

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on October 28, 2015. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Jay Sam, Historic Preservation Director, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin.

Miigwech Giizhemanidoo kina kegoo gaamiizhyaang
Nmishoomisak miinawa manidook Waabinong, Zhaawanong, Epangishmok
miinawa Kiiwedonong nikeyiing bi-izhaa miinawa biidoon g'naadmaagewin.
Miigwech Shkakamik kwe kina kegoo gaamiizhyaang.
Ngiizhemanidoom zhinoomooshiang miikanhs waaninaagidooyaang,
Zhiwenmishinaang nangwaa maanpii yaayang.

Thank you Creator for all that you have provided for us.
Grandfathers and Spirits that live in the East, South, West and North come and
bring your assistance (help).
We thank the Mother Earth for all that she provides for us.
We ask the Creator show us the path we are to follow to be better people.
Bless us today that we are here. I have asked the Creator to look in on those that
are in uniform that serve our people wherever they happen to be or whatever the
uniform happens to be. Police, Fire, Military. I thank all those that are here and
ask the Creator to make sure that they come safely and go safely and to look in on
their families as well. Ahaaw.

Speaker Johnson thanked Jay Sam for the wonderful prayer and words. Johnson
said at this point before they call the meeting to order he just wants to bring to
everybody's attention that they have two guests in the audience, Mr. and Mrs. Ted
Arens and they have found an artifact that they want to bring forward to give it to
the Tribe at this point. Johnson said he would like to have their Cultural
Preservation Director, the Ogema, and himself to come up to receive this
wonderful gift that they are about to receive.

Ted Arens said first of all he wanted to thank the Tribe for the plaque because it
was real beautiful and he enjoyed the ceremony. Arens said they found this

object on their property and believed it was part of this Tribe's culture and they wanted them to have it. Arens said he read up on the Tribe's Seal and he can see what it means to have it and they can put this by it. Arens said they are very welcome to have it.

Director Jay Sam presented Ted Arens with a peace medal that was usually presented to Tribal Governments along with a Certificate.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

B. Roll Call

J. Riley - Present	J. Burger- Absent	F. Medacco- Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza- Present	M. Wabindato -Present
R. Wittenberg-Present	V. Johnson - Present	S. Lewis - Present

Quorum established.

Others Present: Grace Hendler, Peggy & Jim Derouin, Darleen Martin, Ted & Pam Arens, Bob Battice, Ron Pete, Connie Waitner, Jennifer Crampton, Frank Figgels, Janine Sam, Diane Lonn, Bill Willis, Kelly Maser.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Brandi Johnson, Elaine Porter, Diane Vitols, Shayne Machen, Jamie Friedel, Tom St. Dennis.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOVE TO APPROVE AGENDA WITH THE NOTED AMENDMENTS; by Riley; supported by Burger.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #1

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

D. Tribal Council Minutes □ 10/21/15

**MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL OPEN SESSION
 MINUTES DATED 10/21/15 FOR FILING;** by Medacco; supported by
 Lewis.

Roll Call #2

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Johnson noted that they do not have anything under Grants & Contracts.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2015-__ in the amount of \$525,407**

The Tribe has received additional funding for the 2015 BIA Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said the item before Council is the Tribe received an additional appropriation from the Bureau of Indian Affairs under the 2015 Self-Governance Compact in the amount of \$525,407. Willis said these funds are specific to Contract Support Costs and year to date they have received \$671,371 in Contract Support dollars from the Bureau which is almost twice what they estimated in the Operating Budget so he is sure this is a result of the Contract Support Settlement and negotiations that are on-going with the Federal Government. Willis said this is good news.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #15-1028-325;
 ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
 DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
 AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING
 BUDGET MB-2015-77 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$525,407;** by Riley;
 supported by Burger.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #3

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes

R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson – Yes	S. Lewis – Yes
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Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Johnson said he just wanted to make a quick comment after they did this roll call vote on this item. Johnson said he wanted to thank all the hard work that was done to get them into Self-Governance because he knows they had a lot of discussions many years ago about moving forward on Self-Governance but he knows that there are a couple of people here in the audience that played a very important role in this item. Johnson said not to say that he is missing anybody but he knows that they were at a lot of meetings down in New Orleans and all over in regards to Self-Governance and he wanted to thank both Janine Sam and Jessica Burger for championing this process. Johnson said this is good movement for the Tribe for the future. Johnson said Miigwech.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval of Expenditure for meals at the Little River Casino Resort for the 2015 Elder’s Conference on November 7th and 8th, 2015

According to the Purchasing and Procurement Regulations Tribal Council must approve expenditures in excess of \$12,000.

Ron Pete, Elder Committee Chairman, represented this agenda item. Pete said this is basically so that everyone can eat like they do every single year. Pete said he thinks it is a not to exceed and believed it should be. Pete said it is for the lunch and the dinner with the breakfast for the next day. Pete said they usually dismiss somewhere around 11 a.m. to noon on Sunday.

Councilor Medacco said he is in favor for this but he just had a question. Medacco asked why the Tribe has to pay for this and why couldn’t this be just a comp expense to the Resort because he really can’t say how many hundreds of thousands of dollars do they comp out in food a year anyways so why can’t this just be one of those too.

Ron Pete said it has never been asked. Pete said if Councilor Medacco wants the Resort to pay for it then they will pay for it.

Councilor Medacco said as a comp.....

Ron Pete said they have to bill it to something like to the Administration Line or some other line because it has to be billed to something. Pete said it is no different now because they are doing the same thing for government meals and they do comp half of it. Pete said the Resort has gone back to what they did before when the Ogema chooses their office to do meals for whatever reason and they do it at half price which is the same thing that they do here. Pete said it is an easy thing to do and just let him know what they want him to do. Pete said it doesn’t have to be a government expense and is a real simple thing because the

money is all in one bucket anyways. Pete reiterated to tell him what they want him to do and they will do it.

Councilor Medacco said it was just a question to ask.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #15-1028-326;
 APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR MEALS AT THE LITTLE
 RIVER CASINO RESORT FOR THE ELDERS CONFERENCE
 NOVEMBER 7-8, 2015 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
 \$16,500.00; by Burger; supported by Wabindato.**

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Jamie Friedel asked if that was \$12,000 or \$16,000.

Councilor Medacco said anything over \$12,000 has to be approved.

Councilor Burger said the way the agenda reads anything over \$12,000 and they just clarified that for them.

Roll Call #4

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Burger-	Yes	F. Medacco-	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza-	Yes	M. Wabindato -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	V. Johnson -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

IV. Old Business

A. Financial Report None Submitted

Speaker Johnson noted they do not have anything for Financial Reports at this time.

B. Binojeeuk Commission May 2015
 June 2015
 July 2015-Meetings Cancelled
 August 2015

Councilor Medacco said there are no July Minutes.

Speaker Johnson said those meetings were cancelled so there won't be anything provided.

**MOVE TO ACCEPT THE BINOJEEUK COMMISSION REPORTS
 DATED MAY 2015, JUNE 2015 AND AUGUST 2015 FOR FILING**

AND NOTING THAT THE JULY 2015 MEETINGS WERE CANCELLED; by Riley; supported by Burger.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #5

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

- C. **Enrollment Commission** **None Submitted**
- D. **Health Commission** **None Submitted**
- E. **Housing Commission** **None Submitted**

Speaker Johnson said that Council is still waiting on Enrollment, Health and Housing Commission Reports.

V. New Business

- A. **Resolution Adopting FY 2015 Government Employee Incentive Plan**
 Human Resources, Tribal Council and the Ogema have reviewed the cost implications and recommended slight modifications to the method and is now submitted for formal action.

Janine Sam, Human Resource Generalist, represented this agenda item. Sam said she also wanted to say thanks to the Tribal Ogema. Sam said she understands that there was a suggestion to put this Incentive Plan forward earlier in the year and the Human Resources Department was tasked with revising and preparing an Incentive Program. Sam apologized to Council and Ogema because she wasn't aware of the new processes and they have a revised #1 Resolution that was provided to them hard copy which is the item they are looking at but she did not give that to Grace Hendler to put it on the wall so she wasn't aware that was a process. Sam said she will remind herself in the future. Sam said she believed the formerly adopted Incentive Program was in 2008. Sam said in 2013 Tribal Council started the process adopting a repair to the Compensation Administration Program of Tribal Government. Sam said in reviewing that program there had been several steps that had milestones that have already been met and there are steps and milestones to be met. Sam said one of those milestones will be to create or recreate the actual Employee Evaluation Process and Formal Incentive Program. Sam said that plan is slated to be coming forward with the Tribal Council and the Ogema during 2016 and they felt it was important that they provide an incentive to their employees at least in this fiscal year because looking forward and when the plan would be approved there was a possibility that employees would actually possibly go another year without an Incentive Plan in

place. Sam said not that they wouldn't authorize them in 2016 but that wasn't the way it shaped out or when they would finally get it approved again so they brought forward an action under the Ogema's direction and the change to the resolution was to include Attachment A to provide to them the structure of the Incentive Program based on Councilor Crampton's recommendations for modification. Sam said the net funding amount may or may not change because she is aware that they do have personnel changes that will be impacted based on the criteria that they have and it also provides right now they believe that there is funding and a department that is impacted where the funds are not sufficient and can't be carried out on a budget modification by the Ogema. Sam said they would then bring that action forward and as they can see they have committed to bringing that forward by November 18th but at this time they are not expecting any modifications to come forward but it would depend on how....if there is a department that has a majority of the employees as an example and their Budget can't bear it then they would bring that action forward. Sam asked if there are questions. Sam said they have met twice in work sessions with Tribal Council for this and this resolution is the end product of those work sessions.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #15-1028-327;
 AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE
 PAYMENT PLAN OF 2015; by Riley; supported by Burger.**

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #6

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Speaker Johnson said he just wanted to make a quick comment, again, on this issue for the employees of the government and all the hard work that they have done and this is a little something for all the things they do for the government and their people. Johnson said it is appreciated and hopefully this will help out a little bit.

B. Authorize the Donation of \$5,000 to Alliance for Economic Success (AES)

The Tribal Leadership of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians recognize the importance of the support of Alliance for Economic Success in regards to the Sewer Project.

Tom St. Dennis, Commerce Department Attorney, represented this agenda item. St. Dennis thanked them for the chance to have this same discussion in Agenda

Review. St. Dennis said the Alliance for Economic Success is a local organization that has welcomed the Tribe to the table of other governmental functionaries as well as local business people. St. Dennis said they have been very active in their support of their Sewer Project with Manistee Township and they have also instrumental in putting opening the doors for the expansion and potential profitability of their sewer capacity. St. Dennis said they have recently rolled out some individual access for Tribal members for training regarding entrepreneurial activities. St. Dennis said last night they indicated that they are also moving forward with a manufacturing strategy that they could be very involved with which would open doors for their future potential 88 Contracting. St. Dennis said furthermore the Alliance for Economic Success has exposed the Tribe to private equity funding and as governmental funding is drying up they recently exposed them to a large variety of private funders that could make up for some of the lack of government funding. St. Dennis said finally Alliance for Economic Success has presented an opportunity for future purchases of river quarter, Manistee River Quarter Land, which will open up hunting and fishing opportunities for Tribal members. St. Dennis said they have graciously again put the Ogema and himself on their Board and they were able to craft and shape economic activities in this area and they are in the middle of a capital campaign and this donation would greatly aid them in their mission.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #15-1028-328;
 AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$5,000 TO AES-ALLIANCE
 FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS; by Burger; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Ogema Romanelli said just for clarity there is a 50/50 split on that. Romanelli said \$2,500 from him and \$2,500 from Council.

Speaker Johnson said he noticed on these sponsors that it both the Council and the Ogema sponsoring this item.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Roll Call #7

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Saturday, November 7, 2015

Speaker Johnson said he doesn't want to throw Recorder Riley under the bus but he is going to give them the details of what may happen on Saturday about the timelines and so forth.

Recorder Riley said they recently had a discussion and what they decided to do since that is the same day as the Elders Conference is to have it at the Little River Casino Resort in the Event Center so that way all the Elders present at the Conference don't have to be carted back and forth across the street. Riley said the meeting will be from 10-12 p.m.

Speaker Johnson said it will be open session only. Johnson said there won't be any closed session items to address in that meeting.

Ron Pete was making comments from the audience and they were not picked up on the recording.

Recorder Riley said he just wanted to add that even though it is an Elder's Conference Tribal members are welcome to attend the Council Meeting portion.

Speaker Johnson said that is a very good point. Johnson encouraged anybody that has any issues about business concerns to address it under the next item.

B. Ogemá Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli said not a lot to report. Romanelli said they are working on an Employee's Meeting for mid-November over at the Resort for all employees of the government. Romanelli said they are working on obviously Mary Thomas is working on the Children's Christmas Party and some of the other things that are going on. Romanelli said they are still working on their Budget for and they are spending a lot of time trying to fill positions and commission seats. Romanelli said that seems to be taking up more time than it used to for whatever reason trying to keep those seats filled. Romanelli said obviously they always have a need for people to put their names in for the commissions and going down that road. Romanelli said he is attending the Presidential Summit again this year in Washington, D.C. on the first week of November and it is usually just a couple of days. Romanelli said he thinks that is about the end of it. Romanelli said he wanted to thank the Council for supporting these last couple of issues too.

Speaker Johnson said maybe Recorder Riley can help him out on this issue. Johnson said on the commissions themselves especially the Gaming Commission have they done anything to make it more friendly for applicants to submit their backgrounds and so forth for those seats.

Recorder Riley said the requirements for Gaming Commissioners are actually set by the Gaming Ordinance so there is really not much they can do because they are

required to meet the minimum requirements of holding a PMO License but they don't actually hold a PMO License.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Councilor Crampton said it is worth noting that their lobbying efforts as Elected Officials and a lot of the things that have been going on with this Tribe that it is very good to see their efforts are moving forward and they are establishing those connections in order for those things to go forward. Crampton said he is looking at other Tribes that are losing community support in some of their endeavors and he is just wondering if that has anything to do with their lobbying efforts or lack of. Crampton said he knows that Muskegon is moving forward rapidly with a lot of support at the State and Local Levels while other Tribes are being denied at the same level for some of their endeavors so it is a good sign for them.

Councilor Burger said it just looks like the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act is going to be coming up for a vote very soon and of course there has been on-going efforts to garner support to get that Bill passed. Burger said they are very hopeful that it will in fact pass the Congress that could help alleviate a few of the things that they have going on here relative to some court cases and some other.....that would be great.

Speaker Johnson asked Councilor Burger if that was the 511 Bill or the 248 Bill.

Councilor Burger replied it is the House version, Bill 511.

Speaker Johnson said he knows there is one area that they as Elected Officials had been invited to but the Ogema is going to be attending it. Johnson said that is the President's Conference with Indians on November 4 and 5th and believed that is coming up so they will have representation at that meeting on behalf of Little River. Johnson said he wanted to thank the Ogema for going there representing them for that conference.

Councilor Burger said oh yes, just one more thing. Burger said recently the Department of Interior passed some regulations relative to the Tribal Recognition Process and the Senate Committee just reported a Bill that is out that she believed is actually sponsored by Tom Testerow. Burger said she is going to have to go back and verify that but it is.....would take that process essentially away from Interior and place it into Congressional Recognition only for Federally Recognized Applicants. Burger said she thinks that is kind of a dangerous trend and she is a little bit troubled even though their process they went through a Congressional.....a very long arduous process for any other Tribe. Burger said if they start putting that back into the hands of Congress there is a potential that Congress would start looking at other things relative to recognition so she just wanted to bring that to everyone's attention. Burger said she thinks that is kind of a little bit of a dangerous trend for Tribes.

D. Public Comment Period

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he guessed he is just kind of wondering what is going on with that Wind Tower over behind the.....over in their.....

Ogema Romanelli said over in their Housing area.

Boo Battice said Housing Department, yeah. Battice asked if that thing even....

Ogema Romanelli said the small one.

Boo Battice asked if that even spins or anything. Battice said he guessed the question is what can they do to harvest that Natural Resource because looking at legitimacy to use some kind of Natural Resource Funding because it is a Natural Resource the sun.....everything the wind.....he guessed who does he talk to pursue those goals is the question. Battice said to give him someone to talk to....who can he see for he guessed Natural Resource or what kind of....because really its harvesting that energy and they got to move forward as a Tribe and that is the most important thing is energy for a lot of people because they all use like 250 or three hours a day so.....and can the get the Wind Tower.....is that operational.....does anybody know.

Councilor Medacco said it is not.

Boo Battice asked if anybody knew what kind of.....

Councilor Di Piazza said no it is not. Di Piazza said actually the wind comes up off spinning the gears out of the inside because it was placed in the wrong spot.

Boo Battice said okay so it.....could be rebuilt....can they have something wrote up so someone can take it apart and use it or have it or something because it is just sitting there. Battice said he doesn't understand.....

Councilor Crampton said there was problem due to the airport down here so.

Boo Battice said okay, yep, he understands because it has to fall so far from the property and different things.

Speaker Johnson said he saw the Ogema's hand.....

Boo Battice asked can they, he guessed, is it possible somebody can do something with it.....can somebody use it elsewhere or something.....recycle it so it is not an eye.....

Councilor Medacco said that shed that is right below it that has all the batteries and capacitors in it which has all been gutted out of there so there is really no components to actually generate it to store it or anything because the batteries are corroded.

Boo Battice said right everything goes with time and the only thing that is constant is change and he guessed what would it take to tear it down or whatever so that it is not an eyesore and somebody can use the rest of it or.....like he said he wants to move forward with it and they got to get rid of the eye sight and he doesn't know who to talk to about harvesting that Natural Resource because he doesn't know what guidelines it falls onto....into because they have the right to harvest Natural.....the Natural.....even though it is plants and berries.....he doesn't know where they can squeeze through or who he talks to.....to get updated with moving forward green as much as possible.

Speaker Johnson said first of all, because they are just sort of rambling on and rambling on with this subject, first of all he thinks the spirit of putting that tower up in the first place they were going to use it to charge batteries or a golf cart. Johnson said it is a very small unit and generates very minimal amount of electricity in a golf cart so they could take the Elders around the Community Center but as they can see they don't have any golf carts or the don't have anything in there so to him he can't say how to handle that unit. Johnson said that has been there for, he doesn't know, at least eight or nine years and the best thing to do is just take it down because it is a small unit and doesn't serve much to generate that much electricity like for a home or something.

Boo Battice said okay that handles that but what are they doing to pursue, they know, the newest technology, he guessed they would say, but to harvest that Natural energy for the purpose of maybe powering this building, maybe, who built that and who knows about what the batteries or who knows things and who does he talk to because.....then legally he wants to move forward in powering their own system.....they know.....they have to send a foundation to power their own at least these buildings. Battice asked what they have for that. Battice said he guessed the Ogema.....he will ask the Ogema directly.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Boo Battice for bringing it to their attention and that he can always call his office to find out and he can put him in the right direction. Romanelli said that tower was put up prior to his becoming Ogema in 2007 so it has been up for a while. Romanelli said when he came into office people were inquiring about the usefulness of it and at that time it wasn't working and since that time he understands that there is....basically it is gutted so he guessed.....and the possibility of regenerating it.....the cost is not there to do so. Romanelli said so he guessed in answer to his other question if it should be torn down that the might want to look at that as well. Romanelli said there has been over the course of his term of office at least twice when they have done an actual Wind Study from companies out of the U.S. even that have been presented to Tribal Council

and the Ogema and to staff about trying to harness that wind energy such as they have done in Ludington area. Romanelli said there were a couple of things that were a problem at that time anyway that he remember. Romanelli said one was the cost of the actual.....each one of the wind mills was very costly and to regenerate that it would be....they wouldn't save any money ultimately at that time. Romanelli said that was what Councilor Crampton mentioned as well because of their location they determined that there is a wind or wind that comes off of the lake and in an easterly direction that kind of comes over their property. Romanelli said the problem is the height requirements is determined by aviation. Romanelli said to Boo Battice if he wanted a little more information they can point him in the right direction.

Boo Battice said they are going to take a loss anyway because of the overall but just to sit there example is what he.....they know.....somehow. Battice said they take losses every day but just to advertise it more as they.....

Ogema Romanelli said he doesn't think it is, yeah, worthless to look at those again because there is solar energy and wind energy along with the different things that they looked at before. Romanelli said he knows there are people on Council and within the Tribe that are always looking at those. Romanelli said he can point him in the right direction.

Boo Battice said yeah, because solar is coming down all the time right now...he means they even have flexible ones to ____.....even if they had engineers or something make it a spectacle just hanging from trees to look like leaves or something and bring the people in or something but he would like to know what their guidelines.....point him towards.....he guessed he will give him a call but point him towards the direction of what their guidelines are for harvesting Natural energy because if it is a resource but he doesn't know with the new technology and what.....because they are saying.....he is guessing they are going to say that they don't harvest energy because they didn't need that back then or something but he kind of wants to know the guidelines towards that situation because they still adapted as people with their surroundings and their Natural Resources anyways so this is just another adaption with time so he wanted to figure out what he can do for them is what he is saying.

Speaker Johnson said to Boo Battice that he exhausted his five minutes.

Boo Battice apologized.

Speaker Johnson said he had Councilor Crampton raise his hand.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to say he noticed that most of the Governmental Centers are using solar panels now. Crampton said himself, Councilors Riley and Wittenberg just travelled to Wisconsin last Saturday and on the way back they stopped by some rest areas and noticed that most of the State

places are utilizing solar panels to generate electricity for those stations. Crampton said it might not be feasible to try and run the whole building off of it but it could alleviate some costs so he thinks that Boo Battice might want to look at some solar technology.

Boo Battice said correct and that is what he is thinking too....just some of the costs like Councilor Crampton is saying, not the whole thing, and try to start and just go forward.....move forward. Battice said that is the newest then they got to have the newest to move forward.

Speaker Johnson said they only have to do it once.

Councilor Di Piazza said they just need to sit down, have some coffee, and talk. Di Piazza asked Boo Battice how that would be. Di Piazza said this is probably not the place to discuss some other items that are on the.....on the horizon.

Boo Battice said correct, his biggest concern is learning the logistics of.....because they are Native people and that is a Natural Resource and they do adapt with time so he needs to know that.....what they can do.....to get grant funding for.....harvesting wind energy, he guessed.

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 ADJOURN THE FIRST OPEN SESSION; by Burger; supported by Wabindato.

Roll Call #8

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session on October 29, 2015 at 9:26 a.m.

MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION; by Riley; supported by Lewis.

Roll Call #9

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
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S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- No	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

MOTION TO MOVE ITEM FROM CLOSED TO OPEN, C.1, RESOLUTON #15-1028-329, ROLL CALL AND VOTE; by Riley; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Johnson asked if anyone was going to abstain.

Roll Call #10

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Absent	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The following item was moved from Closed Session to Open Session.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 15-1028-329, AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE TRIBAL OGEMA'S RATIFICATION OF LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT WITH THE INNOVATION GROUP FOR THE ALTERNATIVE SITE AND USE MARKET ASSESSMENT, MUSKEGON, MI by Burger; supported Lewis.

Speaker Johnson asked if anyone was going to abstain from the vote.

Roll Call #C-3

R. Wittenberg Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza Yes
V. Johnson Yes	F. Medacco - Yes	J. Riley Yes
S. Lewis Yes	M. Wabindato- Yes	J. Burger Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed Session to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING; by Burger; supported by Wabindato.

Roll Call #11

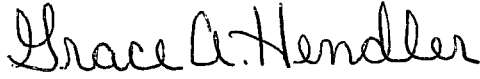
J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Absent	F. Medacco- Yes
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S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

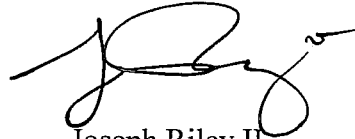
Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Joseph Riley II,
Tribal Council Recorder