPEN INTO CLOSED SESSION; by Lonn; supported by Corey.

Councilor Crampton suggested just going out of open and then take a break and then we have another number to connect to closed.

Speaker Pete said we will take a 10 minute break and he will redial in as the host into closed session. Is that okay with everybody?

Crampton said I was just mentioning it because what Diane said was to end open and go into closed.

Pete suggested amending and ending open and go into closed in 10 minutes.

Crampton said I think we just need to end right now.

Pete said that is what we are going to do.

Pete asked if there was any more discussion. Was anybody going to abstain?

Roll Call #4

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

MOTION TO GO BACK INTO SECOND OPEN; by DiPiazza;
supported by Lonn.

Pete asked if there was further discussion. Was anybody going to abstain?

Roll Call #5

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Council is in second open at 12:09 p.m.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION, MOTION AND ROLL CALL ON RESOLUTION #20-0415-103 AND 104 AND MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY ON 20-0415-105; by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked if there was any discussion or if anyone was going to abstain.

Roll Call #6

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The following items were moved from Closed to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0415-103,
APPROVING EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES COAST**

GUARD AND THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS; by Lonm; supported by Wittenberg.

Roll Call

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonm - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne – Yes
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0415-104, APPROVING EXECUTION OF GREAT LAKES INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL INC. TRIBAL SUB-AWARD AGREEMENT AND THE GREAT LAKES INTER-TRIBAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER THROUGH THE GREAT LAKES INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL, INC. DATA USE AGREEMENT; by Lonm; supported by DiPiazza.

Roll Call

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonm - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne – Yes
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0415-105, ACCEPTANCE OF LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT FY2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES FROM RUBINBROWN, LLP; by DiPiazza; supported by Lonm.

Roll Call

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonm - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne – Yes
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

MOTION TO CLOSE SECOND OPEN; by DiPiazza; supported by Guenthardt.

Pete asked if there was any further discussion. Is anybody going to abstain?


Roll Call #7

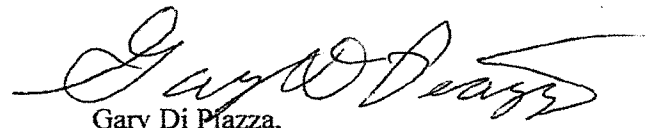
T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kathleen Bowers
Transcribing Assistant


Gary Di Piazza,
Tribal Council Recorder