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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUN

16

Principles of Entrepreneurship Introductory Class

12PM Aki Maadiziwin
Contact: David Hawley 231.398.6842
Workforce Development

JUN

30

2018 Jiingtamok (Pow Wow) June 30 & July 01

LRBOI Powwow Grounds
Contact: Jay Sam 231.398.6893
Historic Preservation Office

JUN

30

17th Annual Wellness Walk

8AM Three Fires Conference Center @ LRCCR
2700 Orchard Hwy
Contact: Be-da-bin - Dottie Batchelder 231.398.6741

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Manistee, MI 49660
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Reoccurring Events

Elders Meal

Aki Maadiziwin
Mon-Thu 12PM

Language Class

Government Center
Every Friday 10:30AM

Traditional Healer

Government Center
Every 3rd Thursday
by Appointment

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LRBOI Calendar:

- Events
- Government Center Activities/Meetings

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians - Phone Listings

Aki Maadiziwin Kitchen	231.398.2813	Public Safety	231.398.2225
Little River Casino Resort	888.568.2244 / 231.723.1535	Trading Post	231.398.2280
LRBOI Muskegon Office	231.398.6651	Tribal Court	231.398.3406
Natural Resources	231.723.1594	Purchased & Referred Care/Clinic	231.723.8299
Next Generation Learning Center	231.398.6718	Mshkikii Gamig (Pharmacy)	231.398.6853

Jiingtamok Miikaanhs (Pow Wow Path)

Homecoming of the Tree Fires Traditional Pow Wow	Jun 9 - 10	Grand Rapids, MI
Great Lakes Area Traditional Pow Wow	Jun 15 - 17	Wilson, MI
Honoring Our Veterans Competition Pow Wow	Jun 22 - 24	Brimley, MI
Healing of the Nations Traditional Pow Wow	Jun 23 - 24	Monroe, MI
Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Pow Wow	Jun 23 - 24	Fulton, MI
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians Pow	Jul 3	Traverse City, MI



Aanii:

I guess I can say "Happy Spring" after it seems winter was refusing to leave.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has many "irons in the fire". We also have a newly created Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to handle some of those "irons". The EDC Board consists of seven individuals. Working with Tom St. Dennis and Jeanie Gibson will be Andrew Gentile, Jim Nedeau, Frank Medacco- check signer, Thad Taylor-Secretary, Frank Lewis Jr.- Treasurer, Ron Pete as Vice-Chair and myself as the Chairman. We hope to ensure current economic development projects stay on track and look at other future projects thoroughly.

As you may notice, there are changes to this publication. More is written about the changes to this paper, the website, Rapid River News and our Tribal Facebook page. I think you will be happy with the changes taking place. Access to information should become much easier.

If you attended our Spring Membership Meeting you learned that our Muskegon Casino Project has moved another step closer to becoming a reality. The project is in Washington DC being vetted by the DOI and BIA. It has been a long process of nearly 9 years but I think we are nearing the end of the processes, hopefully within 2 years to approval.

We have also recently purchased the Bear Lake Golf Course and again, more information is contained within this issue. Council approved the purchase in April. The course will be managed by the Little River Casino Resort.

I wish everyone a comfortable springtime. Until next time...

" If you see Senator Hansen, please thank him for his years of continued support for our Muskegon Casino Project!"

OGEMA LARRY ROMANELLI

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- Ogema Larry Romanelli



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March 22, 2018

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TRANSPORTATION, CHAIR
CAPITAL OUTLAY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Ogema's Meet & Greet

October 12, 2018

7PM - 9PM

LRCR Three Fires Conference Room

Fall Membership Meeting

October 13, 2018

Agenda: TBA

LRCR Event Center

Membership Meeting Videos are posted on lrboi-nsn.gov on the Ogema's Online Page

Larry Romanelli
Tribal Ogema
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660

Dear Ogema,

Please allow me to reaffirm my continued support for the gaming project of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians which would be located in Fruitport Township, Muskegon County.

As you know, in 2013, I sincerely appreciated Governor Snyder honoring my request that he permit the USDOT to begin their review of the LRBOI's Fee to Trust application for this gaming facility to be built. Since the Section 9 Compact Waiver Letter had allowed the Tribe to file the initial application, I have been eagerly anticipating the outcome of the USDOT's Two-Part Determination Process. I remain hopeful the Secretary of Interior's decision is positive.

I have always been encouraged by the amount of local support for this project, the significant economic development opportunities which would be realized along with the positive impact this will have on Muskegon County and the surrounding region.

I continue to commend the Tribe's willingness to partner in the renewed growth of Muskegon County by investing in its future. Thank you for your continued commitment and diligent efforts on behalf of this region of Michigan. I look forward to partnering with you and others to make this economic development project a reality.

Sincerely,

Geoff Hansen
State Senator
34th Senate District

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COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEE

Binojeeuk Commission

Meetings: 1:00PM 1st & 3rd Thursdays
Family Services Department

Vacant 09/20/21

Norma Hinkle • Commissioner 09/20/19

Beverly Cole • Commissioner 09/20/19

Vacant • Chairperson 09/20/21

Vacant • Commissioner 09/20/19

Jamie Friedel • Liaison

Diane Lonn • Liaison

Enrollment Commission

Meetings: 5:30PM 2nd Tuesday of the Month
Enrollment Department

Vacant • Commissioner 09/20/21

Diana O'Neal • Co-Chairperson 09/20/21

Charmaine Stone • Chairperson 09/20/21

Krystyne Medawis • Secretary 09/20/19

Charles Fisher 09/20/19

Ron Wittenberg • Liaison

Sandra Lewis • Liaison

Diane Lonn • Liaison

Gaming Commission

Meetings: 5:30PM Every Tuesday
Gaming Commission Office

Bill Willis • Commissioner 09/20/19

Dave Corey • Chairperson 09/20/19

Vacant 09/20/21

Vacant 09/20/21

Deb Davis • Commissioner 09/20/19

Joseph Riley II • Liaison

Ron Pete • Liaison

Health Commission

Meetings: 4:30PM 2nd Monday of the Month
Law Library

Vacant 09/20/21

Pamela Johnson • Chairperson 09/20/21

Al Patricio • Commissioner 09/20/19

Sandra Lewis • Liaison

Diane Lonn • Liaison

Housing Commission

Meetings: 10AM 2nd Thursday of the Month
Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

Judy Hardenburgh • Chairperson 09/20/21

John Pabami • Commissioner 09/20/21

Julia Chapman • Chairperson 09/20/21

Marcella Leusby • Secretary 09/20/19

Teresa Callis • Commissioner 09/20/19

Sandra Lewis • Liaison

Shannon Crampton • Liaison

Ron Wittenberg • Liaison

Jamie Friedel • Alternate

Natural Resource Commission

Meetings: 5:00PM 2nd Monday of the Month
Natural Resource Office

Martha Howell • Secretary 09/20/19

Connie Eno • Commissioner 09/20/21

Boo Battice • Chairperson 09/20/21

John Koon • Commissioner 09/20/19

Jacob Kequom • Commissioner 09/20/21

Gary DiPiazza • Liaison

Jamie Friedel • Liaison

Elders Committee

Meetings: 12:00PM 1st Saturday of the Month at Aki Maadiziwin

Mary Thomas • Chairperson

Darleen Martin • Vice-Chair

Marcella Leusby • Secretary

Terri Tyler • Trustee

Al Metzger • Trustee

Diane Lonn • Liaison

Ron Pete • Liaison

Federal Liaisons :

Sandra Lewis

Shannon Crampton

State Liaisons:

Gary DiPiazza

Ron Pete

Joint Units of Government:

Gary DiPiazza

Ron Pete

TRIBAL COUNCIL WORK SESSION ATTENDANCE

Date	Work Session Title	Jamie Friedel	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Diane Lonn	Frankie Medacco	Joe Riley, II	Sandra Lewis	Ron Pete	Total
03/05/18	Public Defender	x	x	x		x	*	x	x	*	6
03/05/18	Agenda Review	x	x	x		x	*	x	x	*	6
03/12/18	Housing Comm Interview	x	x		x	x	x	x	*	x	7
03/12/18	Agenda Review	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
03/13/18	Strategic Plan Overview		x		x	x	x	x	V	x	6
03/13/18	Housing Comm Interview		x		x	x		x	V	x	5
03/13/18	Housing Comm Interview		x		x	x	x	x	V	x	6
03/13/18	Little River Leaders		x		x	x	x	x	V	x	6
03/13/18	Nestle Water Withdraw				x	x	x	x	V	x	5
03/15/18	Arctic Grayling / Custer	*			x	x		*	x	x	4
03/19/18	Nat. Res. Law & Order	x	x			x	x	*		*	4
03/19/18	Campground	x	x			x	x	*		*	4
03/19/18	Agenda Review		x		x	x	x	*		*	4
03/19/18	Government Financials		x			x	x	*		*	3
03/20/18	NRD Regarding Wolf	x	x	P	x		*	*	x	*	4
	Total - 15	7	13	2	10	14	10	9	5	8	

V = Vacation * = Business Related P = Called In

Date	Work Session Title	Jamie Friedel	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Diane Lonn	Frankie Medacco	Joe Riley, II	Sandra Lewis	Ron Pete	Total
04/02/18	RAP session	x	x		x		x		x	x	6
04/02/18	Workers' Compensation	x	x		x		x		x	x	6
04/02/18	Agenda Review	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	7
04/02/18	Space Rental Agreement	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	7
04/02/18	ORV Ordinance	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	7
04/03/18	Demonstrate Computers		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	7
04/03/18	401k Contribution		x			x	x	x	x	x	6
04/03/18	2018 Goals		x		x	x		x	x	x	6
04/09/18	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	8
04/09/18	Strategic Plan for Health	x	x		x	x		x		x	6
04/09/18	Government Fin. Review	x				x		x		x	4
04/10/18	Election Ordinance	x	x	x		V	x	x	x	x	7
04/10/18	Victim Bill of Rights	x		x		V	x	x	x	x	6
04/10/18	Donations	x		x		V	x	x	x	x	6
04/16/18	RAP session	*			x	x	*	*		x	3
04/19/18	Joint Units of Government	*	*		x	x	*	*	x	x	4
04/23/18	Space Rental Agreement	*	*		x	x	x	*	*	x	4
04/23/18	Agenda Review	*	*		x	x	x	x	*	x	5
04/24/18	Land Conservancy	*	*	x	x	x	x	x	*	x	6
04/30/18	Campground	x	x	x	x	V	V		x	P	5
04/30/18	Recycling	x	x	x	x	V	V	x	x	V	6
04/30/18	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	V	V	x	x	P	6
04/30/18	Tribal Veteran Rep	x	x	x	x	V	V	x	x	P	6
	Total - 23	15	15	9	18	14	13	14	17	19	

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 14, 2018 10:00A - 10:48A

MOTION CARRIED / MOTION FAILED

DIPIAZZA•PRESENT CRAMPTON•PRESENT FRIEDEL•PRESENT LEWIS•PRESENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•PRESENT PETE•PRESENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•PRESENT

APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDS AND CORRECTIONS; UNDER NEW BUSINESS V, ADDING D, E, F, G AND H; H IS MOVED FROM CLOSED SESSION VII B.3. TO BE ADDED UNDER NEW BUSINESS OPEN SESSION H

by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 3/17/18

by Friedel; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

CONTINUING BUSINESS BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

18-0314-086; APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2018-06-1st QTR TO REPLENISH THE STRATEGIC GAMING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,400,000

by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•NO FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0314-087; APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2018-18, AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT PLANNING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,528

by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

OLD BUSINESS REPORTS THAT ARE DUE:

FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 2017 & JANUARY 2018 DUE NONE SUBMITTED
BINOJEEUK COMMISSION DECEMBER 2017 & JANUARY 2018 DUE NONE SUBMITTED

NEW BUSINESS

18-0314-088; PERMANENT ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE 02-550-01

by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0314-089; AUTHORIZING UNIFIED LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO INCLUDE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AS SIGNATORY OF THE BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF THE RESPONDENT IN THE MATTER WASHINGTON v. UNITED STATES

by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0314-090; REPEALING HOUSING REGULATION CHAPTER 5-TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM AND APPROVING REPLACEMENT CHAPTER 5-HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD VACANCY PROCEDURES

by Wittenberg; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0314-091; D. APPROVAL OF DONATION OF \$500 TO THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY POW WOW 2018

by Di Piazza; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

E. MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHNNY PABAMI TO THE HOUSING COMMISSION TO SEAT #2 WITH A TERM ENDING 9/20/2021

by Friedel; supported by Pete

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSTAIN FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSTAIN LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

F. MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MARCELLA LEUSBY TO THE HOUSING COMMISSION AND THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR SEAT #4 WITH A TERM ENDING 9/20/2019

by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSTAIN FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSTAIN LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•ABSTAIN
PETE•YES RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

G. MOTION OF CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF TERESA CALLS TO THE HOUSING COMMISSION AND THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR SEAT #5 WITH A TERM ENDING OF 9/20/2019

by Pete; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSTAIN FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSTAIN LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0314-092; H. RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE NESTLE WATERS NORTH AMERICA INC.'S PERMIT APPLICATION TO EXTRACT GROUNDWATER WITHIN CEDED TERRITORY

by Pete; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•NO FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

MOVED FROM CLOSED TO OPEN SESSION:

MOVE 18-0314-093 AND 094; MOTION ROLL CALL AND VOTE ONLY

by Di Piazza; supported by Pete

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0314-093, RESCINDING 18-0207-047 AND APPROVING CONTRACT(S) BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND OFF MADISON AVE MARKETING, LIGHTHOUSEPE AND SERVICES AGREEMENT, LIGHTHOUSEPE AND STATEMENT OF WORK AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$250,000

by Medacco; supported by Pete

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

MOTION TO APPROVE 18-0314-094, APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BOB'S ROOFING

by Pete; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:48A

by Crampton; supported by Pete

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 21, 2018 10:01A - 11:10A

MOTION CARRIED / MOTION FAILED

DIPIAZZA•PRESENT CRAMPTON•PRESENT FRIEDEL•PRESENT LEWIS•PRESENT LONN•PRESENT MEDACCO•PRESENT PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•PRESENT

APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDS; UNDER IV ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS, A.3. IS AN ADD, UNDER V ACCEPTANCE OF COMMISSION REPORTS, B. IS AN ADD, AND UNDER VIII NEW BUSINESS, C. IS AN ADD

by Medacco; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 3/14/18

by Medacco; supported by LonN

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

CONTINUING BUSINESS BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

18-0321-095; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-19 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,170

by Medacco; supported by DiPiazza

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0321-096; APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2018-20, AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION TO THE LAKE STURGEON PROGRAM TO INCREASE BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,724: FUNDING SOURCE IS FY2017 DEFERRED REVENUE

by Medacco; supported by LonN

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

MOTION TO APPROVE RON WITTENBERG TO ATTEND THE PARTNERSHIP FOR FAMILY WELLNESS CONFERENCE IN NEW BUFFALO, MICHIGAN ON APRIL 17-19, 2018

by Friedel; supported by Medacco

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•ABSTAIN

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS - REPORT OF THE TRIBAL OGEMA

Table with 2 columns: Report Name, Status. Includes OPERATIONS REPORT (FEB 2018), FINANCIAL REPORT (NONE), IV.A.3 ACCOUNTING REPORT (JAN - FEB 2018)

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMISSION REPORTS

Table with 2 columns: Commission Name, Status. Includes BINOJEEUK COMMISSION (NONE), ENROLLMENT COMMISSION (FEB 2018), GAMING COMMISSION (FEB 2018), HEALTH COMMISSION (FEB 2018), HOUSING COMMISSION (FEB 2018), NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION (NONE)

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE MINUTES AND OTHER ENTITIES

Table with 2 columns: Entity Name, Status. Includes ELDERS COMMITTEE MINUTES (FEB 2018), LRGR PREFERENCE REPORT (FEB 2018), LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PREFERENCE REPORT (NONE)

OLD BUSINESS REPORTS THAT ARE DUE:

Table with 2 columns: Report Name, Status. Includes FINANCIAL REPORT (DEC 2017, JAN 2018), BINOJEEUK COMMISSION DECEMBER 2017 & JANUARY 2018 DUE (NONE)

NEW BUSINESS

18-0321-097; APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) THE FY 2017 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AS DEVELOPED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT

by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0321-098; PERMANENT ADOPTION OF BUILDING REGULATIONS

by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

VIII.3. 18-0321-099; APPROVAL OF 2018 UTILITY RATE STRUCTURE

by Friedel; supported by Di Piazza

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

MOVED FROM CLOSED TO OPEN SESSION:

18-0321-100, APPROVING CONTRACT(S) BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND PEPSI BEVERAGES COMPANY AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$250,000

by Medacco; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0321-101, APPROVING GAMING INDUSTRY TIP COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND COMMISSION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

by Medacco; supported by LonN

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0321-102, AUTHORIZING THE OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY FOR CONDUCTING FIELD TRIALS OF REMOTE SITE INCUBATORS, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,000;

by Medacco; supported by LonN

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:10A

by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

MARCH, 27 2018 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED IN OBSERVANCE OF TREATY RECOGNITION DAY

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OR

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 04, 2018 10:02A - 11:27A

MOTION CARRIED / MOTION FAILED

DIPIAZZA•PRESENT CRAMPTON•ABSENT FRIEDEL•PRESENT LEWIS•PRESENT LONN•PRESENT MEDACCO•PRESENT PETE•PRESENT RILEY•PRESENT WITTENBERG•PRESENT

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4th WITH THE FOLLOWING ADD OF III C.2, IV B. IS AN ADD, V C. IS AN ADD AND VII C.5 IS AN ADD

by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSENT FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES

ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 3/21/18 FOR FILING

by Medacco; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSENT FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBURG•YES

CONTINUING BUSINESS BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

APPROVE THE TRAVEL FOR GARY DI PIAZZA TO ATTEND THE UNITED TRIBES MEETING IN PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN ON MAY 30-31, 2018

by Lewis; supported by Lonni

DI PIAZZA•ABSTAIN CRAMPTON•ABSENT FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES

APPROVAL FOR DIANE LONN TO ATTEND THE UNITED TRIBES MEETING IN PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN ON MAY 30-31, 2018

by Medacco; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSENT FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•ABSTAIN MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES

APPROVAL FOR JAMIE FRIEDEL TO ATTEND THE UNITED TRIBES MEETING IN PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN ON MAY 30-31, 2018

by Medacco; supported by Lewis

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSENT FRIEDEL•ABSTAIN
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES

APPROVAL FOR FRANKIE MEDACCO TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA ON APRIL 15-20, 2018

by Pete; supported by Lewis

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSENT FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•ABSTAIN
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES

OLD BUSINESS REPORTS THAT ARE DUE:

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMISSION REPORTS

Table with 2 columns: Report Name, Status. Rows include BINOJEEUK COMMISSION (DEC 2017), January & February 2018 Due (NONE), FINANCIAL REPORT - February 2018 Due (NONE), NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION February 2018 Due (NONE), LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PREFERENCE REPORT (NONE).

NEW BUSINESS

18-0404-103; AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 BY THE CANCELLATION OF THE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSENT FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES

18-0404-104; APPROVAL OF EASEMENT TO CONSUMERS ENERGY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC FACILITIES ON THE GATHERING GROUNDS TRUST PARCEL

by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSENT FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES

ACCEPT THE FINAL REPORT FOR 2018 SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION

by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSENT FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES

MOVED FROM CLOSED TO OPEN SESSION:

18-0321-101, RESOLUTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE; ALSO RESOLUTION #18-0404-105, 106, 108 AND 109, RESOLUTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE

by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSENT FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES

The following motion and roll call vote was moved from Closed to Open Session from the March 21, 2018 Tribal Council Meeting.

18-0321-101, APPROVING GAMING INDUSTRY TIP COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND COMMISSION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

by Medacco; supported by Lonni

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0404-105, APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT AGREEMENT WITH HOBBS STRAUS FOR LEGAL SERVICES

by Medacco; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSENT FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES

18-0404-106, RATIFICATION OF BUILDING INSPECTOR AGREEMENT

by Medacco; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSENT FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES

18-0404-108, AFFIRMING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF QUOTATION OF SERVICE OF TERMS WITH CONSUMERS ENERGY TO ADDRESS EMERGENCY SITUATION DUE TO POWER OUTAGE

by Medacco; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSENT FRIEDEL•NO
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES

18-0404-109, AUTHORIZING THE OGEMA TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH TIMBER RUN ASSOCIATES, LLC, WITH AMENDED SPEC SHEET

by Medacco; supported by Lonni

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSENT FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:27A

by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•ABSENT FRIEDEL•NO
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•YES

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 11, 2018 10:01A - 11:16A

MOTION CARRIED / MOTION FAILED

DIPIAZZA•PRESENT CRAMPTON•PRESENT FRIEDEL•PRESENT LEWIS•PRESENT LONN•PRESENT MEDACCO•PRESENT PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•PRESENT

APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M

by Wittenberg; supported by Di Piazza

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 4/4/18 FOR FILING

by Medacco; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

Oath of Office Administered - Election Board: Michael Ceplina

Mike Ceplina recited the following Oath of Office: I, Michael Ceplina, swear to uphold and protect the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Constitution of the United States of America. I swear to uphold all laws and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa and to carry out my responsibilities as a member of the Election Board with the upmost care and professionalism. Signed and sworn before me this 11 day of April, 2018.

CONTINUING BUSINESS BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

18-0411-110; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT (G2G) IRR PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-21 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$135,080 by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0411-111; APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2018-22;

AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET AS FOLLOWS:

IT Department Program #2000-403 \$51,825 Tribal Council Program #1020-100 \$8,617.50
Tribal Ogema Program #1010-103 \$2,057.50 Unified Legal Program #1020-109 \$6,172.50
NGLC Program #1010-173 \$14,402.50 by Medacco; supported by Di Piazza

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0411-112; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-23 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$218,470 by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0411-113; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-24 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,302

by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0411-114; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-2018 ELDER MEALS PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB2018-25 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,512

by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0411-115; APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2018-07-2nd QTR TO FUND LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL IN THE OGEMA-STONE v. TRIBAL COUNCIL CASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•NO CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

APPROVAL OF JAMIE FRIEDEL TO ATTEND THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN SAULT STE. MARIE ON APRIL 23-24, 2018

by Medacco; supported by Crampton

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•ABSTAIN
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

APPROVAL OF JAMIE FRIEDEL TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS 2018 CONFERENCE IN RENO, NEVADA ON JUNE 10-15, 2018 by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•ABSTAIN
LEWIS•YES LONN•NO MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0411-116; APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR DELL LAPTOP/TABLETS COMPUTERS WITH KEYBOARD AND PENS WITH THUNDERBOLT CONNECTION STATIONS FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL, THE TRIBAL OGEMA, THE UNIFIED LEGAL STAFF, THE NGLC STAFF AND THE IT STAFF IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,725.00 by Medacco; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

OLD BUSINESS REPORTS THAT ARE DUE:

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMISSION REPORTS

Table with 2 columns: Report Name, Status. Includes BINOJEEUK COMMISSION January & February 2018 Due (NONE), FINANCIAL REPORT (FEB 2018), NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION February 2018 Due (NONE), LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PREFERENCE REPORT (NONE).

NEW BUSINESS

18-0411-117; PERMANENT ADOPTION OF THE OPERATION OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE #18-500-04a by Friedel; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0411-118; AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$500.00 TO THE SANDY CORLEY MEMORIAL CANCER RUN ON BEHALF OF MERCY HEALTH AND THE FREMONT HARLEY OWNERS GROUP by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

MOVED FROM CLOSED TO OPEN SESSION:

MOTION TO MOVE MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY ON RESOLUTION #18-0411-119 AND ALSO NEED TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION #18-0404-103, REMOVE AND REVISE THE MINUTES 4/4/18 by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•NO
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

18-0411-119, ACCEPTANCE OF LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT FY2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES AUDIT REPORTS FROM RUBINBROWN, LLP by Medacco; supported by Lonn

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

MOTION TO END AT 11:16A; by Medacco; supported by Friedel.

DIPIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES LONN•YES MEDACCO•YES
PETE•ABSENT RILEY•ABSENT WITTENBERG•YES

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 25, 2018 10:01A - 12:39P

MOTION CARRIED / MOTION FAILED

DIPIAZZA•PRESENT CRAMPTON•PRESENT FRIEDEL•PRESENT LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•PRESENT PETE•PRESENT RILEY•PRESENT WITTENBERG•ABSENT

APPROVE WEDNESDAY AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDS; VD, ALSO VII OLD BUSINESS C IS REMOVED WHICH IS THE PREFERENCE REPORT, VIII G. IS AN ADD, X C.1. IS REVISED by Di Piazza; supported by Medacco

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 4/11/18 FOR FILING by Medacco; supported by Friedel

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

CONTINUING BUSINESS BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

18-0425-121; APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2018-08-2nd QTR TO FUND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INVESTING IN THE BUILDING OF THE ELDER CENTER by Medacco; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

APPROVAL OF RON PETE TO ATTEND THE 7th ANNUAL PARTNERS IN ACTION-NEW HORIZONS, HONORED PAST CONFERENCE IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN FROM JULY 17-19, 2018 by Medacco; supported by Di Piazza

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

APPROVAL FOR JAMIE FRIEDEL, DIANE LONN AND RON WITTENBERG TO ATTEND THE TRIBAL ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP IN COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA ON MAY 7-10, 2018 by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•ABSTAIN
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

APPROVAL FOR RON PETE AND DIANE LONN TO ATTEND THE GULF COAST ELDER ABUSE CONFERENCE IN SLIDELL, LOUISIANA ON JUNE 25-26, 2018; by Crampton; supported by Friedel

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

APPROVAL FOR SANDRA LEWIS TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO ATTEND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS ON MAY 9-10, 2018 by Crampton; supported by Friedel

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS: REPORT OF THE TRIBAL OGEMA

Table with 2 columns: Report Name, Status. Rows: OPERATIONS REPORT (MAR 2018), FINANCIAL REPORT (NONE), ACCOUNTING REPORT (NONE)

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMISSION REPORTS

Table with 2 columns: Commission Name, Status. Rows: BINOJEEUK COMMISSION (NONE), ENROLLMENT REPORT (NONE), GAMING COMMISSION (MAR 2018), HEALTH COMMISSION (MAR 2018), HOUSING COMMISSION (MAR 2018), NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION (NONE)

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE MINUTES AND OTHER ENTITIES

Table with 2 columns: Entity Name, Status. Rows: ELDERS COMMITTEE MINUTES (MAR 2018), LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT PREFERENCE REPORT (MAR 2018), LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PREFERENCE REPORT (MAR 2018)

OLD BUSINESS REPORTS THAT ARE DUE:

REPORTS THAT ARE DUE:

Table with 2 columns: Report Name, Status. Rows: BINOJEEUK COMMISSION January & February 2018 Due (NONE), NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION February 2018 Due (NONE), LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PREFERENCE REPORT (NONE)

18-0425-122; APPROVING OVERRIDE OF TRIBAL OGEMA'S DISAPPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2018-07-2nd QTR by Crampton; supported by Friedel

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

NEW BUSINESS

18-0425-123; ACCEPTING FOR FILING GAMING COMMISSION REGULATION #R400-04:GC-03 CHAPTER 3-NON-GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSING by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

18-0425-124; ACCEPTING FOR FILING GAMING COMMISSION REGULATION #R400-04:GC-06 CHAPTER 6-GAMING VENDOR LICENSING by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

18-0425-125; ACCEPTING FOR FILING GAMING COMMISSION REGULATION #R400-04:GC-07 CHAPTER 7-GAMING EMPLOYEE LICENSING by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

18-0425-126; ACCEPTING FOR FILING GAMING COMMISSION REGULATION #R400-04:GC-09 CHAPTER 9-PATRON COMPLAINTS by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

18-0425-127; ACCEPTING FOR FILING GAMING COMMISSION REGULATION #R400-04:GC-19 CHAPTER 19-NON-GAMING VENDOR LICENSING; by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

18-0425-128; ACCEPTING FOR FILING GAMING COMMISSION REGULATION #R400-04:GC-20 CHAPTER 20-PROHIBITIONS ON GAMING by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

18-0425-129; AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AND JOB DESCRIPTION by Medacco; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 25, 2018 10:01A - 12:39P

MOTION CARRIED / MOTION FAILED

DIPIAZZA•PRESENT CRAMPTON•PRESENT FRIEDEL•PRESENT LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•PRESENT PETE•PRESENT RILEY•PRESENT WITTENBERG•ABSENT

18-0425-130; AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 BY THE CANCELLATION OF THE WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING by Medaccco; supported by Di Piazza

DI PIAZZA•NO CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

18-0425-131; RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY DUE TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

APPROVAL TO POST AMENDMENT OF THE LAW AND ORDER TITLE 07 NATURAL RESOURCES-LAW & ORDER CIVIL FINE, FORFEITURE, PENAL TY ACT FOR A 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD by Di Piazza; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0425-132; REIMBURSEMENT TO LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT FOR SPONSORSHIP DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR THE MANISTEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT THE FOREST FESTIVAL by Medaccco; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

MOVED FROM CLOSED TO OPEN SESSION:

MOVE THESE ITEMS FROM CLOSED TO OPEN; RESOLUTION #18-0425-133, MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY, RESOLUTION #18-0425-134, MOTION, ROLL CALL AND RESOLUTION, RESOLUTION #18-0425-135, MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY, RESOLUTION #18-0425-136, MOTION, ROLL CALL AND RESOLUTION, RESOLUTION #18-0425-137, MOTION, ROLL CALL AND RESOLUTION by Di Piazza supported by Medaccco

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

18-0425-133, APPROVING LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL GOVERNMENT by Medaccco; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

18-0425-134, AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSFER OF 215 ACRE GOLF COURSE PROPERTY FROM LITTLE RIVER TRIBAL GOVERNMENT TO LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND CHANGING 7TH WHEREAS TO \$600,000.00 RATHER THAN \$412,110.55; by Medaccco; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•NO FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

18-0425-135, APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH RUBINBROWN, LLP TO PERFORM AUDITS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES OF THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT FOR YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 2018, 2019 AND 2010 by Medaccco; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

18-0425-136, RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL AND PROGRAM AFFILIATION WITH UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA by Friedel; supported by Medaccco

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•ABSTAIN WITTENBERG•ABSENT

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION# 18-0425-137, AUTHORIZING \$35,000 DONATION TO MUSKEGON BIKE TIME, LLC; by Medaccco; supported by Pete

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN OPEN SESSION by Pete; supported by Medaccco

DI PIAZZA•YES CRAMPTON•YES FRIEDEL•NO
LEWIS•ABSENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•YES
PETE•YES RILEY•YES WITTENBERG•ABSENT

Notice: Regarding The Stop Signs on Tribal Roads

Back in 2016, the Tribal Council authorized the installation of Stop Signs on Tribal Roads that displayed the word "Stop" in two languages: English and Anishinaabemowin. The Anishinaabemowin equivalent word is "Ngaabzan." The cost for the manufacture and installation of the signs was funded by the Tribe.

Last year (2017), the Tribe was informed by BIA Roads Program personnel that Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regulations prohibited "secondary legends or languages" on Stop Sign faces. Essentially this meant that our new Stop Signs were not in compliance with FHWA regulations. We were advised to remove the new Stop Signs and replace them with the original signs that just contained the word "Stop." Failure to comply could jeopardize our ability to receive federal (FHWA) roads funding in the future, as the Tribe would be deemed to be out of compliance with FHWA regulations.

When informed of this, our Tribal Council felt very strongly that we should appeal this decision to a higher authority. So, on August 29, 2017, Speaker Joe Riley sent a letter, on behalf of Tribal Council, to both the BIA Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration requesting an exception to the federal regulations that prohibit the use of bilingual signs.

The Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bryan Rice, did respond to Speaker Riley in a letter dated January 10, 2018. However, we did not receive the letter until April 2018. In his letter, Director Rice politely informed the Tribe that the BIA is legally required to comply with the federal regulations, and that he was not aware of any exceptions being granted by the FHWA.

In light of the written response from the BIA, the Tribal Council has reluctantly decided to replace the bilingual Stop Signs with the original Stop Signs. However, the Tribe is continuing to explore other ways to utilize the bilingual Stop Signs while still remaining in compliance with FHWA regulations. We will provide an update as soon as more information becomes available.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING: MAY 02, 2018 10:02A - 11:32A

MOTION CARRIED / MOTION FAILED

DIPIAZZA•PRESENT CRAMPTON•PRESENT FRIEDEL•PRESENT LEWIS•PRESENT LONN•ABSENT MEDACCO•ABSENT PETE•PRESENT RILEY•PRESENT WITTENBERG•PRESENT

APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 2ND, 2018 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF VII B.1.a IS AN ADD AND VII B.3. IS AN ADD

by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•ABSENT	MEDACCO•ABSENT
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 4/25/18 FOR FILING

by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•ABSENT	MEDACCO•ABSENT
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

CONTINUING BUSINESS BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

18-0502-138; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-26 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$259,395

by Pete; supported by Lewis

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•ABSENT	MEDACCO•ABSENT
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

18-0502-139; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-CAREGIVER SUPPORT AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-27 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,403

by Di Piazza; supported by Pete

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•ABSENT	MEDACCO•ABSENT
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

18-0502-140; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-28 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,500

by Pete; supported by Di Piazza

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•ABSENT	MEDACCO•ABSENT
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

#18-0502-141; APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2018-09-2nd QTR TO FUND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION LEARNING CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,084

by Pete; supported by Wittenberg

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•ABSENT	MEDACCO•ABSENT
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

APPROVE FOR RON WITTENBERG TO ATTEND THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. JULY 25-27, 2018

by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•ABSENT	MEDACCO•ABSENT
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•ABSTAIN

APPROVAL FOR DIANE LONN TO ATTEND THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. JULY 25-27, 2018

by Di Piazza; supported by Pete

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•ABSENT	MEDACCO•ABSENT
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•ABSTAIN

OLD BUSINESS REPORTS THAT ARE DUE:

FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 2018 DUE	NONE
ACCOUNTING REPORT MARCH 2018 DUE	NONE
BINOJEEUK COMMISSION JAN, FEB, MAR DUE	NONE
ENROLLMENT COMMISSION	MAR 2018
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION FEB & MAR DUE	NONE

MOVED FROM CLOSED TO OPEN SESSION:

MOVE MOTION AND ROLL CALL VOTE FOR RESOLUTION #18-0502-142; THE MOTION OF SUPPORT LETTERS REGARDING NCAI MEDICAID AND THE SUPPORT LETTER FOR TERA SWEENEY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INDIAN AFFAIRS; RESOLUTION #18-0502-143, MOTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE

by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•ABSENT	MEDACCO•ABSENT
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

18-0502-142, AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION# 18-0425-134 THAT AUTHORIZED TRANSFER OF 215 ACRE GOLF COURSE PROPERTY FROM LITTLE RIVER TRIBAL GOVERNMENT TO LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT

by Pete; supported by Friedel

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•NO	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•NO	LONN•ABSENT	MEDACCO•ABSENT
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

MOTION TO APPROVE BOTH LETTERS

By Di Piazza; supported by Pete

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•ABSENT	MEDACCO•ABSENT
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

18-0502-143, RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH AT YOUR SERVICE, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE NEXT GENERATION LEARNING CENTER

by Di Piazza supported by Pete

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•ABSENT	MEDACCO•ABSENT
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:16A;

by Pete; supported by Crampton

DIPIAZZA•YES	CRAMPTON•YES	FRIEDEL•YES
LEWIS•YES	LONN•ABSENT	MEDACCO•ABSENT
PETE•YES	RILEY•YES	WITTENBERG•YES



The U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) National Indian Country Training Initiative (NICTI), together with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), held a Tribal Action Plan (TAP) Development Workshop at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina from May 7th through May 10th. The LRBOI was selected by the DOJ to attend this workshop. Jamie Friedel (Tribal Council), Ron Wittenberg (Tribal Council), Jason Cross, MSW (Family Services) and Sergeant Vance Bates (Public Safety) were in attendance.

The Tribal Action Plan Training Initiative was established in direct response to the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010. TAPs support the principle of tribal self-determination and provide tribes the opportunity to take a proactive role in the fight against alcohol and substance misuse in their communities. In the near future we will be reaching out to other Tribal Departments as well as the community to help us create the (TCC) Tribal Coordinating Committee. A preliminary Vision statement was developed at the training and is as follows "The LRBOI TAP is committed to taking a 360 degree approach to wellness by bringing together the past, present and future".

The preliminary Mission statement is to "Build a Community of Balance, Harmony, Growth and Inclusiveness". With the support of the Tribal Ogerma and Tribal Council we will be taking the first steps to build a strategic plan that includes strong awareness and support to help our community win the fight against these killers.

GOVERNMENT CENTER NEWS & INFORMATION

Notice Regarding Unclaimed Per Capita Payments

As outlined in Regulation #R100-11: RAP-01, Chapter 2, Unclaimed Per Capita Payments, this is official notification that the individuals listed below have unclaimed per capita payments available. These individuals have until December 31, 2018, to claim these payments. Should any payments remain unclaimed after December 31, 2018, the funds will be reverted to the Tribe as specified in Regulation #R100-11: RAP-01, Chapter 2.

Badger, Timothy J.	Ricker, Trinity	Wilson, David A.	Please take the time to review the list and get the word out about these unclaimed payments. Any help you can provide to aid us in getting these payments to their rightful owners would be appreciated. Contact the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Enrollment Department at (888)723-8288, if you can claim outstanding payments, provide assistance in settling payment(s) or have any questions.
Bontrager, Robert A.	Robinson Jr., Thomas L.		
Frees, Andrew E.	Sprague, Janina A.		
Kequom, Anthony Jr.	Studey, Leslie C.		
Nichols-Olivarri, Sabrina	Taylor, Allan		
Nichols-Olivarri, Samantha	Tyler, Jerry S.		
Pego, Eric	Wabindato, Pauline		

Principles of Entrepreneurship Class...2nd Edition

Have you ever dreamed of starting or owning a business but you don't know where to start?

The LRBOI Workforce Development Program is looking for 16 adult (18+ y.o.) Tribal Citizens who will commit 8 hours every other weekend beginning July 21 (introductory class June 16, 12P at Aki Maadiziwin) and continuing until October 28, 2018.

The course "Principles of Entrepreneurship" will cover subjects: Characteristics of an Entrepreneur, Types of Business Ownership, Business Planning, Estimating Sales, Cash Flow, and much more. A textbook and workbook will be provided. All you need to provide is the time, drive, passion and dedication. There is no financial commitment. But each student must have access to a computer, tablet or Chromebook and Gmail account.

The course "Principles of Entrepreneurship" begins Saturday, June 16, 2018, with a two-hour introductory session from 12:00PM to 2:00PM in the Conference Room at Aki Maadiziwin and continues every other Saturday (10A-4P) and Sunday (1P-4P) beginning July 21st through October 28th, in the Grand River Room at Little River Casino Resort, Manistee, MI unless otherwise noted. A Syllabus will be emailed to those who are interested or who sign up for the class.

If this program interests you, please contact: David Hawley 231.398.6842 or dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov

WANTED GUARDIANS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

There are tribal members do not have any family who are in need of a guardian who are willing to take on the responsibility for them. Are you willing to help your fellow tribal members?

A guardian is given the power and responsibility to make certain decisions about the care of another individual. This can include consenting to medical treatment, determining where the individual lives, handling the individual's income and property, and arranging for appropriate services.

If you are interested or have questions please contact Mary K. Witkop, Members Legal Assistance Attorney 231-398-2234

Purchased and Referred Care: (formally Contract Health) Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Clinic & Pharmacy Contact Info

Direct number 231.723.8299 Mshkikii Gamig (Pharmacy) : 231.398.6853

Enrollment Department

Jessica Wissner - Enrollment Coordinator
P: 231.398.6713
E: jwissner@lrboi-nsn.gov

Valerie McDonnell - Enrollment Administrative Assistant
P: 231.398.6720
E: valeriemcdonnell@lrboi-nsn.gov
Fax: 231.398.6751

Please contact the Enrollment Department if you need assistance with any of the following:

- Address Changes
- Phone Number Updates
- E-mail Updates
- Direct Deposits
- Per Cap-proof of income (DHS, Social Security etc)
- Cancellation of Direct Deposits
- Per Cap Check Cancellation & Reissues
- Voluntary Federal Tax Withholdings from Per Cap
- Bereavement Benefit
- Tribal Directory
- Applications for enrolling in the Tribe
- Tribal ID's
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood
- Descendant Certifications
- Eagle Feather Permit Certification
- Tuition Waiver Certification

The Enrollment Department is available Monday through Friday from 7AM – 5PM

Food Distribution Program

Ken LaHaye 231.398.6715
Melanie Ceplina 231.398.6716
Hours: M-F 7:30A - 4:00P
Lunch: 12:00P - 12:30P
2700 Orchard Highway
Manistee, MI 49660

Food Distribution Program (FDPIR) was created by Congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodity to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and Snap Program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification, in determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Food Distribution Program.

USDA Income Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Monthly Income Standards

October 1, 2017 thru September 30, 2018

Household Size Income Limits

1	\$1,165.00
2	\$1,514.00
3	\$1,862.00
4	\$2,220.00
5	\$2,598.00
6	\$2,975.00
7	\$3,323.00
8	\$3,672.00

The Food Distribution Program serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.



Corey Jerome holding the returning sturgeon

MANISTEE RIVER LAKE STURGEON RETURNS HOME



Josh Beaulaurier holding the returning sturgeon



Corey Jerome and Josh Beaulaurier taking ultrasound images to determine the sex of the sturgeon

April, 2018 -

The LRBOI Natural Resources Department staff, led by Corey Jerome - Sturgeon Biologist, have recaptured a Lake Sturgeon from Manistee Lake that was raised and released in 2008 from our sturgeon Streamside Rearing Facility at Rainbow Bend on the Manistee River. This is the first released sturgeon that has been documented returning into the Manistee River system from our rearing facility and is thought to be on its way up the Manistee River to spawn this spring. Corey Jerome was able to confirm the identity of this sturgeon by using the unique identification number (484C5A6F39) scanned from the PIT-Tag in the fish, this tag was implanted into this sturgeon before its release in 2008. The sturgeon was released on September 20, 2008 and was 7.3 in., 0.05 lbs. and is now 10 years old and 45.27 in., 28 lbs. To our knowledge this is the first documented lake sturgeon from a Streamside Rearing Facility to return to its natal stream within the Great Lakes. Corey Jerome began in the spring of 2017, and has continued in 2018 to look for adult lake sturgeon returning to the Manistee River from our Streamside Rearing Facility. It is our plan to continue these efforts to look for returning sturgeon in the Manistee River that have been released from our Streamside Rearing Facility to evaluate the success of our efforts.

We would like to thank everyone for their support for the sturgeon program over the years.

Chi-Megwetch



PRESS RELEASE

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Purchases Bear Lake Highlands

Manistee, MICH.,

Little River Casino Resort is thrilled to announce the acquisition of the Bear Lake Highlands golf course by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. The Tribe has placed management of this new enterprise under the Resort.

Bear Lake Highlands is located at 11865 Chippewa Highway, Bear Lake MI. The 18-hole, par 72, course features beautiful rolling terrain, numerous ponds, great views of Bear Lake and the surrounding countryside. Bear Lake Highlands is one of the most scenic courses in Northern Michigan.

The resort looks forward to this exciting new venture. We have begun preparations to open the course including posting several jobs. We look forward to opening the course early May.

At Little River Casino Resort, we strive to be Michigan's foremost entertainment resort destination and employer of choice. To do this, we need a strong team of employees. If you are an enthusiastic and motivated individual, we want you. Visit our careers page on www.lrcr.com for a complete listing of available positions.



Little River Casino Resort
Sandra McCaslin
P: 231.398.3822
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EDC (Economic Development Corporation) – Little River Holdings LLC

Our Mission is to provide a legal structure built under sovereign tribal laws to house the economic development entities, other than the Manistee Casino, whose purpose is to create monetary profits and tribal community benefits.

Our Vision is to seek to become the parent economic development entity of the Nation, acting as the direct link between related entities and the will of the Tribal Council and Ogema, wherein profit and/or tribal community oriented businesses will be housed that are integral to the operations, financial, health, economic self-sufficiency, and continued existence of the Nation.

The EDC Board

Larry Romanelli • Chair
 Ron Pete • Vice Chair
 Frank Lewis, Jr. • Treasurer
 Thad Taylor • Secretary
 Frank Medacco
 E. James Nedeau
 Andrew Gentile

Subsidiary Companies:

- Aya Ventures, LLC (InTerra and Advanced Protein Solutions – APS)
- Little River Capital Management, LLC
- Little River Development, LLC
- Little River Real Estate Management, LLC

Want to see some of what we do?

InTerra Nutraceuticals • interranutra.com
 APS (Advanced Protein Solutions) • advancedproteins.com
 Odeno Homes in Fruitport • odenhomes.com

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 Manistee, MI 49660

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Are you looking to make a difference?

Do you have ideas or suggestions on how to improve the work the EDC does?

The EDC is looking for EDC Advisory Board Members, on a voluntary basis (no compensation), to meet monthly to discuss current things going on with the EDC and to voice questions, concerns, and ideas. **This is a great opportunity to get more involved and to be a part of something important to the tribe's financial future.** To show interest in becoming a member of the EDC Advisory Board, please send a resume and letter of interest to Crystal Newman P: 231.398.6840

Job Opportunities:

We are currently seeking an Assistant Manager and a Handyman. Please contact Crystal Newman for job descriptions and to find out how to apply or check on Indeed.com for our postings (search "Little River Holdings LLC")



WHITE PINE
BOUTIQUE



InTerra: Summer Intern (10-week assignment)

The Summer Intern Program seeks college or university students with major in the following disciplines: Agriculture, business administration, marketing, retail management and professional sales. Interns selected may work remotely.

AYAA is an Indian preference employer meaning American Indians and Alaska Natives who are enrolled in a federally recognized tribe shall be given preference. Non-Native candidates should feel free to apply for AYAA internships. For more detailed information, please check out the website: interranutra.com/internship/
 If interested, contact Ashley Avery at avery@advancedproteins.com

Dirkstone Realty Group, the realtor for Odeno (Place of Many Hearts) Housing Project in Fruitport Township, would like to hire a Tribal Member Intern interested in pursuing a career in real estate, marketing, and/or administrative to work and learn in a fast-paced business. Must be enrolled in college. \$10 an hour for at least 240 hours.

Contact: 231.740.9298 or dirk@dirkstone.com for more information.



Anishinaabemowin Name of our language

Interactive language website:
www.anishinaabemdaa.com
 Facebook page: Anishinaabemdaa
 Resource website: www.Aanii.org

**Employment Services Now Available at
 Next Generation Learning Center in Manistee**



MANISTEE, MI—Employment services are available at a new location in Manistee. Northwest Michigan Works!, in partnership with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, is now offering employment services at the Next Generation Learning Center in Manistee. Job search assistance, résumé and cover letter development, career planning, and more. All of the services are available at no cost. Walk-ins are welcome.

Founded in 1974, Networks Northwest facilitates and manages various programs and services for the 10 county region. These programs include Northwest Michigan Works, Small Business Development Center, Procurement Technical Assistance Center, various business services, and many different regional planning initiatives in response to our communities' requests and needs. You will see the broad spectrum of workforce, business and community services Networks Northwest offers if you visit our website, networksnorthwest.org

Networks Northwest's member counties are: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford.

Next Generation Learning Center Every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00PM
 2840 Orchard Highway Pam Anderson at 231.398.3168
 Manistee, MI 49660 pam.anderson@networksnorthwest.org



Patrick Wilson is the Peacemaking/ Probation Director for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Pat has been in this position for almost 13 years. Patrick has organized and hosted numerous conferences on Peacemaking and its relevance to our culture and our community.

These conferences had interesting presentations from different Tribes and other outside entities that practice Alternative Dispute Resolution. People in the Manistee Community and others from all over the United States have attended his conferences.

Patrick has visited other Tribes and shared with them what he has implemented in our Peacemaking program. He recently received an email from the Ho-Chunk Nation Wa Ehi Hoci, Judiciary Branch to "let you know we are using your model for our Peacemaker's project and to thank you for being a beacon for others." They have requested additional information from him to develop job descriptions, budget allocations, and what kinds of activities they may provide.

Timothy Connors, a Michigan State Circuit Court judge, trained with Patrick in the past and was awarded a grant for the first State court to have its own Peacemaking department.

Patrick is not sponsoring the conferences anymore but is holding Peacemaking trainings for those interested in learning the process. One can find the information and the registration for the training being held on August 24th, 2018 by typing in <http://littlerivermpc.wix.com/peacemaking>

All who are interested are welcome to come.

Seeking apprentice fishing guides, guiding for salmon, trout, and steelhead.

This is an unpaid apprenticeship. During the first several months, it will be unpaid except for transportation. This is also a service industry position, therefore tips or gratuity is very common. The average tip is between \$50 and \$70 per trip.

We are looking for motivated individuals who love the outdoors and fishing, working with older customers, instructing fishing, and helping coach anglers on the finer points of catching fish. It's guiding people for fishing. How amazing is that? Getting paid to go fishing!

For more info please contact Chad Betts
 text or phone: 231.519.7348
 E: chadbetts@hotmail.com
 Check out the company @: www.bettsguideservice.com

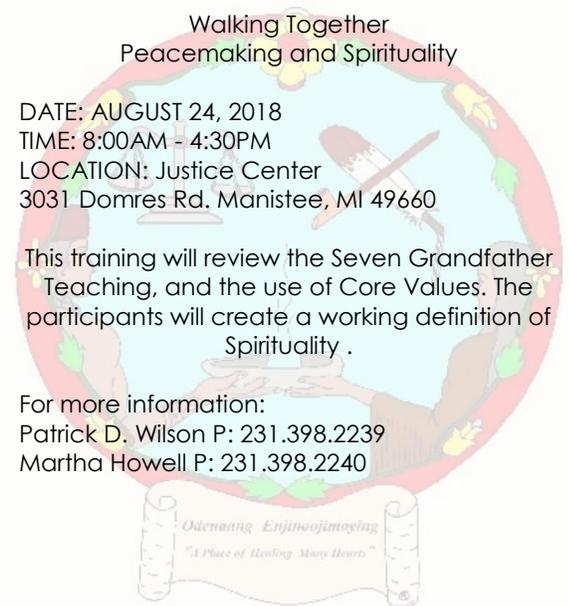
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court
ADVANCED PEACEMAKING TRAINING

Walking Together
 Peacemaking and Spirituality

DATE: AUGUST 24, 2018
 TIME: 8:00AM - 4:30PM
 LOCATION: Justice Center
 3031 Domres Rd. Manistee, MI 49660

This training will review the Seven Grandfather Teaching, and the use of Core Values. The participants will create a working definition of Spirituality .

For more information:
 Patrick D. Wilson P: 231.398.2239
 Martha Howell P: 231.398.2240



LRBOI Education Department is celebrating

Free Fishing Day June 9th, 2018

Join us at Penny Park in East Lake

Bring your fishing poles! All ages welcome.

10am-3pm with a picnic lunch. Bring the kids and Grandpa too!

Call 231-398-6735 or 231-398-6724

for more information



Happy May Birthdays!! 65 and over Tribal Members!!

Sally Allen
 Clarence Battice
 Isaac Bennett
 Nancy Bower
 Thomas Bray
 Robert Bush
 William Campeau
 Robert Cantu
 Thomas Chandler
 Terrance Chivis
 Helen Christman
 Christine Cooper
 Paul Cram
 Frank Crampton
 Arlenea Davidson
 Lynn Davis
 Cornelius De Verney
 Judy Dodge
 Carlos Eagle

Christine Edgar
 Sandra Guthrie
 Linda Hill

Regina Forbes
 Earl Guthrie

Helen Green
 Joan Hanson

Robert Guenthardt
 Lynn Haskell
 Mary Lou Hoffmeyer

Kenneth Olsen
 Charlotte Paszkowski
 Alvin Patricio
 Violet Peterson
 Valerie Pringle
 Richard Ramsey
 Debra Rankinen
 Harvey Ray
 Dennis Resterhouse
 Lillian Rodriguez
 Tina Rodriguez
 Emily Smith
 Robert Tentakken
 Norman Theodore
 Edith Therrien
 Kim Tyler
 Doris Willard-Mingo
 Deborah Winters Lieb
 Julia Zimmerman

Individuals born in the month of May are extremely understanding, resolute and enthusiastic. Their physical attractiveness coupled with their mental strength makes them absolutely irresistible. Extremely hardworking and always on the move, these people always keep themselves occupied with something or the other and detest wasting time. As charming as these May-borns are, they always claim the attention of almost everybody around them and their oratory skills make sure that the attention stays. Zealous and energetic, not only do they exhibit a keen interest in arts, music and literature, but they also tend to have an imaginative bent of mind.

Maria Johnson

Virginia Lenartowicz

Marcella Leusby

Marita Lilleberg

Phyllis Kott

Darlene Loney

Ethel McMurray

Francis Medacco

Reta Morgan



Hello Elders,

The Elders held their meeting at **Aki, on Saturday, April 7, 2018**. It was great to see old pals and new people. The Elders committee opened the meeting, went through the Agenda items, and then closed the meeting. We had as usual a wonderful lunch provided by Elders Coordinator, Noelle Cross.

We then played Bingo. There were a variety of prizes donated by the Elders Committee and LRCR. Good Old Me, was the caller, probably not the most efficient, but it didn't matter to the Elders. Half way through Jamie took over and I ran these little legs off when someone called Bingo to verify their cards. I was exhausted by end of Bingo, good exercise for me. Everyone had smiles on their faces and truly enjoyed the day. Come on and join us, meet people, converse with people and sit back and enjoy a good lunch. Good way to find out what is going on, to ask questions and just listen.

Chuck Fisher, from the Warriors Society, announced that he and Virgil Johnson had License Plates to sell, with our Tribal Logo on them. They look super and will look even better on the front of your car. Have a Super rest of the month.

Diane A. Lonn
 Liaison, Elders Committee

Attention Elders:

The weather is getting nicer, it's time to get out and enjoy it!! What better way than come to Manistee to an Elders Meeting and go see the sights!! Elders Meetings are all at the Aki Maadiziwin, start at 12:00 pm. Some months we even play Bingo!!

Elders Meeting Calendar:

July 14th August 4th September 1st

Please plan to attend some of these meetings, we need input from our Elders on different areas of tribal functions and elder doings.

Notice to all Elders

Boozhoo,

Now that the Currents Newspaper has a new design we would love to hear from you, your feedback is highly appreciated and will help us to improve our communication. Please feel free to contact the Public Affairs Office with your suggestions, please tell us what you would like to see as we work towards creating pages specifically for our elders.

From the

Public Affairs Office:

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Happy June Birthdays!!

65 and Over Tribal Members

- Pamela Compeau-Cobb
- Jean Aber Marcia Daniels
- Michael Aber June Dart
- Joan Aguilera Gary Dayton
- Barbara Alberts Stephanie Dysard
- Gail Anderson Charles Fisher
- Carolyn Ashby Phyllis Fritz
- Fern Barber Lawrence Fultz
- Gerald Battice Beverly Ginter
- Victor Bergquist Lawrence Glenn
- Daniel Berry Mary Gould
- Cheryl Black Gayla Grochowski
- Robert Boda Dale Guenthardt
- Richard Bush Edward Hammond
- Lorraine Cepelina Shirley Holman
- Michael Charlow

People born in June are considered to have the best personality because they are often popular and have great looks, including various talents like singing, dancing, sports, etc. They are extremely nice which make them attractive to almost everyone. They have great taste in fashion, movies, songs and more! Which is why everyone wants to be their friends! And we mean everyone, literally!

People born in June have the craziest and silliest ideas. And the best part? They act on it! Yeah, you heard that right. No matter how crazy, they will make it a point to act on it, even if they know it's not the best.

That's what makes them fun. And their motto is "never say never." If you ever find yourself in a situation where you can't find a solution, a June born will help!

- Rebecca Sparks Joseph Taskey Henry Theodore
- Terri Tyler Charlotte Vega Steven Wabindato Kenneth Willard

- Faith Houston
- Virginia Husnick Ronald Pete
- Shyrle Johnston Thomas Pete
- Kenneth Kleeman Linley Peterson
- Terry Kunnan Stacie Phillips
- Aldica LaBeau Vincent Plato
- Richard Lambert Jerome Ray
- Kenneth Leosh Erland Riihimaki
- Glenn Lones Martha Rohrmoser
- Dorothy McCauley Delia Ross
- Susan Meloche Dorothy Rozell
- Barbara Miller-Bressette Charles Sam
- Nancy Morehead Gloria Scharp
- Nadiyah Muhammad William Seitz
- Marvin Nadiger Linda Slater
- Leroy Smith

Three Sisters Legend

A long time ago 3 sisters lived together in a field. The sisters were very different in size, shape and appearance. The youngest wore velvet green with beautiful ribbons. She was only able to crawl but with the help of her two older sisters she was able to stand up. The second sister wore bright yellow and loved to run across the fields when the sun was shining. The third sister had silky hair and worn a green shawl. She stood very tall and straight and always guarded her two younger sisters. As different as these girls were they were very close and knew they could not survive apart. Native legend has it that they were known as the sustainers of life.

One day a little boy came and played in the field. The sisters were intrigued by him as he ran around, jumping and yelling. They watched him all day but as evening came on he wandered off. The sisters wondered where he might have gone. One day later in the summer the youngest girl who couldn't stand up disappeared. The two sisters watched and waited for her but she never returned. They began to mourn the loss of their beloved sister.

Once more the little boy returned to the sister's field. Again the two watched as he played and got reeds from the river's edge. That night the middle sister, the one who wore the bright yellow, disappeared. The oldest sister who stood tall, prayed and prayed that one day her and her sisters would be reunited.

As winter grew closer the oldest sister's hair grew dull and her green shawl began to fade. She loved her sisters and knew her survival depended on her being together with her sisters.

One day late in the fall the boy returned to the field and heard the oldest sister crying. His heart ached because she sounded so sad. He picked her up and carried her to his home. There she found her missing two sisters!! Now that they were once again together they were able to sustain each other. Submitted by Marcella Leusby

GROW A "THREE SISTERS" GARDEN: Corn, Beans, & Squash

1. Buy the seeds. Make sure you buy pole beans. You also want to make sure the squash seeds are the trailing variety.
2. When to plant: Best time is when the evening temperature stays above 50 degrees, usually late May or early June.
3. Preparing the garden: Choose area that will get the most daylight, usually 8 hours at least. Work some compost into the soil. First make a mound about 4 feet around and 10-12 inches high. Make 4 holes, about 12 inches apart, plant 4-6 corn kernels in each hole about an inch deep. Cover kernels and water.
4. When corn reaches 4 inches, plant the pole beans. Plant beans 6 inches from the mound, plant them 1 inch deep. Cover the beans and water.
5. One week after the beans sprout plant 6 squash seeds 1 foot away from the bean plants. Plant them in a row 1 inch deep. Cover them and water.
6. Remember to weed plants so they can grow. Keep soil moist, water often.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Just wanted to brag about my sister Karen Grigonis who graduated from Ferris State this past Saturday Sum ma cum lau-de. Not bad for a 63 year old Citizen of your Tribe. Eugene

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS



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SUNDAY GRAND ENTRY 12:00PM

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M.C. ✕ BRIAN LONEY

A.D. ✕ DAVE SHANANAQUET

HEAD WOMEN'S JUDGE ✕ PUNKIN SHANANAQUET

HEAD MEN'S JUDGE ✕ PHILIP MEMBERTO

HOST DRUM ✕ CRAZY SPIRIT

CO-HOST ✕ URBAN NATION

INVITED DRUMS:

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**DAY MONEY AVAILABLE TO DANCERS ✕ DAY MONEY SATURDAY
DANCE WINNER TAKE ALL SUNDAY**

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL CONTEST:

TEAM DANCE 18+ 3 OR MORE DANCERS

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TWO STEP SPECIAL 18+

TWO STEP SPECIAL 17 UNDER

HAND DRUM CONTEST

OUT GOING MISS LRB PRINCESS RILEY DIEHLMAN:

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ALL AGES HATS AND BOOTS SPECIAL ✕ CASH PRIZES

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SUNDAY DIRECTLY AFTER GRAND ENTRY PROTOCOL

Little River Band Princess Contest: Deadline June 30th by 1:30. Please send all applicant information to Jay Sam in Historic Preservation Office or turn in on June 30th 2018 to Head Princess Judge Cicilee Chivis.

Vendors Contact: Jay Sam 888.723.8288 or 231.398.6893

All Drum Contact: Jay Sam or Phil Memberto 315.925.9545

On-Site Camping/first come first serve basis

**Please register with Little River Public Safety 231.398.2225
Bathroom/Showers available on-site**

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, a Michigan Tribe, Has Presence at Stanford Powwow

by [Levi Rickert](#) / [Business](#), [Currents](#) / 20 May 2018

STANFORD, Calif. — Getting the word out about a product can be tricky at times. This is particularly true when a product is an ingredient used within food recipes. So, when an indigenous chef incorporated an ingredient owned by a company belonging to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians into her recipes, the tribe’s presence extended from all the way from Michigan to California.

Regardless of how it works is fine by the tribe, based in Manistee, Michigan. The tribe owns and operates Advanced Protein Solutions (APS), which owns intellectual property formulations that add to the nutritious value of ground meat because they are packed with vitamins and antioxidants. To help move the intellectual property formulation, APS representatives solicited the help of indigenous chef, Crystal Wahpepah (Kickapoo), who was willing to test the meat with the APS formulation in it. After her initial tests working with her recipes, Wahpepah integrated the formulated ground bison meat into her proprietary Kickapoo buffalo chili and blue corn tacos, which are made with ground beef.



Wahpepah owns Wahpepah’s Kitchen and is a highly respected indigenous chef, who resides in the San Francisco Bay Area. As a former contestant on the Food Network’s “Chopped” series, Wahpepah has been building a name for herself as she promotes indigenous foods. She is featured in the 2016 edition of “Native American Almanac: More than 50,000 Years of the Cultures and Histories of Indigenous Peoples.”

Chefs, especially those working with indigenous foods, are particular with the what raw foods and ingredients go into their recipes. Wahpepah liked the results of her tests with the APS’ all-natural formulations in ground meat.

“Using the meat formulations made a huge difference in my recipes. The taste was unbelievably awesome. The texture was far better than my other ground bison. The meat tastes very clean and natural the way ground meat should taste,” says Wahpepah.



Indigenous chef Crystal Wahpepah stirs Kickapoo buffalo chili which included APS formulation with some extra loving care.

The Kickapoo buffalo chili was a featured menu item at the Wahpepah’s Kitchen booth at the 47th Annual Stanford Powwow, which attracted some 25,000 people over Mother’s Day weekend. Wahpepah was more than satisfied with the sales results and comments coming from her customers over the powwow weekend where her blue corn tacos and Kickapoo buffalo chili sold out. She is excited about using meat with APS’ all-natural formulation. “My customers noticed a huge difference in my chili, blue corn tacos with the all-natural formulation. I always have people coming back for seconds and even third helpings. This time I had a huge response on my Kickapoo buffalo chili,” reports Wahpepah. “So many made their way back to our food tent to tell me how awesome my food was and liked that I use healthy ingredients.” After the success at the Stanford Powwow, Wahpepah and APS representatives discussed ways to work together in a mutually beneficial capacity to increase awareness about the health benefits of using APS formulations.

“Our relationship with Crystal Wahpepah, a highly respected indigenous chef, is very important to us as we continue to gain strategic alliances in Indian Country and the rest of the nation to provide healthier beef, bison, and other all natural protein formulations to the mass market” says Garrick Opie, Managing Director of Advanced Protein Solutions, based in Traverse City, Michigan. As an indigenous chef, the holistic approach to cooking healthy foods is essential to Wahpepah and she looks forward to working more closely with the Little River Band’s tribal business enterprise.

“I am honored and humbled to be working with the Little River Band of Ottawa’s tribal business. As Indigenous chef and business owner, this something vital ground breaking important to our Native communities. And the most important thing is we are creating indigenous menu items to eat healthy and be healthy. It starts by us coming together as indigenous people working together so excited to see the outcome of this amazing formulation.”



Veronica Shawnego kept the long lines moving with great service.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a federally recognized tribe that owns and operates the Little River Casino Resort, located in Manistee, Michigan. In addition, to APS the tribe through its Economic Development Council owns other tribal business enterprises. One of the business tribal enterprises is AYAA, LLC that operates APS and InTerra Nutraceuticals.

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The Warriors Society has received approval to add a second Memorial stone to the first one that is in front of the Casino. If you have not been to the Little River Casino Resort, we have in front of the Casino a huge Memorial stone that was dedicated to our Tribal Warriors. This stone has the name of the Warrior and his/her branch of service. If a Warrior passes away a feather is put at the end of his/her name to honor him/her. It is very impressive to look at and admire. At this time there is no more space to add more names; both sides are filled. The Warriors Society has decided to add another stone, but not as big, next to the large one, with another to follow on the other side as the second stone gets filled.

- Diane Lonn

THANK YOU, WARRIORS SOCIETY FOR THIS TRIBUTE TO OUR PEOPLE

If you would like your Native Warrior's name added to this stone in memorial of his/her time served or is serving.

Please submit a DD214 to:

Attention: Warriors Society Chuck Fisher or Virgil Johnson
2608 Government Center Drive,
Manistee, MI. 49660.

For information please contact Kathleen Bowers at 231.398.6845



Construction for the new memorial stone under way at Little River Casino Resort

Warrior Society introduces license plates with the Tribal Seal

\$10 each with \$5 for shipping/handling. Proceeds go directly to the Warrior Society to assist with programs and services they provide.

Please send check/m.o. to:
LRBOI Veterans Warrior Society
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660



Tribal Flags (3'ft x 5'ft) are also available for purchase for \$50 each. Flags come folded with a vinyl zippered case.

Please Contact Kathleen Bowers for shipping rates 231.398.6845

A note from the Public Affairs Office:

Please accept a sincere apology for the delay in the May Currents Newspaper. As you may have noticed this is the first edition created and printed at the Government Center. This ultimately saves us printing and design costs. Thank you for your patience through out all changes in the Public Affairs office. Please feel free to contact us at 231.398.6841 or currentscomments@lrboi-nsn.gov

We would love to hear your feedback and suggestions for making Little River Currents a more effective news source.