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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019  
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 April 10, 2019. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Lewis said to Speaker Riley that the recorder is on.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis. Riley said welcome everybody to their regular meeting for Wednesday, April 10, 2019. Riley said they are going to get started with their Opening Prayer and Councilor Wittenberg is going to lead them.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Ron Wittenberg, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shagnaash.

We thank you for all the things that we have and all the things we don't have.

We ask that you be with all of us.

Help guide our minds to where we need to be.

We say Chi Miigwech to our \_\_\_\_\_ and all those that are in uniform that are out there.

We thank you for our Leaders not only of our country but our State, our \_\_\_\_ and even our Tribes throughout.

Help us to be who we need to be and guide us in a good way.

Ahaaw. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Speaker Riley said he just wanted to let everybody know that Diane Lonn is here she couldn't get into the tall chair because of her recent surgery and they didn't have a booster seat available so.

Councilor Lonn said oh, get out of here.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**B. Roll Call**

J. Riley - Present	J. Friedel - Present	D. Corey - Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	R. Pete - Present
R. Wittenberg-Present	D. Lonn - Present	S. Lewis - Present

Quorum established.

Recorder Lewis said they have a quorum.

Others Present: Boo Battice, Allison Smart, Nikki Nelson, Jennifer Crampton, Archie Martell, Frank Beaver, Bill Willis.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Brown and Officer Gilles.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019;** by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said no abstentions. Riley asked any discussion on the agenda. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #1**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	D. Corey - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said the agenda has been approved for April 10, 2019.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes** ☐ 3/27/19

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

**MOTION TO APPROVE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 3/27/19 FOR ACCEPTING AND FILING;** by Lewis; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked any discussion on the minutes. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #2**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said Tribal Council Minutes for 3/27/19 has been accepted for filing.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

- 1. Approval of Grant Application to the Great Lakes Fishery Trust with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, State of Michigan DNR and the Wisconsin DNR in the amount of \$184,848**  
Collaborative grant submittal with Michigan DNR, Wisconsin DNR and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to assess four rivers for Lake Sturgeon Streamside Rearing Facilities success.

Speaker Riley asked Archie right.

Archie Martell said yes.

Speaker Riley said Archie Martell from their Natural Resource Department is representing this. Riley said he drew a blank for a second.

Archie Martell, Senior Fisheries Biologist, represented this agenda item. Martell said this is a joint grant application to the Great Lakes Fishery Trust. Martell said this is to set up receiver antennas for the tags that they put in the Sturgeon at some of the locations that they have been doing and other agencies, the State of Michigan and the State of Wisconsin to look at the returns of these fish to their Rearing Facilities. Martell said any other fish that have been tagged so basically if the little tag that they put in the fish if they swim by these receivers arrays they will ping that and they will get information like Fish X came through this river system at this time. Martell said so this is to get this receiver equipment so that they can put it in place in these rivers and start some long term monitoring of their returns for these systems.

Speaker Riley said they got to love technology.

*Tribal Council agreed.*

Speaker Riley asked do they have any..... Riley recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said well if there are no questions he will make the motion on it.

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Di Piazza to go ahead.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0410-078;  
APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE GREAT LAKES  
FISHERY TRUST WITH THE U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE,  
STATE OF MICHIGAN DNR AND THE WISCONSIN DNR IN  
THE AMOUNT \$184,848; by Di Piazza; supported by Corey.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said no abstentions. Riley asked any discussion on this. Riley said all right Recorder Lewis do a..... Riley recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he has one question. Di Piazza asked Archie Martell if he knew offhand if the fish they stocked have ended up in Wisconsin. Di Piazza asked does he know that with the recent.....

Archie Martell said um, he does not have any direct knowledge of any fish that they have stocked that have ended up in Wisconsin but they do have a collaborative database throughout the Great Lakes for Sturgeon.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay.

Archie Martell said so any fish that they have tagged or any of the other agencies have tagged those numbers go into this database. Martell said so if they pick up a fish and they pull the tag number they can go back and look up and see where that fish was originally tagged either released from one of these facilities or was just one that was encountered in one of the assessments and that sort of thing.

Councilor Di Piazza thanked Archie Martell.

Archie Martell said um-hum.

Speaker Riley asked any further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #3**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes

R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes
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Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #19-0410-078 has been approved.

Archie Martell thanked them.

Councilor Lonn thanked Archie Martell.

**B. Budget Modifications**

**1. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2019-\_\_-2<sup>nd</sup> QTR to fund Computer Replacements for the Accounting Department in an amount of \$7,318**

Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2019-002 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.

Speaker Riley said Bill Willis their Budget Coordinator is representing this and that he had the floor.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning and thanked them. Willis said as he indicated in Agenda Review on Monday this is a request to replace what appears to be seven workstations within the Accounting Department that have kind of run their cycle and it looks like there is a laptop included as well. Willis said the request is to provide a supplemental appropriation from the Capital Replacement Reserve that was created a number of years ago for things such as this. Willis said they just need Council's approval for the supplemental.

Speaker Riley said okay do they have any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn asked Bill Willis how long will these last does he have an idea.

Bill Willis said he doesn't know. Willis said he talked to George Le Vasseur on a number of occasions he is saying four years and last that he recalls was a computer usually has a three-year life span so.

Councilor Lonn said okay.

Bill Willis said with technology changing he means it is just.....yeah it is not too long.

Councilor Lonn said okay and thanked Bill Willis.

Speaker Riley said consistently battling Moore's Law. Riley recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said that being said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0410-079;  
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2019-02-2<sup>nd</sup>  
QTR TO FUND COMPUTER REPLACEMENTS FOR THE  
ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO  
EXCEED \$7,318; by Di Piazza; supported by Pete.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked any further discussion on this. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call please.

**Roll Call #4**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #19-0410-079 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked them.

2. **Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Performance Partnership Grant and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-\_\_ in the amount of \$41,934**  
The Tribe has received a modification for the 2018-2020 EPA-PPG.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said these are additional funds that have been received from the EPA. Willis said the funding is going to be used for salaries, fringes and Contract Support Costs. Willis said the current funding cycle started in October of last year and runs through September 30<sup>th</sup> of 2020.

Speaker Riley said okay do they have a motion or any questions on this item. Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley okay if there is no questions he is prepared to make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0410-080;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-PERFORMANCE  
PARTNERSHIP GRANT AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION  
TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-11 IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$41,934; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked do they have any discussion on this item. Riley said all right no discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #5**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #19-0410-080 has been approved.

- 3. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-\_\_ in the amount of \$87,162**  
The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2019 Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this agenda item represents Modification #2 to the 2019 Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Willis said year to date this award brings them up to \$413,275 there is also an additional modification from the BIA later on in the agenda as well so.

Speaker Riley said all right do they have any questions or a motion. Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley again if there is no questions, he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0410-081;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING  
BUDGET MB-2019-12 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$87,162; by Pete;  
supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley asked any discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #6**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #19-0410-081 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

**4. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-\_\_ in the amount of \$4,145**

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2019 Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item represents Modification #2 to the 2019 Self-Governance Compact with Indian Health Services. Willis said year to date this brings them up to \$1,258,794 there is also an additional modification from IHS as well later on in the agenda.

Speaker Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley again he is prepared to make that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0410-082;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN  
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO  
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-13 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$4,145; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked any discussion on this one. Riley recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton asked Councilor Pete if he could repeat that title. Crampton said no he is just joking.

Councilor Pete said it is so bad it takes it.



Speaker Riley said all right if there is nothing further. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Councilor Pete said oh my god.

**Roll Call #7**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #19-0410-082 has been approved.

**5. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2019-\_\_ ; Authorizing a modification to the Strategic Gaming Budget in the amount of \$344,000**

Tribal Council must approve any change in the scope of a program such as the elimination of program activities.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said as he explained to Council in Agenda Review this Budget's been in existence for approximately two years give or take in total the Budget is at \$2.8 million and roughly there is about \$596,000 available unspent. Willis said the problem is some of the money needs to be moved around because there are some deficits in certain areas and so this is really, what the request is to move money in those areas to cover the existing deficits and any estimated expenses in the future so. Willis said just like he said in the request to move the money around.

Speaker Riley said okay do they have any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley once again if there is no questions he is prepared to make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0410-083;  
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2019-14;  
AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE STRATEGIC  
GAMING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$344,000; by Pete;  
supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said no abstentions. Riley said to Shannon Crampton see what he did. Riley said he got him all flustered with his pronunciation now.

Councilor Pete said please don't make him repeat that.

Speaker Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked is there any discussion.

Councilor Crampton said yeah.

Speaker Riley said yes sir.

Councilor Crampton said he seen that they have \$150,000 going to Tribal Activities and what does that entail.

Bill Willis said that he can't answer he would have to ask some of the members of the Task Force.

Councilor Crampton said okay and thanked Bill Willis.

Bill Willis said there is currently a.....Tribal Activities.....wait a minute. Willis said he is going to look at that resolution again. Willis said well currently, there is \$217,000 available in Tribal Activities and they are taking \$150,000 of that.....

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Bill Willis said.....and moving it so what exactly that \$217,000 was estimated to be for he is not sure.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Speaker Riley said he is not entirely sure either. Riley said he is trying to think what would.....

Councilor Crampton said that is a lot of money for not being sure.

Speaker Riley said well he is just saying that he is not sure what comes out of activities within the Budget.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Speaker Riley said usually its Professional Fees, Sponsorships, Donations um.....

Councilor Crampton said but those are all being deducted from if he would look at the list. Crampton said there is a whole thing.....

Speaker Riley said it is Professional Fees is where the deficit is.

Bill Willis said yeah.

Speaker Riley said um, the like the hearing and everything that came out of the Activities Line. Riley said yeah he would have to look at an R & E to see what exactly was spent out of..... Riley recognized Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah and thanked Speaker Riley. Romanelli said there are various things that can come out of the Tribal Activities and with this fund; they are not exactly sure when and where this Shoreline issue is going to end so they put it in there. Romanelli said again if it is for another hearing or something like that that is normally what is put in there. Romanelli said part of the problem that they had when they went and revisited this.....the Shore.....this Strategic Fund was for example the lobbyist they charged all the lobbyist costs to the Strategic Fund but in actuality a lot of those funds.....a lot of those funds are used by other items that they wish them to work on for the Tribe or the Tribal Council. Romanelli said so the lobbyist isn't working only for the Strategic Fund for the Shoreline Project but also for other activities so they will see some discrepancies along that line as well. Romanelli said for the most part that is what they come from. Romanelli thanked them.

Councilor Corey asked so the lobbyist fees are under Professional Fees.

Speaker Riley replied yes.

Councilor Corey said okay that is the 1.2 then.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Riley said all right any other discussion. Riley said all right. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call please.

#### **Roll Call #8**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	No
S. Crampton -	No	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #19-0410-083 has been approved.

**6. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Government to Government IRR Roads Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-\_\_ in the amount of \$124,296**

The Tribe has received a modification for additional funding.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said these are he will call them reoccurring funds that they get from the BIA for their roads.

Willis said the majority of funding is planned to go into Capital Outlay which is for actual construction projects so. Willis said as far as he understands they do anticipate receiving additional funds from them yet this year so.

Speaker Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley okay if there is no questions he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0410-084;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-GOVERNMENT TO  
GOVERNMENT IRR ROADS PROGRAM AND APPROVING A  
MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-15 IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$124,296; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked is there any discussion on this. Riley said all right no discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #9**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #19-0410-084 has been approved.

**7. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Caregiver Support Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-\_\_ in the amount of \$44,810**

The Tribe has received 3-year funding.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said these funds are year three funds for this particular program. Willis said the majority of the money is \$42,810 is scheduled to go into direct service....Client Service Line. Willis said the funds are available from April 1<sup>st</sup> of 2019 through March 31<sup>st</sup> of next year.

Speaker Riley said okay is there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley once again he is prepared to make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0410-085;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-  
CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM AND APPROVING A  
MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-16 IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$44,810; by Pete; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked are there any questions or discussion on this item. Riley asked Diane Lonn if she didn't have a question as to what the Caregiver Support.....

Councilor Lonn said yes.

Speaker Riley said.....was actually spent on.

Councilor Lonn said she looked it up and it said that it was supposed to be support of the caregivers needed some help or other things but when she talked to Steve Wheeler he said it hasn't really been accessed yet. Lonn said so she is going to look into it more.

Bill Willis said yeah Jason Cross will be the one they know to talk to. Willis said he thought this program worked in conjunction with the Elders Meal Program.

Councilor Lonn said well Noelle Cross is running it but she doesn't understand if.....

Bill Willis said it may have been a different program.

Councilor Lonn said.....it has not really been used and they need to access it and use it but she is going to look into it more.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley said so if there is.....is there anything further. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #10**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #19-0410-085 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

**8. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Elder Meals Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-\_\_ in the amount of \$116,280**

The Tribe has received 3-year funding.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this is the year three funding as well for the Elders Meal Program the current and existing Meal Program. Willis said the funding is available from April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year through March 31<sup>st</sup> of next year.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley. Pete said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0410-086;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-ELDER  
MEALS PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO  
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-17 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$116,280; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked Jamie Friedel if he had a comment.

Councilor Friedel asked is that 17 or 16.

Councilor Lonn said 17. Lonn said that is what she has.

Recorder Lewis said yeah 17.

Councilor Pete asked did he say it right.

Councilor Lonn said she thought he said 17.

Speaker Riley said he believed so.

Councilor Friedel said yeah he did.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Councilor Friedel said to Councilor Pete he is good.

Speaker Riley said so discussion. Riley said all right if there is no discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call please.

**Roll Call #11**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #19-0410-086 has been approved.

**9. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-\_\_ in the amount of \$224,795**

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2019 Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item represents Modification #3 to the 2019 Self-Governance Compact with Indian Health Service. Willis said this award brings them up year to date to \$1,483,589 which is roughly 53% of what they projected they were going to get. Willis said so they anticipate getting additional funds throughout the rest of the year.

Speaker Riley said all right. Riley asked do they have any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley. Pete said he would like to make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0410-087;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN  
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO  
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-18 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$224,795; by Pete; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked is there any discussion. Riley said all right no discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #12**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #19-0410-078 has been approved.

Speaker Riley said okay onto ten.

Recorder Lewis said 087 sorry.

Speaker Riley said 087 sorry.

**10. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-\_\_ in the amount of \$193,818**

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2019 Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this represents Modification #3 to the 2019 Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Willis said year to date it brings them up to \$607,093 representing about 30% of what they estimates they were going to get from them. Willis said these funds are specifically for Contract Support Costs or Indirect Costs but it is still part of the overall pool of money.

Speaker Riley asked do they anticipate that the total contribution is going to be lessened due to the month of closure of the Federal Government at all.

Bill Willis said it doesn't appear to be he means even with the closure they were receiving a lot of money up front like in January they received \$325,000 from them which he thinks was the earliest in his experience they ever received money from them so he doesn't know he guessed he don't anticipate it but who knows.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley asked do they have..... Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley. Pete said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0410-088;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.**



**DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING  
BUDGET MB-2019-19 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$193,818; by Pete;  
supported by Di Piazza.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked Gary Di Piazza if he had a question.

Councilor Di Piazza said no he doesn't have none.

Speaker Riley said all right. Riley asked is there any discussion. Riley said all right no discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call please.

**Roll Call #13**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #19-0410-088 has been approved.

Speaker Riley said okay and thanked Recorder Lewis.

**11. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-\_\_ in the amount of \$603**

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2018 Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said \$603.00 these are actually funds from 2018 that they are just now getting. Willis said they must have had some residual funds available through the base distribution that they are just now getting around to giving them but it is 600 dollars they didn't have.

Speaker Riley said um-hum.

Councilor Lonn said they will take it.

Speaker Riley said okay do they have any questions or a motion. Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley. Pete said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0410-089;  
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-2019-20 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$603;  
by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked is there any discussion. Riley said all right no discussion on the \$603.00. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #14**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #19-0410-089 has been approved.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Councilor Lonn thanked Bill Willis.

Councilor Pete thanked Bill Willis.

Speaker Riley thanked Bill Willis.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

**IV. Old Business**

**Reports that are due: January & February 2019**

**Reports received:**

**A. Health Commission  
February 2019**

☐ None Submitted

**B. Financial Report**

☐ February 2019

**C. Natural Resource Commission  
September 2018  
January & February 2019**

☐ None Submitted

Speaker Riley said the Health Commission February Report is due. Riley said the Financial Report for February has been submitted and he believed they actually went over that yesterday. Riley said the Natural Resource Commission they did receive the September 2018 still waiting on January and February of 2019. Riley asked is there any discussion on those reports. Riley said all right no discussion.

**V. New Business**

**A. Authorize Posting for 30-Day Public Comment Period the Tribal Council Meeting Procedures Act #06-100-02**

Adding the requiring of unanimous vote for agenda additions that happen after public posting of the Agenda. This gives the Membership adequate opportunity to make arrangements to attend the meeting to give comments on items.

Speaker Riley explained there is an amendment that has been put forward to require a unanimous vote of Tribal Council to do any adds beyond the point of which it is posted to the public. Riley said so that should give members adequate time to make arrangements should they see an item on the agenda they want to comment on and come in for. Riley recognized Boo Battice.

*Boo Battice started speaking from the audience.*

Councilor Lonn said she can't hear him.

Councilor Pete said he can't hear him.

Speaker Riley apologized. Riley said they are past that item and if he would like he can address it during Public Comment. Riley said all right New Business Item A is where they are at. Riley asked is there any discussion or a motion on this item.

Councilor Pete said he.....Mr. Speaker he has a question. Pete asked he was going to ask yesterday and he forgot. Pete said so let's say an item comes up and they need to vote on it in order.....a unanimous vote to put it on the agenda and he is not here.

Speaker Riley said it is a unanimous vote of members present.

Councilor Pete said okay that is what he wanted to ask so if he is not here or whoever is not they can just still vote right.

Speaker Riley said right.

Councilor Pete said it doesn't have to be nine it is everyone there.

Speaker Riley said right and this is just for public comment also. Riley said it is not something that is going into effect until after they get the public to comment on it.....

Councilor Pete said correct.

Speaker Riley said.....additional work sessions so. Riley said this just a motion. Riley recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well he has been looking at this for a while now and trying to make sense of it. Crampton said he thinks the first \_\_\_\_ that he sees in it is that he is handing the ability to change the agenda to one Council member because if there going to be an addition and one Council member doesn't want is present doesn't want it to be on there and it requires an unanimous vote of all people present then that one guy determines if that goes on.

Speaker Riley said this is only for late adds.

Councilor Crampton said he understands that.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Councilor Crampton said he is just saying it breaks up.....he is just sees that as a problem in the future.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Councilor Crampton said he has no problem with posting it.

Councilor Friedel said um-hum.

Speaker Riley said all right. Riley asked is there any other questions or discussion or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE POSTING FOR 30-DAY PUBLIC  
COMMENT PERIOD THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
PROCEDURES ACT #06-100-02; by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked any further comments or discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #15**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis authorizing for posting 30 day public comment period Tribal Council Meeting Procedures Act #06-100-02 motion is approved.

**B. Authorizing minimum of 32 hours of work at the office attending meetings for Tribal Council Members to receive full compensation and superseding and clarifying Resolution #15-0415-115, #13-0424-085, #11-0420-132, #09-0415-099, #07-0321-147, #05-0511-197 and #03-0419-100 governing compensation for Tribal Council**

Tribal Council holds work sessions daily and the subjects of those work sessions are of great importance to the Tribe and Tribal Members that require the attention and attendance of all Tribal Council Members.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well he thinks he made his position known on this. Crampton said he means he don't.....this is pretty much an embarrassment. Crampton said out of all the Tribes that have Councils Little River works the most of all of them. Crampton said yeah four meetings per month. Crampton said they just had a new employee came in and informed them that the Tribe he used to work for reportedly what they can \_\_\_ for ten minutes before the meeting a month. Crampton said they said the situation is way better here and one of the better situations that he has seen. Crampton said this like is said is an embarrassment and the person is not even here today to represent this. Crampton said he makes a motion.

**MOTION TO REMOVE THIS FROM THE AGENDA;** by Crampton; supported by Corey.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked any other discussion. Riley said they are now on discussion to remove not on the item itself anymore. Riley recognized Boo Battice.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he would just like to agree and second with everything.....the 32 hour there is so much to politics and different things to be sitting here at the office especially if they are the outlying.....it's going to be hard and to represent them is not just in the office, yes, he is grateful but he thinks when Larry Romanelli first came in office he asked for a sit-down and he still hasn't gotten one. Battice thanked them.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley asked Ogema Romanelli if he wanted to respond to that, sir. Riley said to Ron Pete then he can go after that.

Ogema Romanelli said sure, absolutely.

Speaker Riley said to Ron Pete then he can go after that.

Councilor Pete said okay and thanked Speaker Riley.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah in response to Boo Battice's sit-down, yes, he thinks they have met several times.

Boo Battice asked in his office.

Ogema Romanelli said in his office yes, back at the Bank Building and here. Romanelli said he is welcome to have another sit-down if he would like even as soon as today if he would like.

Boo Battice said he would like to sit.....

Ogema Romanelli said what he doesn't get is the answer probably that he want.....

Boo Battice said which is true.....

Ogema Romanelli said.....which is his ability to fish he is assuming but yes they have talked several times.

Boo Battice said it is not his ability.....it's the pressure....

Speaker Riley said all right.....

Ogema Romanelli said but in answer to his question, yes, they have had several sit-downs and he will welcome him to set up another one even if he wanted to meet after this meeting that would be fine.

Boo Battice said he would love to.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Boo Battice asked are they just going to waste more time.

Speaker Riley said all right, all right they are on.....

Ogema Romanelli said he has no idea.

Speaker Riley said they are on the motion to remove here um so.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Boo Battice said he would like to con.....for a second yes, it should be removed.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Boo Battice.

Speaker Riley said all right.

Ogema Romanelli asked Boo Battice shouldn't be removed.

Councilor Pete said should.

Speaker Riley said Boo Battice is saying that it should be.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli said he would just like to say that he thinks it should be placed on the agenda, kept on the agenda; again, this is something that the Tribal members have been asking for for a long period of time. Romanelli said they are not every other Tribe they are the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and a large portion of their membership have suggested it over the years. Romanelli said he thinks, they know, it makes sense to him the only thing he would say is the WHEREAS where it says four consecutive weeks should be changed to four weeks within a 12 month period. Romanelli said this is really about accountability. Romanelli said that is really what it is about and he is not even sure there is 40 hours worth of work for Tribal Council when he has seen the amount of lack of attendance he would question that. Romanelli said it is a 24-7 job and they all have Tribal members that stop them in the store so they do put in time as well but that doesn't mean that they have a lack of 40 hours or in his case at least 40 hours that they can put in at their desk in the office or taking trainings or going to meetings. Romanelli said he still has the ability to do so even though lately it has been questioned and people are free to come to him if they want to question it. Romanelli said but they all do that so taking those discussions that they have in the store he thinks is irrelevant. Romanelli asked does a 40-hour workweek guarantee that the work is getting done. Romanelli answered absolutely not but he can assure them that 10-15 hours a week is probably not getting the job done when they have to cancel work sessions and other matters because of a lack of attendance. Romanelli said they also have the ability which he doesn't dis.....he don't really agree with but the ability to call into meetings so when they realize that attendance isn't only about sitting in their office it is also about just attending meetings in general. Romanelli said he thinks it's shocking to him that so many meetings go with not almost full attendance on a regular basis. Romanelli said again the membership has been asking for this for years. Romanelli said he thinks if it could have been he finds it odd that the membership has to beg their Elected Officials to come to work and he just....it just boggles his mind. Romanelli said they have been elected in trust to do the work for their very own Tribe and he thinks that does have some kind of accountability going back to the accountability and that could be done as simply as doing a weekly form that shows what they did all week. Romanelli said there are many ways that they can hold people accountable, Elected Officials, again when they have computer time on.....time on computer throughout the week. Romanelli said they have door entry reports, not just one thing can justify it but a multiple of things. Romanelli

said a weekly log if that is the case so. Romanelli said anyway he just will be interested to see how this votes comes out. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley said Ron Pete then he has Councilor Crampton again or Shannon.

Councilor Pete asked is it.....is he up.

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Pete yes he is next.

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley. Pete said he is just going to make a brief comment on this. Pete said he believed it was put on the agenda by a Tribal member. Pete said he believed this has been done, discussed, for boy at that time he was Chair of the Elders and he remembers the petition that came around for 32 hours. Pete said he believed that was distributed by Councilor Di Piazza that had to have been at least three years ago and he thinks it is about accountability so he is just saying he disagrees that it should be taken off the agenda. Pete said that is just his \_\_\_\_.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said oh, he would just like to express, yes, that is not the total member's opinion in fact there are a lot of members that don't want this so that is not the total Tribe that is a misnomer. Crampton said they also have if this is really about accountability they have people who at the casino who are Directors who make considerable amount more than Council they are not required to punch in. Crampton said in fact he heard some of them haven't even been there for four days at a time. Crampton said he doesn't.....this is a game and this is embarrassing, it is truly embarrassing, truly embarrassing as a Tribe. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Recorder Lewis asked is Boo Battice's hand up.

Speaker Riley recognized Boo Battice.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said if they are talking about responsibility, he would like to.....

Speaker Riley said they are still talking about whether the item should be removed from the agenda or not.

Boo Battice said okay he feels that the person who presented the item should be responsible to be here and defend it.

Speaker Riley said okay.



Boo Battice said so he don't think it should.....it should be removed he is not here.

Speaker Riley all right and thanked Boo Battice. Riley recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he would just like to point out the previous Council, the previous Speaker, would not even move a nomination for a Board unless the person was present so.

Speaker Riley said ah.....

Ogema Romanelli said just for clarification purposes. Romanelli said he never said the total membership was for this. Romanelli said he said a large portion of them were.

Councilor Crampton said oh, and thanked Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said a large group was he don't remember what he said but he didn't say total so just for clarification purposes. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley recognized Sandy Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she is accountable to herself. Lewis said she knows she puts 32+ hours in a week here. Lewis said aside from the fact the evening when she goes home read, etc. Lewis said every now and then she does have a little small amount of time for her own personal self. Lewis said the person that brought this forward didn't even come to the work session on Monday and they are not here today to represent so they were not even.....it wasn't even available to them to they know see where this person is coming from on this. Lewis said if they want to put her at 40 hours a week and make her an hourly employee that is fine she doesn't mind. Lewis said she puts in about 60 or more a week. Lewis said yeah this person wasn't even and they are not here to represent right now either to answer the questions to see where they are coming from. Lewis said some of the paperwork that was turned in was very old information and she means no disrespect to anybody that has passed on but when they are handing her paperwork that people that have passed on she means come on in here and speak with them. Lewis said she has already reached out to this person a few times on the 32-hour workweek to discuss it and they haven't contacted her yet so. Lewis said she is just going to leave it at that.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he would just like to point out that they can go back and they can date this for the last three elections it comes up every election period.

Crampton said every election period by the same person. Crampton said there is one other person that does it too but they both do it in conjunction for the last three or four years. Crampton said it is every time at election time. Crampton said like he said this is a true embarrassment and they all know what this ploy is about.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley said yes Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said he is looking at this and he will say the same thing as what he said when he turned around just the other day people were saying 32 hours and he has a mark right here it says at the office. Wittenberg said now they got these different resolutions down there and they see the people are going to see there some see that oh, they were out on a field trip or they were at this meeting over here no it says at the office right here and it totally blowing, to him, smoke. Wittenberg said that is what they are turning around and looking at the office and they are not going to get into what this really says all these numbers underneath here. Wittenberg said it is the same thing he said before make it black and white. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Riley said Miigwech. Riley recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said um, as far as this resolution it can be critiqued so that when they go on travel it would be like what they do on the other....on the Executive side eight hours when they travel they consider work so that always can be critiqued. Lonn asked is it an embarrassment to her. Lonn answered ah, no it is more of an embarrassment when there is nobody here and they can't have a meeting. Lonn said she knows that many people that she has talked to and seen in different places want 32 hours. Lonn asked is she for it. Lonn answered yeah, she will go 40 she doesn't care.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley recognized Dave Corey.

Councilor Corey said yeah, he is just going to say since he has been on this is all just an election ploy. Corey said it always like Shannon Crampton said comes up every election season over and over again. Corey said just because they check a little box, hit a little clock, read some paperwork, and the work session might take 15 minutes they get a little check by their name saying they attended it. Corey said they may not have read anything or understand it all but they were there so check the box. Corey said they know honestly he could probably do this job for free and one or two days a month in the evening or the weekends and still kept his other job but that is not how this.....their Constitution states and that is not how it has been done for years so hey if they want to change it change the Constitution first, make it announced so the people that are running in the next cycles would know that this going to be their job point then he would have no problem with it but after the fact during an election season is, they know, something to talk about on social media.

Speaker Riley said all right ah, Shannon Crampton. Riley said he will get them next.

Councilor Crampton said he will be more interested in doing this with productivity because that is the actual job of a Council Member. Crampton said like he said Little River meets four times a month, other Tribes meet once or twice, and that is across the United States. Crampton said he has been in Washington, he sat with groups of Tribes, they have always marveled at how they have meetings that go ten minutes, and they have meetings that go 24 hours and sometimes. Crampton said he tried to explain to them their workload but when he explained their pay and he looks at their pay there is a vast difference. Crampton repeated a vast difference. Crampton said they are the most hard worked Tribe in the U....in Michigan and the most underpaid Council. Crampton repeated in Michigan and that is a fact. Crampton said right now he is wearing a coat and if they walk up and smell it, they can. Crampton said it smells like the house of a Rez Floor that is what happens when they lay on a house with a Rez Floor and they are cleaning off mold for an Elder. Crampton repeated that is what happens. Crampton said so their job isn't just sitting here and he would like to see productivity because they have Council Members sitting here that haven't turned in any legislation in two years. Crampton repeated in two years and they want to get paid for sitting in an office. Crampton said he would too if he wasn't doing anything. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Riley said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said he has to agree with Councilor Corey's assumption that there probably could be done in a whole lot less time. Romanelli said he is absolutely in favor of going to that if they need. Romanelli said that is why he was thinking and have suggested going to stipends and going to part-time. Romanelli said he thinks that they could have other people sitting on the Council that could have other jobs and he doesn't think there would be a prohibition about that. Romanelli said he thinks that is something that really needs to be considered. Romanelli said they know the reason it comes up every election cycle he believes it is because it is one of the things that the Tribal members are interested in seeing. Romanelli said it usually comes from Tribal members asking about the attendance, etc. and that is why it comes up every year. Romanelli said he thinks a real simple way to get through this would be to send a letter out to every Tribal member asking the question. Romanelli said they could simply ask the same question that is here, send it out to all 4,200 members, and see what comes back. Romanelli said very simple and very quick. Romanelli thanked them very much.

Speaker Riley said all right. Riley recognized Sandy Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said okay another question comes up because if they are getting paid stipends then who is signing checks, who is setting up work sessions, there is

so much that goes along with the job. Lewis said when do, they know, their e-mails etc. so there is a lot of things that are still out there. Lewis said yeah she is just going to leave it at that.

Councilor Crampton said to Speaker Riley that he has one more thing to say about that.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley said just before says that he just wanted to say that they are going to wrap this up real quick because he means they have he thinks himself and the Ogema both have spoken four or five times on it so. Riley said to Councilor Crampton yeah go ahead.

Councilor Crampton said he would just like to say this is the embarrassment he is talking about and he would like all members to consider this. Crampton said look at the other Tribes and how they are structured. Crampton said Little River is once again talking about bending down and it is not the membership if they look back at who is bringing this forward every single time it is not a large amount of the membership so let's just get real. Crampton said this is an embarrassment.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley said all right. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Recorder Lewis said Joe Riley.....

Councilor Corey said he is sorry....

Councilor Pete asked can he ask one quick question. Pete asked are they voting right now on taking it.....

Speaker Riley replied removal, yes.

Councilor Pete said removal, okay.

Speaker Riley said they are voting on the motion to remove.

Councilor Pete said okay.

Recorder Lewis continued with the vote:

**Roll Call #16**

J. Riley -	No	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	No	R. Pete -	No
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	No	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said the motion has been passed to remove the 32-hour workweek at the office attending meetings for the Tribal Council Members to receive full compensation and superseding and clarifying Resolution #15-0415-115, #13-0424-085, #11-0420-132, #09-0415-099, #07-0321-147.....

Speaker Riley said 865309.

Recorder Lewis continued with.....#05-0511-197 and #03-0419-100 governing compensation for Tribal Council.

Councilor Pete said to Sandra Lewis could she say those again, please, he missed one of them.

Speaker Riley said all right.

**C. Approve Posting Amendments to the Elected Officials Ethics Ordinance #14-100-10 for 30-Day Public Comment Period**

The Tribal Council has drafted amendments to this ordinance and seeks public comment on amendments.

Speaker Riley said this is amending the Selection Process he believed. Riley said yeah the Selection Process. Riley asked do they have a motion or any discussion.

Councilor Crampton said this is just to post, right.

Speaker Riley said yeah, just to post. Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete asked Speaker Riley he said this is just a motion, right.

Speaker Riley replied just a motion.

Councilor Pete said he is prepared to make that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE POSTING AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS ETHICS ORDINANCE #14-100-10 FOR 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD; by Pete; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked any discussion. Riley said no discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #17**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said the motion is approved for Posting Amendments to the Elected Officials Ethics Ordinance #14-100-10 for 30-Day Public Comment Period.

**D. Authorizing the Donation of \$1,000 to the Grand Valley American Indian Lodge**

Tribal Leadership has determined that donations to organizations which contribute to the well-being of the community are appropriate for the purposes established by the Revenue Allocation Plan and the restrictions imposed by IGRA.

Speaker Riley recognized Sandy Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said this is something they do every year and they do have a large population of their people in the Grand Rapids area. Lewis said this is to support their Christmas Party, Thanksgiving and also the Pow Wow. Lewis said if there is nothing more can she make a motion.

Speaker Riley said yeah, go for it.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0410-090;  
AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$1,000 TO THE GRAND  
VALLEY AMERICAN INDIAN LODGE;** by Lewis; supported by  
Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley said oh, discussion. Riley asked any discussion on this. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #18**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	No	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	No	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #19-0410-090 has been approved.

**E. Approval to Post Proposed Housing Commission Hearing Regulation for a 30-Day Public Comment Period**

The Housing Commission submits the proposed Housing Commission Hearing Regulation for 30-Day Public Comment Period.

Speaker Riley explained 30-day public comment postings are always by motion just so everybody is clear on that. Riley asked do they have a motion on that. Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley he will make that motion.

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO POST PROPOSED HOUSING COMMISSION HEARING REGULATION FOR A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD;** by Pete; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked any discussion on the Hearing Regulation or on the posting thereof. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #19**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said Approval for Posting the Proposed Housing Commission Hearing Regulation has been approved.

**F. Approval to Post Housing Regulation #R700-01:HC-4 Chapter 4-Rent Payments, Collection and Eviction Procedures for Tribal Rental Units for a 30-Day Public Comment Period**

The Housing Commission submits the Housing Chapter 4 Regulation for 30-Day Public Comment Period.

Speaker Riley asked do they have.....recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley. Pete said he will make the motion.

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO POST HOUSING REGULATION #R700-01:HC-4 CHAPTER 4-RENT PAYMENTS, COLLECTION AND EVICTION PROCEDURES FOR TRIBAL RENTAL UNITS FOR 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD;** by Pete; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said all right no abstentions. Riley asked any discussion on the posting. Riley recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton asked this is item F right.

Recorder Lewis said um-hum.

Speaker Riley said yes, Item F.

Councilor Crampton said if they just change the title to reflect his motion because it doesn't say posting on there.

Speaker Riley said approval to post Housing Regulation.

Councilor Lonn said yeah it does.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, but he is just talking about in the Agenda Request Form. Crampton said Housing well.....never mind they will catch it later.

Speaker Riley said all right, all right. Riley said he was going to say if it's.....

Councilor Pete asked did he read it wrong.

Councilor Lonn said no.

Speaker Riley said he doesn't know they will get it figured out later. Riley said if there is nothing further. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Recorder Lewis said it looks fine.

Speaker Riley said yeah they will get it figured out later.

**Roll Call #20**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said Posting for Housing Commission Regulation #R700-01:HC-4 Chapter 4-Rent Payment, Collection and Eviction Procedures for Tribal Rental Units for 30-day public comment period approved.

**G. Approval to Post Housing Regulation #R700-01:HC-7 Chapter 7-Maintenance and Modernization Regulations for Low Income Elder and Tribally Owned Rental Homes for a 30-Day Public Comment Period**

The Housing Commission submits Chapter 7 for a 30-Day Public Comment Period.

Speaker Riley asked do they have a motion or discussion. Riley recognized Ron Pete.



Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley he will make the motion.

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO POST HOUSING REGULATION  
#R700-01:HC-7 CHAPTER 7-MAINTENANCE AND  
MODERNIZATION REGULATIONS FOR LOW INCOME ELDER  
AND TRIBALLY OWNED RENTAL HOMES FOR 30-DAY  
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD; by Pete; supported Friedel.**

Speaker Riley said sorry, he started to say something and he didn't hear who said that but he heard it come from both ends.

Councilor Friedel said either him or Di it doesn't matter.

Speaker Riley said he got Jamie Friedel on that one. Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said no abstentions. Riley asked any discussion on the Maintenance and Modernization Regulations. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call please.

**Roll Call #21**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	No
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said Posting for Housing Commission Regulation #R700-01:HC-7 Chapter 7-Maintenance and Modernization Regulation for Low Income and Tribally Owned Rental Homes for a 30-Day Public Comment Period motion approved.

**VI. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, April 17, 2019**

**B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Ogema Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said he just wanted to remind everyone that the Membership Meeting is coming up this Saturday. Romanelli said at the Elder's Meeting last Saturday an Elder came up to him to ask about the Revenue Allocation Plan and the percentage how the 40% is calculated for Per Cap. Romanelli said her understanding and he heard this before and that's why he thought he would look into it again is that it was supposed to be in her understanding that it was supposed to be taken from the Gross. Romanelli said he said everything that he looked at it has never been from the Gross the 40% is from the Gross Revenues it has always been the same. Romanelli said they know they had a Revenue Allocation Plan that was off from the Compact and then they also had an amendment to the Compact but the wording has always been the same. Romanelli said he will read it for the benefit of their members. Romanelli read

*"the use of the Net Gaming Revenues individual Per Capita Distributions Allocation. The Tribal Council hereby allocated 40% of the Net Gaming Revenues to individual Per Capita Distribution."* Romanelli said so he thinks that is important to note. Romanelli said there was another part here that described the Revenue Allocation. Romanelli read *"Net Gaming Revenues means revenues derived from the Tribe's Class II and Class III Gaming Operations and associated amenities distributed to the Tribe on a monthly basis through the prescribed formula of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization that's evida less Interest Expense, Gaming Tax, Capital Replacement Reserve, Debt Principle Repayment and Gaming Compact related payments."* Romanelli said so if they look at evida and that it is basically said the same. Romanelli said he doesn't know that it has ever changed. Romanelli said they are talking about the Compact and the Revenue Alloc.....the original Revenue Allocation Plan was from 2008 and the wording has never changed. Romanelli said he thinks there might be some misunderstanding among the members as to what that is. Romanelli said so he just wanted to clarify for her and others. Romanelli said he also asked her if she sees something that maybe he is missing that was passed around please bring it forward because his understanding is this is the way it is and the way it has always been.

Speaker Riley um yeah, yeah, that is the way that it's been since the beginning sometimes things get passed around to people and they like a game of telephone they get kind of twisted around. Riley said he means if they are talking about Gross he means a certain percentage of that money never even existed because they are talking about Free Play there.

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Speaker Riley said so he means he doesn't think they would ever do a calculation based on Gross because then it would hamper their ability to do Free Play. Riley said they would have to pay basically the.....they would have to pay distribution or like a tax on money that.....

Ogema Romanelli said that they never really had.

Speaker Riley said.....they never really wagered really so.

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to add that he was referring to IGRA, Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, where it says that they can use.....the use of Net Gaming Revenues for Per Cap not Gross.

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Councilor Crampton said so there is limitations.

Speaker Riley said um-hum.

Councilor Crampton said yup.

Ogema Romanelli said it's not just all self-imposed as he is showing. Romanelli said so okay hopefully that clears it up for the person. Romanelli said if he sees her again he will talk to her again because he didn't know if she would be here or not. Romanelli said the other thing was the last item he has that there is supposed to be a work session at 1:00 with the Gaming Commission regarding his Gaming License again it is still an issue.

Speaker Riley said it was about the Oversight.....their Gaming Oversight Act with he guessed some.....he guessed yeah..... Riley said to Councilor Crampton he means he could probably clarify the question.

Ogema Romanelli said sure.

Councilor Crampton said no he can't because that was brought up in Closed so he doesn't know what he is doing.

Speaker Riley said yeah, yeah so well the work session was an open work session so.

Ogema Romanelli said it was an open work session.

Councilor Crampton said the work session that was scheduled out of a Closed Session. Crampton said yeah, okay.

Ogema Romanelli asked they can't talk about it. Romanelli said it was in Open Session Work Session.

Councilor Lonn said um-hum. Lonn said that is what she thought.

Councilor Crampton said nope, he didn't schedule an open work session. Crampton said the vote came out of a Closed Session so he is not sure how that happened but he will find out.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said so there is nothing moving forward on it he is assuming but he was invited to a.....an Open Session Work Session. Romanelli said okay so it's not happening anyway.

Speaker Riley said no it is not happening.

Ogema Romanelli said okay and thanked them.

Councilor Pete said okay.

### **C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Speaker Riley recognized Sandy Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said um, Councilor Wittenberg and herself went to Self-Governance. Lewis said she knows Councilor Crampton was over there also along with a couple of their employees which was really nice to see their new doctor and also Jay Sam was there. Lewis said something that she really wanted to bring to people's attention is they were telling them there that there is a website and it is a nationwide website. Lewis said it is [www.nameus.gov](http://www.nameus.gov) and what this is is a system that ah, for missing persons. Lewis said so far in the database they do have 335 missing Native people. Lewis said if they would like to they know go into that website get familiar with it. Lewis said they do have fingerprinting services and they are going to go by dental and forensic. Lewis said then also they are going to make a National Native American Missing Persons Day. Lewis said they just said that was in August and they didn't give a date on it just yet but she thinks this is really important database to their people so. Lewis said it is not just....it is everybody male-female and she will go ahead and pass that onto him.

Speaker Riley recognized Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah it was truly an honor to be there. Wittenberg said he knows they asked different Nations for Tribal Flags and up in there they had a lot of the Nations sent their flags. Wittenberg said Jay Sam brought one and they had two up there which was pretty awesome. Wittenberg said he went to the one on where they were talking about the Farm Bill and they were talking about Hemp and Marijuana. Wittenberg said what the scale is and how a lot of people get it mixed up. Wittenberg said there is a lot of people who don't know nothing about Hemp or Marijuana and they turned around and broke it down where he can understand where the government went in and mowed down all this Hemp but they were supposed to take a test on there and they never did review exactly what the numbers are for that test. Wittenberg said then they had a lady from Alaska representing everybody and they were talking about what is Affordable Homes. Wittenberg said then they turned around and what they need more is education also talks into We As Native People Anishinaabe People that even though they are involved in their own government here that they need to get outside and be like in the city or the state and things like that to have more of a voice in it. Wittenberg said so it was pretty awesome and he enjoyed it. Wittenberg said there were a lot of things that they had to say. Wittenberg said he knows the one thing on there even though they talked about the Opiates but they also talked about putting land into trust. Wittenberg said when they turned around and did

that he found it quite interesting when they said well discussing Off Reservation \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of gaming from Off Reservation \_\_\_\_\_ for other purposes he thought that was pretty interesting to what they had to say. Wittenberg said personally what they had to say and it was on their tape there that they had the say well at this moment they are not doing any signing up there and he thought what. Wittenberg said that doesn't mean that their circle is that way because they might be further along than what others are. Wittenberg said he did hear that in some instances they are signing it but he knows what they said there and they told people from all over that is so to speak on the back burner. Wittenberg said he did find that quite interesting. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Riley said all right. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton then Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Crampton said well he attended the meeting also and he found the Opioids discussion very, very he doesn't know not to his satisfaction but he thinks they were missing a component here of Self-Governance because they talked about how they treat people, how it is escalating, how they need to dump more dollars into basically triage after the fact, after somebody's has been wounded, after somebody's addicted, after it's been done. Crampton said he didn't see a lot on the proactivity end of it. Crampton said these reservations is where most of this is coming from and this like he said before this is not a business where they take out a billboard and they advertise this is something where they talk among their friends and their buddies and their family. Crampton said those are the same people that are their customers. Crampton said those are the same people they pollute. Crampton said they need to out these people not just to criminally charge them but to help them out of their addiction also. Crampton said he knows the thing that he did....found very troubling was the recent verdicts for the Affordable Care Act coming out of Texas. Crampton said he sees a lot of foundational movement that could jeopardize Tribes as a whole. Crampton said the wording in there is very, very, very scary and they need to confront this as soon as possible and as quick as possible. Crampton said he would also like to note that it was a very large contingent of people there and Tribes and he was very happy to see everybody that was there but at the end of one of their.....at the end of one of their days there was a Drumming Ceremony and out of all the Tribes there they were singled out. Crampton said Little River and Councilor Ron Wittenberg was asked to come and join the Drum.

Speaker Riley recognized Jamie Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said also on that note last Tuesday he was.....he had the honors of going to the NRCC Dinner. Friedel said several Congressmen attended Jack Bergman was one of the gentlemen they seen that was with actually Steve Scofes their Federal Liaison. Friedel said it was a very, very enlightening day. Friedel said a lot of Republicans they know what they are going to do, how they are going to do it, how they are going to win but dinner that night was with the

President.....Mr. Trump. Friedel said it was very, they know, he was kind of surprised on actually seeing him in person and being able to listen to what he was saying. Friedel said the news portrays somebody totally different than they know when they actually get up in front and they see for themselves exactly who it is. Friedel said they know a lot of policy on that and also on the other hand last week he was on the USDA call with USDA and all the Tribal Liaisons that is dealing with the Farm Bill and stuff. Friedel said they got accepted for Grand Rapids to be able to service Grand Rapids Area right now for USDA Waivers. Friedel said they are still working on Muskegon that is coming through but Grand Rapids has been accepted so they can start taking care of their Grand Rapids people with their food as well so. Friedel repeated Muskegon is on its way. Friedel said it is just a matter of when they pass that through so hopefully it is this week.

Councilor Lonn said Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Riley recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said referring back to Mr. Wittenberg when he had said that they wanted the Tribal Community to get the Councilors and other ones to get more involved with the city. Lonn said she was selected to be on the Central Wellness Board and she will be working with them and they do help and work with this Tribal Wellness Group, Mental Health Group so she is now one of their.....on their seats so.

Tribal Council Member said congratulations.

Councilor Lonn thanked them. Lonn said it will be working with both.

Speaker Riley said okay anything else for Legislative. Riley recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well they did receive some commendations and he doesn't know if they can share that with the public. Crampton said from their Lobbyist on Mr. Friedel's trip to Washington. Crampton asked can they share those.

Speaker Riley said he doesn't know what he.....

Councilor Crampton explained Steve Scofes sent them a letter thanking them.

Speaker Riley said oh, yeah. Riley said he can go ahead.

Councilor Crampton thanked Speaker Riley. Crampton said it just to the, he thinks, the Shoreline Task Force and says Joe Riley, Ron Pete and Larry Romanelli. Crampton read, *"I just wanted you to know that having Jamie Friedel at that NRCC Event worked out great. We worked the sessions together very well*

*and covered a lot of ground. Jamie Friedel did a great job in representing the Tribe as well as knowing a lot of the key contacts and was very sociable. It was great to have him sit with us at the NRCC Dinner Event last night. Again thanks for having attended in your absence. Steve Scofes"*

Speaker Riley thanked Shannon Crampton and Jamie Friedel. Riley said all right if there is nothing else for Legislative Affairs.

#### **D. Public Comment Period**

Speaker Riley said to Boo Battice that he was going to get him first because he had the one thing and he will get to Nikki Nelson next.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he doesn't know how many they have to \_\_\_\_\_ because he missed the comment on the reports for the Natural Resource Commission because the reports weren't sent in and he guessed there has been some kind of a hold. Battice said they didn't have their paperwork but he believed the January they had a meeting he wasn't present and that is when he guessed the quorum voted someone else Chair and someone else the Recorder. Battice said since that time he has been kind of left out of the whole situation. Battice said the computer has been handed because Jake Kequom was the last Recorder.....their last Recorder and he didn't mean to mention names. Battice said their last Recorder tried to return the computer to him because at that point and time he was the Chair. Battice said he recommended that he return it back to IT that way it goes through the proper sources but he also recommended that the last Recorder-Secretary of the commission recorder he also handed that to Gary Di Piazza because he is their Liaison. Battice said he just recommended it and he doesn't know how far it went because he didn't want to touch the computer and told him to give it right to IT over here and he mentioned that to Gary Di Piazza about January and February. Battice said it is really discouraging because it seems of like an attack on him personally. Battice said a certain same individual which is he not going to say no names. Battice said he doesn't know.....he is dependent on this. Battice said his livelihood has been taken and no one is helping him guide so they know by preventing turning these in it stops him from even getting crumbs. Battice said to even show up he has to beg and he had to beg for \$10.00 to come today. Battice said this is important to him same thing with Monday and to sit here and hold these information or somehow lose it. Battice said to the best of his knowledge their Liaison had these reports and he is going to make that statement that is going to be the end of them reports. Battice said then he has another thing he guessed he is going to jump into something personal seeing how that is how everything. Battice said the meeting like he said when he asked for it he didn't get a response. Battice said to Ogema Romanelli that he knows they might have met over in the Dome Room maybe once or twice but he can't trust a word he says. Battice said when he himself told him they had intentions on getting.....they didn't have intention on having.....he told him over at the casino they had intentions of getting that back from him.

Councilor Lonn asked what?

Ogema Romanelli said he is not sure what.....

Boo Battice said so.....

Ogema Romanelli said.....he is not following what did they have intentions on.

Boo Battice said he is saying for him to want to set-up a meeting with him.

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Boo Battice said when he already told him he had intentions of taking him down.

Speaker Riley said all right, all right.

Councilor Lonn said that is enough.

Ogema Romanelli said that is nonsense.

Councilor Crampton said it is Joe Riley's job to stop this not anybody else's.

Speaker Riley said to Boo Battice yeah, yeah, yeah if he wants to have a conservation with Ogema Romanelli.....

Boo Battice said he wants to set-up a meeting if he is working in two.....if he is walking into a bullet.

Speaker Riley finished with.....then he needs to have a conservation with Ogema Romanelli this public comment for the Tribal Council Meeting.

Boo Battice said it is public.....he just doesn't understand he said he would set-up a meeting.....

Speaker Riley said to Boo Battice if he wants to get up and say that the Ogema won't take his meetings then that is making a comment going back and forth.

Boo Battice said he is scared.

Councilor Crampton said okay.....

Boo Battice said.....to have a meeting with him.

Councilor Crampton said he just wants to stop him and can everybody stop here this is a personal conservation that needs to happen off the record between the Ogema and Boo Battice and this needs to be stopped in that order.



Speaker Riley said yes, yes.

Boo Battice said yes he will respect that. Battice said okay they are going to go on from there since nobody wants to guide him and that he is going to ask for a donation to get him some new batteries. Battice asked can he.....guide through the right process for \$400 for a donation because they don't want to guide him through the fisheries he is looking for a donation.....

Speaker Riley said their Charitable Donations Ordinance doesn't allow donations outside of the 501 C Organizations. Riley said he thinks he is looking for help which would mean he probably would have to go through their Family Service Department for the kind of help he is asking for.

Boo Battice said the kind of help he is asking for is fisheries nobody is guiding him for that so he is asking for a donation from somewhere because the shipping has started and he is going to need to move his boat because he does maintain it. Battice said it is going to cost way more and then guys don't know that. Battice said they are putting that burden on him of thousands of dollars of stopping shipping.....

Speaker Riley said all right, all right.

Boo Battice said.....boat.

Councilor Di Piazza said to Boo Battice two things he has offered him batteries if he wants to stop by he will give him two batteries 12 volt deep cycle that will take care of his battery problem. Di Piazza said he told him that before. Di Piazza said as far as the minutes when he doesn't want to say is whatever but when the past Recorder of the commission they wanted the recorder and the laptop they said they didn't like the process he was doing of recording the meet.....the minutes of the meetings taking it to IT and getting two CDs burned because he gets two burnt, he gives one to the Recorder and he would retain one. Di Piazza said they always come up missing well guess what he doesn't have them.....a backup CD of the meetings because that didn't happen. Di Piazza said everybody wanted to take the recorder and the laptop so that is all he can tell him. Di Piazza said he doesn't have those minutes to go back to. Di Piazza said that is the process he was utilizing to record that commission meeting and have it burned on a CD and give it to the Recorder and the Tribe retained one in a file. Di Piazza said he has a stack of CDs like this from past meetings other than these meetings. Di Piazza said it is not pointing a finger at anybody.....

Boo Battice said he is not going to let it get pointed at him.

Councilor Di Piazza asked Boo Battice does he want two batteries he would be more than happy to scavenge in his electronic devices that produce electricity and

he will give him two deep cycle batteries. Di Piazza said if he wants them that is fine if he doesn't that is fine he doesn't.....it is up to him. Di Piazza said either/or that is up to him.

Boo Battice thanked Councilor Di Piazza for the input. Battice said he would like to state that he doesn't believe he was there in January so those minutes he doesn't.....he doesn't.....he wasn't even there.

Speaker Riley said okay, okay.

Councilor Di Piazza said he can't help with any of that he doesn't have that.

Speaker Riley said this.....this.....

Councilor Di Piazza said he is done.

Boo Battice said he is done also.

Speaker Riley said all right and thanked Boo Battice. Riley recognized Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said the IT Director was willing to answer any IT questions he knows he is non-native so he doesn't know if he has a right or not but he offered. Romanelli said to Boo Battice on the other thing the offer to meet still stands he means he asked earlier and he offered now he is saying he is afraid to meet with him. Romanelli said he is not sure what to do but the offer still stands. Romanelli said they met when he was cleaning his office \_\_\_\_.....

Speaker Riley said all right they ended this before.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Speaker Riley said them guys need to have that conversation in private.

Ogema Romanelli said so okay. Romanelli asked do they want the IT Director up to answer anything.

Speaker Riley said um.....

Councilor Friedel answered no.

Ogema Romanelli asked are they good?

Speaker Riley said he thinks they are good. Riley repeated he thinks they are good.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley said he has no problem with him speaking or addressing questions he just doesn't think a question was really presented.

Ogema Romanelli said okay and thanked them.

Speaker Riley recognized Nikki Nelson.

Nikki Nelson, Tribal #0421, said first she wanted to just say to Councilor Crampton he said that there was no proactivity in the synopsis that he went to the Opioid one.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Nikki Nelson said she just wanted to mention that statistics show that for natives not only for addiction but for suicide prevention and for domestic violence prevention all of those is directly linked to them having a strong cultural tie to their community and until that is done the other things aren't going to follow they have to start with that foundation so until they have that there is not going to be a whole lot proactivity. Nikki said then secondly she would like to ask....she sent an e-mail out eight days ago she thinks other than Ron Pete.....Nelson thanked Ron Pete.....but the others that want a 32 hour work week nobody even bothered to e-mail her back in the last eight days. Nelson said like she said and thanked Ron Pete again. Nelson said to Ron Pete yes he did.

Councilor Pete said okay he thought he sent something.

Nikki Nelson said to Ron Pete yes he did, he did but Larry Romanelli, Joe Riley those that want the 32-hour workweek didn't even bother to send an e-mail back. Nikki Nelson said all she was asking is she is collecting red dresses for a Red Dress Display to.....May 5<sup>th</sup> is the National Day to raise awareness in remembrance for missing and murdered indigenous women. Nelson said so she is collecting red dresses and so she was asking.....she has a box that she has painted red just.....if she can put it in the lobby or something that way members can come and just drop one off. Nelson said if they get it at a yard sale or they have one in their closet or whatever just so she has somewhere centrally located for people to drop theirs off. Nelson said there is a lot of other Tribes that are doing this across the country and Canada too so. Nelson said oh, sure.

Speaker Riley recognized Ron Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley. Pete asked can he address directly.

Speaker Riley said yeah.

Councilor Pete said to Nikki Nelson okay he when he read her.....about the red dresses part he kind of sent her some.....he is not really sure so are the dre.....are the dresses going to be just like a.....he knows they are a symbol but are these dresses she wants because he can check with his wife because he doesn't have any red dresses.

Speaker Riley said sure he doesn't.

Nikki Nelson said sure.

Councilor Pete asked is that.....are these want to be ones that where they can give away to people to wear or.....

Nikki Nelson said they are for display and so they will be hanging some are being returned like some people are letting them use their red Jingle Dresses and stuff so that there is a native but then of course they have already returned those to them. Nelson said then some people have a couple that she got at Goodwill because they were like \$3.00 or something so they know. Nelson said so in that way she knows yard sale season is coming and stuff so if people can if they have them at home or whatever. Nelson said then.....so then on May 5<sup>th</sup> they will have like a she doesn't want to say a ceremony just something some kind of remembrance thing and at the same time all the other Tribes that are participating are doing that at the same time so then they will all posted live on.....on the missing and murdered indigenous site.

Councilor Pete said so may he have a quick follow-up so if Vicky Pete wants to donate one or two.....if she has them.....

Nikki Nelson said yeah.

Councilor Pete said.....if she doesn't want them back she will find a home for them.

Nikki Nelson replied yes.

Councilor Pete asked is that what she is saying.

Nikki Nelson said yes yup, yup, yes.

Councilor Pete said okay, all right.

Speaker Riley said all right.

Nikki Nelson said also....um, the Sugar Shack is done but they are having a breakfast at 8:00 the day of the Membership Meeting just those that have been out there doing the Sugar Shack they are just hosting a Pancake Breakfast and just

obviously using their syrup that way....that they got this year so then anyone is welcome she just figured that was a good time because the Spring Teachings are moved so there wasn't the breakfast that normally was that morning so it will just be at Aki.

Councilor Pete asked what time does that start.

Nikki Nelson replied 8:00.

Councilor Crampton asked do they have bacon.

Nikki Nelson asked huh?

Councilor Crampton asked do they have bacon.

Nikki Nelson said they have hams. Nelson asked why does he want bac.....does he want to cook bacon.

Speaker Riley said all right.

Councilor Corey said easy on the cook.

Councilor Friedel said don't make him a hooked sword.

Speaker Riley recognized Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said as far as the donation's box set-up he don't know if she just wanted one here in the Government Center or Muskegon or other offices. Romanelli said he doesn't know what the process is he doesn't have a problem setting them up he thinks there may be some criteria but he is not sure.

Nikki Nelson said yeah, and that is why she didn't know and why she just didn't walk in with a box and say "*Hey I'm going to put this here.*"

Ogema Romanelli said he is not sure what that process would be. Romanelli said maybe if she contacted the three Leads they could talk to the different departments because he is not sure what it is he means they have they know qualifications for donations or whatever so. Romanelli said yeah, but he is okay with it if it meets the qualifications.

Nikki Nelson said okay and thanked Ogema Romanelli.

Councilor Pete thanked Nikki Nelson.

Speaker Riley thanked Nikki Nelson.

Councilor Friedel thanked Nikki Nelson.

Speaker Riley said okay do they have anything else under public comment. Riley recognized Boo Battice. Riley said all right let's keep on task this time.

Boo Battice said he just wanted to thank Grace Hendler for all the times she has put in and recognized what she does sitting over here in the corner and also George Le Vasseur their IT. Battice said he thanks them guys because them guys don't get noticed or mentioned but they are here. Battice thanked Grace Hendler and George Le Vasseur.

Speaker Riley thanked Boo Battice.

Councilor Pete thanked Boo Battice.

Speaker Riley said they are going to be going into Closed Session.

*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.*

Tribal Council recessed at 11:32 a.m.

## **VIII. Open Session**

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 12:20 p.m.

J. Riley - Present	J. Friedel - Present	D. Corey - Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	R. Pete - Present
R. Wittenberg-Present	D. Lonn - Absent	S. Lewis - Present

Quorum established.

Recorder Lewis said they have a quorum.

### **A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis that they have no items to move.

Recorder Lewis said nope.

Speaker Riley said no items to move.

*There were no items to be moved from Closed to Open Session.*

## **IX. Adjourn**

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to adjourn at 12:21.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 12:21;** by Friedel; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

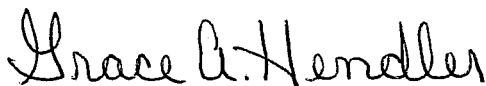
**Roll Call #22**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	D. Lonn -	Absent	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,  
Tribal Council Recorder