

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018  
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 11, 2018. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

**I. Opening Prayer**

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

We thank you for this day.

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

We ask that you guide us and be with us.

Guide our minds and our hearts that we may walk in a good way.

We are thankful for all those servicemen and all those within our Tribe.

Let us think of the ones that are the family members who had a member take that journey.

Help them over to where they need to go and comfort them.

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.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if he could do a roll call.

**B. Roll Call**

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Jennifer Crampton, Karen Love, Terri Burmeister, Val Mc Donnell, Tammy Burmeister, Bill Willis, Boo Battice.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Heather Maneke, Mary Thomas, Officers Patrick Gilles and Paul Aksamitowski, Mike Ceplina, Melanie Ceplina, Judge Bailey, Alan Tyler, Rebecca Liebing, Caitlin Rollins, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M;** by Wittenberg; supported by Di Piazza.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they can get a roll call.

**Roll Call #1**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said the agenda for April 11, 2018 has been approved.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes  4/4/18**

Acting Speaker Lewis asked can she get a motion for accepting and filing.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 4/4/18 FOR FILING;** by Medacco; supported by Friedel.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if he can do a roll call.

**Roll Call #2**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said the minutes for 4/4/18 has been accepted.

**E. Oath of Office Administered**

Acting Speaker Lewis said they have Judge Bailey and Mike Ceplina. Lewis said they want to say congratulations to him and welcome to the Election Board.

**Election Board**

- Michael Ceplina

Mike Ceplina recited the following Oath of Office:

*I, Michael Ceplina, swear to uphold and protect the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Constitution of the United States of America. I swear to uphold all laws and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa and to carry out my responsibilities as a member of the Election Board with the upmost care and professionalism.*

*Signed and sworn before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.*

#### **F. Break**

Acting Speaker Lewis said they are going to go into recess and take a break for cake. Lewis said everybody stick around. Lewis said if everybody would like to go ahead and get some cake.

Tribal Council took a break at 10:05 a.m.

Tribal Council reconvened at 10:16 a.m.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if he could give them a roll call.

#### **G. Roll Call**

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

Quorum established.

### **III. Continuing Business**

#### **A. Grants & Contracts**

#### **B. Budget Modifications**

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Government to Government (G2G) IRR Program and Approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-     in the amount of \$135,080**

The Tribe has received additional funding.

Councilor Medacco said Bill Willis was here but he stepped out when they went into recess. Medacco said he doesn't know if anybody contacted him or does he know how long they were going to be gone or out of recess.

Acting Speaker Lewis said no.

Councilor Lonn thanked Mary Thomas who went to get Bill Willis.

Acting Speaker Lewis said yeah they have their locator out.

Councilor Medacco said they never know how long they are going to be in recess.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked he was in here?

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said apparently he didn't want cake.

Acting Speaker Lewis said Bill Willis will be representing this item, III B.1.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning and thanked them. Willis said this item is additional funding they received from the BIA Government to Government IRR Roads Program. Willis said the money has been split between Construction and Planning. Willis said the majority of the money going to Construction. Willis said Council just needs to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Acting Speaker Lewis said okay any questions on this. Lewis recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said if there is no discussion he will make that motion.

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

Acting Speaker Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they can get a roll call.

**Roll Call #3**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0411-110 has passed.

**2. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2018-\_\_; Amending the Operating Budget as follows:**

<b>IT Department</b>	<b>Program #2000-403</b>	<b>\$51,825</b>
<b>Tribal Council</b>	<b>Program #1020-100</b>	<b>\$8,617.50</b>
<b>Tribal Ogema</b>	<b>Program #1010-103</b>	<b>\$2,057.50</b>
<b>Unified Legal</b>	<b>Program #1020-109</b>	<b>\$6,172.50</b>

**NGLC**                                  **Program #1010-173**                                  **\$14,402.50**  
Tribal Council must approve the re-allocation of funds within a  
Program Budget that exceeds 10% of the total original Program  
Budget or transfers between programs.

George Le Vasseur, IT Director, represented this agenda item. Le Vasseur said good morning. Le Vasseur said this represents a purchase of laptops not laptops but tablets for the various programs noted in there. Le Vasseur said they are moving the money from the IT Capital Fund to these Programs so that they can actually account for the money appropriately. Le Vasseur said this is something that they discussed in a work session and Agenda Review. Le Vasseur said this was also something they planned while they did the Budget Process. Le Vasseur said they knew that they had a lot of equipment that needed to be replaced. Le Vasseur said there are still some upgrades that they will still need to do later on but they are much smaller and this is probably the largest equipment upgrade that they will be doing this year.

Acting Speaker Lewis said okay any questions. Lewis asked can she get a motion. Lewis recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said if there is no discussion he will make that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0411-111;  
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2018-22;  
AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET AS FOLLOWS:**

<b>IT Department</b>	<b>Program #2000-403</b>	<b>\$51,825</b>
<b>Tribal Council</b>	<b>Program #1020-100</b>	<b>\$8,617.50</b>
<b>Tribal Ogema</b>	<b>Program #1010-103</b>	<b>\$2,057.50</b>
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<b>NGLC</b>	<b>Program #1010-173</b>	<b>\$14,402.50</b>

by Medacco; supported by Di Piazza.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked any questions. Lewis recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said to Councilor Medacco if he could repeat that.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they can get a roll call.

**Roll Call #4**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0411-111 has passed.

George Le Vasseur thanked them and apologized for the complexity but that is the way it has to go.

Acting Speaker Lewis thanked George Le Vasseur.

**3. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-\_\_ in the amount of \$218,470**

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

Acting Speaker Lewis said Bill Willis is here to represent this.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item represents Modification #3 to the 2018 Self-Governance Compact with Indian Health Services. Willis said year to date this brings them up to \$1,476,849 and they projected \$2,687,779 so they are about 55% of what they projected for the year. Willis said they do anticipate getting additional funding.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked any questions on this item. Lewis recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said if there are no comments or discussion he will make that motion.

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

Acting Speaker Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they can get a roll call.

**Roll Call #5**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0411-112 is passed.

Acting Speaker Lewis thanked Bill Willis.

**4. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-\_\_ in the amount of \$49,302**

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

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item represents Modification #4 to the 2018 Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Willis said year to date this brings them up to \$350,683. Willis said they projected in 2018 they would receive \$1,923,539 so they are about 18% of what they projected. Willis said once again they do anticipate getting additional funding over the course of the year.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked any questions on this item or motion. Lewis recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said if there is no discussion he will make that motion.

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

Acting Speaker Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they can get a roll call.

**Roll Call #6**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0411-113 is passed.

**5. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-2018 Elder Meals Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-\_\_ in the amount of \$26,512**

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

Acting Speaker Lewis said Bill Willis is also here to represent this item.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item represents partial funding for year two of the 2018 Elders Meal Program. Willis said the program started April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year and ends March 31<sup>st</sup> of 2019 so they do anticipate getting some additional funds at some time in the future.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked are there any questions or a motion. Lewis recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said if there is no discussion he will make that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0411-114;  
 ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE  
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-2018  
 ELDER MEALS PROGRAM AND APPROVING A  
 MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-25 IN  
 THE AMOUNT OF \$26,512; by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg.**

Acting Speaker Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they can get a roll call.

**Roll Call #7**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0411-114 is passed.

Acting Speaker Lewis thanked Bill Willis.

6. **Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2018-\_\_-2<sup>nd</sup> QTR to fund legal representation for Tribal Council in the Ogema-Stone v. Tribal Council Case in the amount of \$30,000**  
 Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2018-007 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked are there any questions or a motion. Lewis recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he will make that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0411-115;  
 APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2018-07-2<sup>nd</sup>**



**QTR TO FUND LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL IN THE OGEMA-STONE v. TRIBAL COUNCIL CASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000; by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg.**

Acting Speaker Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they can get a roll call.

**Roll Call #8**

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0411-115 is passed.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

**1. Approval for Jamie Friedel to attend the Violence Against Women Association (VAWA) Conference in Sault Ste. Marie on April 23-24, 2018**

The VAWV Conference is being held at the Kewadin Casino Hotel & Convention Center. The Sault Tribe will be reimbursing for the first five registrants for this event.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked any questions on that. Lewis said she wanted to say that this is funding coming out of VAWA itself so there is really no expenditure for them.

Councilor Medacco said there is no expenditure but the reason why it is on here is because until the expenditure is done and it is being reimbursed so they will have to foot the bill first then be reimbursed later. Medacco said that is why it is on the agenda otherwise usually it is not.

Acting Speaker Lewis said okay. Lewis asked any abstentions on this. Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they can get a roll call.

Tribal Council said they need to make a motion.

Acting Speaker Lewis said a motion then apologized.

**MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF JAMIE FRIEDEL TO ATTEND THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN SAULT STE. MARIE ON APRIL 23-24, 2018; by Medacco; supported by Crampton.**

Acting Speaker Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza now can they get a roll call?

**Roll Call #9**

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

Motion carried (6-0-1-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said motion is carried.

**2. Approval for Jamie Friedel to attend the National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (NAFDPIR) 2018 Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada June 10-15, 2018**

The Conference will be held at the Peppermill Resort & Casino.

Acting Speaker Lewis recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said he just wants to let everybody know that Ken Le Haye at the Food Distribution had sent over a packet to all the Tribal Council and the Ogema's side. Friedel said he did express interest of going. Friedel said he has been Serve Safe Certified the whole nine yards for almost 25+ years. Friedel said he is asking for representation there with them and nobody has gone in the past. Friedel said Ken Le Haye is making a very good difference in that program. Friedel said he thinks they need to start supporting them in all the ways they can.

Acting Speaker Lewis recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he was going to make a comment also. Medacco said Jamie Friedel said too this is Ken Le Haye's first conference.....first one going to and they have asked for Leadership Participation also. Medacco said it is nice that they have participation from their Leadership that is going to go there and just to support Ken Le Haye in the program so he can move forward with it.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked anybody want to make a motion. Lewis recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he will make that motion.

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

Acting Speaker Lewis asked any abstentions. Lewis said okay Jamie Friedel. Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they can get a roll call.

**Roll Call #10**

J. Riley - Absent	J. Friedel - Abstain	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Absent
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - No	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (5-1-1-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said motion is passed.

**3. Approval of Expenditure for Dell Computers and Accessories in the amount of \$61,725**

Information Technology Department is replacing aging Laptops and Tablets in use by Tribal Council, Tribal Ogema, Unified Legal Department Staff, New Generation Learning Staff and IT Staff.

Acting Speaker Lewis said George Le Vasseur is here to represent this.

George Le Vasseur, IT Director, represented this agenda item. Le Vasseur said this is actually the authorization for Purchasing to go ahead and make the purchase. Le Vasseur said it needs their approval before spending that much money at one time.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked any questions anybody. Lewis asked can they get a motion. Lewis recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said if there is no discussion he will make that motion.

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

Acting Speaker Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if he could give them a roll call.

**Roll Call #11**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0411-116 is passed.

Acting Speaker Lewis thanked George Le Vasseur.

**IV. Old Business**

**Reports that are due:**

**Reports received:**

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| <p><b>A. Binojeeuk Commission<br/>         January &amp; February 2018</b></p> <p><b>B. Financial Report</b></p> <p><b>C. Natural Resource Commission<br/>         February 2018 Due</b></p> <p><b>D. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report</b></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> February 2018</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted</p> |
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Acting Speaker Lewis said the Binojeeuk Commission is January and February 2018, none submitted; Financial Report for February 2018 has been submitted, Natural Resource Commission, February 2018 is due, none submitted, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government Preference Report, none submitted.

**V. New Business**

**A. Authorizing Permanent Adoption of the Operation of Recreational Vehicles Ordinance, Ordinance #18-500-04a**

Tribal Council has reviewed this ordinance and had a final Work Session on April 2, 2018. This ordinance allows for the operation of recreational vehicles at the Tribal Property known as Aki Maadiziwin Housing Development.

Acting Speaker Lewis recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said if there are no further questions he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0411-117;  
 PERMANENT ADOPTION OF THE OPERATION OF  
 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE #18-  
 500-04a; by Friedel; supported by Wittenberg.**

Acting Speaker Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they can get a roll call.

**Roll Call #12**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0411-117 is passed.

Councilor Medacco said he just wanted to make a comment on there. Medacco said even though the resolution says permanent adoption if it deems that this is too much of a hassle or they are making too much noise or too much stuff that the Police have to get involved or stuff like that.....as long as they follow the rules like he said this has never been done before. Medacco said this is just a trial basis.

Acting Speaker Lewis recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said also if it does go well then they will be looking into opening up a few of the other properties in the area.

Councilor Medacco said this is just a trial basis.

Councilor Friedel said this is trial and error so and it is what it is. Friedel said hopefully everybody will make good of it.

Acting Speaker Lewis said okay no more discussion.

**B. Authorizing the Donation of \$500 to the Sandy Corley Memorial Cancer Run on behalf of Mercy Health and the Fremont Harley Owners Group**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians would be a T-shirt Sponsor for this event with this donation.

Acting Speaker Lewis recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he will make that motion.

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

Acting Speaker Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they can get a roll call.

**Roll Call #13**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0411-118 is passed.

## **VI. Concluding Business**

### **A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, April 25, 2018**

Acting Speaker Lewis said they are not having a meeting next week due to Council being on travel.

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

Acting Speaker Lewis said the Ogema is not here today. Lewis said she did want to mention that the Ogema, Speaker Riley and Councilman Pete is out on travel on the Shoreline Project.

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

Acting Speaker Lewis asked does anybody have anything. Lewis recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said NCAI just released the TLISA Bill. Friedel said they need to make sure they are contacting their Senators because it is coming up for a vote here by the end of the month. Friedel said just an FYI and contact their Senators.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked anybody else for Legislative. Lewis recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said John Mc Cain and Heidi Heitkamp have introduced a Bi-Partisan Bill called \_\_\_\_ Act which is going to allow Indian Country to hook up to the Amber Alert System. Crampton said currently it doesn't hook up to the local Federal or State System and he doesn't see why, given the fact, that to date the Amber Alert has saved 924 children. Crampton said their system has never been included in Indian Country. Crampton said the Act itself has been named for an 11 year old Navajo girl who was abducted and murdered and the Amber Alert did not go out 24 hours until after she was abducted. Crampton said so hopefully this will solve that problem.

Acting Speaker Lewis said okay anybody else for Legislative.

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

Acting Speaker Lewis recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said just a couple of quick things. Friedel said he knows that it is getting that time of the year again so make sure when they get on Face Book and all this other stuff that if people are saying they win all these jackpot prizes and to send them \$50.00 or \$100.00 to just watch out for scams. Friedel said he

knows a couple of the Elders here on Tribal Lands just got hooked for some money. Friedel said just be really careful and kind of look out for each other. Friedel said they are going to win \$150,000 from Face Book just saying no matter what they say. Friedel said that just recently happened last night as a matter of fact one of the newer cases. Friedel said also on the human trafficking it is getting worse and worse because they are seeing a lot more kids being abducted. Friedel said make sure they are telling their families.....they know.....to keep an eye on the kids because he has been seeing more and more in the past two months than he has all year last year. Friedel said it is the State of Michigan, State of Indiana, State of Ohio and it is just getting outrageously crazy how many kids are being abducted and not even realizing it.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked anybody else. Lewis recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said he was going to say keep the Medawis' in their thoughts and prayers because they had one walk on. Di Piazza said there is a fire lit at the Gun Lake Community Center down off 126<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Wayland. Di Piazza said most of the services will be tomorrow at 11:00. Di Piazza said he knows it is a drive but she was well loved in the community and loved by many so. Di Piazza reiterated to keep them in their thoughts and prayers.

Acting Speaker Lewis recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said just to tack onto what Jamie Friedel was saying yeah human trafficking is getting to be a larger and larger problem. Crampton said it doesn't seem to be getting solved. Crampton said interestingly enough with MS13 in the news so much and on the President's lips most of these organizations are run by Albanians or Russians. Crampton said the problem is not coming from the south it is coming from Eastern Europe.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked anybody else for Public Comment Period. Lewis recognized Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said this last Thursday over at the casino they had conference on Opiates. Wittenberg said himself he would like to thank all the Tribal members and people within their community and throughout that came to attend it. Wittenberg said they shared many good things and he does feel that it is not only Native problem but is a community problem jointly with Manistee and all Turtle Island here. Wittenberg said he does want to thank all those did come. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Acting Speaker Lewis said okay anyone else for Public Comment Period. Lewis said that moves them into recess and they are 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 10:45 a.m.

### **VIII. Open Session**

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said to Acting Speaker Lewis that the recorder is on.

Tribal Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:12 a.m.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked can she get a motion.

Councilor Friedel said motion to go into second open.

Councilor Medacco said support.

Acting Recorder Lewis said just a roll call, correct.

Councilor Friedel said that is what he thought.

Acting Recorder Lewis asked who said the motion.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said no that is fine.

Councilor Crampton said it is just a roll call.

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

Quorum established.

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

Acting Speaker Lewis asked do they have anything to move into open.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said yes they do along with one correction.

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

Acting Speaker Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they can get a roll call.



**Roll Call #14**

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said Resolution #18-0411-119 motion and roll call have been moved only.

*The following motion and roll call vote was moved from Closed to Open Session.*

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

**Roll Call #C-3**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

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

**IX. Adjourn**

Acting Speaker Lewis said now they are going into Closed at 11.....

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said end it.

Acting Speaker Lewis apologized and said she only had four hours of sleep last night.

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

Acting Speaker Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they can get a roll call.

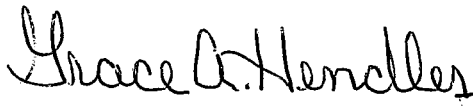
**Roll Call #15**

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Grace A. Hendler  
Transcribing Assistant

  
Gary Di Piazza,  
Acting Council Recorder