



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 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 17, 2019. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Ron Pete, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

Our Father, our Creator.

Thank you for watching over us again, another day.

Thank you for being with us on our travels, coming here and please be with us as we go home this evening.

Bless all of our people, all of our Tribal citizens and citizens of this Nation.

Thank you for all the blessings that you have bestowed upon us.

Thank you for everyone that is here with us today.

Please be with our First Responders.

Be with our Police, our Fire Department.

Be with them and protect them today as they go about their duties and bring them home safely to their families.

Bless all of our Troops wherever they are serving throughout this Nation and throughout the world.

Thank them for doing what they are doing.

Be with our Veterans who have already served and bring our Troops and our wonderful men and women safely home to their families and a grateful Nation.

Through our Heavenly Father's name. Amen.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

Councilor Pete said he has the recorder on. Pete said to Council that the recorder is on, he checked. Pete said so what he is going to do today is call this meeting to order. Pete said their two Officers, Joe Riley, is not here today and neither is their Recorder, Sandra Lewis. Pete said so their next order of business is they are going to elect a Speaker Pro Tempore and a Recorder Pro Tempore. Pete said so the floor is open for nominations. Pete recognized Ron Wittenberg.

B. Election of Pro Tempore Speaker

**MOTION TO NOMINATE SHANNON CRAMPTON FOR
SPEAKER;** by Wittenberg; supported by Friedel.

Councilor Pete asked are there any other nominations. Pete said he sees no other nominations so he is going to, he guessed, does he ask for a roll call. Pete said he will ask for a roll call.

Councilor Crampton said a show of hands.

Councilor Pete said let's do a show of hands.

Councilor Di Piazza said no it has to be a vote. Di Piazza said Ron Pete called it to order so. Di Piazza asked what time did he call it to order.

Councilor Pete said he called it to order at 10:00 a.m.

Councilor Di Piazza said since he called it to order he probably needs to do the roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-2)

Councilor Pete said to Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton if he wanted to take over now please.

C. Election of Pro Tempore Recorder

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton thanked Councilor Pete. Crampton said the next order of business would be the election of the Pro Tempore Recorder and he will open up the floor for nominations at this time.

MOTION TO NOMINATE GARY DI PIAZZA FOR RECORDER;
by Friedel; supported by Wittenberg.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton asked is there any discussion on the issue. Crampton said if not then do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Absent
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Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said it is unanimous Mr. Di Piazza is the Recorder for today.

Councilor Pete said okay now may he retire.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said yes.

Councilor Pete thanked them.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said their next order of business is to start the meeting. Crampton asked Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza if he would do a roll call.

D. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said they have a quorum.

Others Present: Lyle Dorr, Jennifer Crampton, Nikki Nelson, Bill Willis, Allison Smart.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Umlauf, Director Robert Medacco, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Caitlin Rollins, Rebecca Liebing.

E. Approval of Agenda

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said he doesn't see any additions. Crampton said he will entertain a motion. Crampton recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA; by Pete; supported by Friedel.

Pro Tempore Speaker Crampton asked Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said the agenda has been approved.

F. Tribal Council Minutes

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said the next order of business would be the approval of the Tribal Council Minutes for 4/10/2019 Meeting. Crampton recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he will make a motion to approve Tribal Council Minutes for 4/10/19.

Councilor Lonn supported.

Grace Hendler informed Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton that there are no minutes on there.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton asked there is no minutes.

Grace Hendler repeated that there is no minutes on there.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said he apologizes.

Councilor Pete said he was looking for a date but he didn't see one and wasn't sure if they had one or not.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said there are no minutes this week so they will skip right to Continuing Business.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said there is none there submitted he guessed.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. 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 \$293,641**

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

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton asked Bill Willis if he was the one representing that.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item represents Modification #4 to the 2019 Self-Governance Compact with Indian Health Services. Willis said year to date this brings them up to \$1,777,230, which represents approximately 64% of what they estimated they were going to receive. Willis said \$270,000 of this appropriation is for Contract Support Costs.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton asked are there any questions.

Councilor Pete said to Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton if there are no questions he is prepared to make a motion.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said okay.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0417-095;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-21 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$293,641; by Pete; supported by Wittenberg.**

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton asked Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said Resolution #19-0417-095 is passed.

Bill Willis thanked them.

2. **Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2019-__-2nd QTR to fund Data Management Software in the amount of \$50,000.00**
The Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2019-003 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said he thinks Mr. Le Vasseur is representing this.

George Le Vasseur, IT Director, represented this agenda item. Le Vasseur said good morning. Le Vasseur said what this item before them is something that was discussed late last year when they started the process of updating the website. Le Vasseur said in order to make the website much more efficient and to reduce their costs of data storage they will bring the data in-house and manage that data with the Data Management Software. Le Vasseur said this will also allow them to provide data management and document management for the Unified Legal Department and all of their documents and the contract flows that they have to deal with. Le Vasseur said it will also allow them to make Tribal Council resolutions, ordinances, and regulations much more easy to access, search, and give them the ability to do key word searches for Tribal Council Resolutions.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton. Pete said if there are no.....if there isn't any discussion he is prepared to make a motion on this.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton asked is there any other discussion. Crampton recognized Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said he just has one he wanted to deeply appreciate to the IT and Public Affairs for getting the Bear and Elk Permits online to be filled out and submitted right to the department right through the website. Di Piazza said it is extremely exciting. Di Piazza said Miigwech very much to their departments in getting that taken care of.

George Le Vasseur thanked Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said other than that.

Councilor Friedel said that had nothing to do with the data.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton asked Councilor Corey if he had something.

Councilor Corey said yeah, how much money is this saving the Tribe by doing this.

George Le Vasseur said over the long run they are basically going to reduce their costs for the website by about 50% so about \$20,000 a year. Le Vasseur said plus the maintenance costs is going to be less than the storage costs that they pay for

the data storage. Le Vasseur said the maintenance costs for this yearly is about \$4-5,000. Le Vasseur said what they have been paying in data storage fees every year is between \$5-7,000.

Councilor Corey said okay and thanked George Le Vasseur.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said plus it is going to be going paperless as well, correct.

George Le Vasseur said paperless, yes, it puts them in a position where they can even do more paperless than they have been so this is an advancement that they have been trying to do for quite some time. Le Vasseur said they are now in the position where they can actually do it. Le Vasseur said Lyle Dorr brought this company in and they are very.....the last Document Management System they looked at was well over a million dollars and this one is very affordable, very flexible and meets their needs.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel asked is that a local company.

George Le Vasseur said it is. Le Vasseur said it a state company, local here in Michigan.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said if that is it for the questions. Crampton recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton. Pete said just for the record when George Le Vasseur was giving his presentation and he said that company is in Grand Haven.

George Le Vasseur said he believed it is.

Councilor Pete said he will tell them this he own nothing of that company and he has no percentages in that company. Pete said he hasn't lent them a dollar or anything. Pete said with that said he is prepared to make this motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0417-096;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2019-03-2nd
QTR TO FUND DATA MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00; by Pete; supported by Friedel.**

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton asked Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza to please take a roll call.

Grace Hendler informed Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton that the supplemental appropriation number was not read into the record.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said if Councilor Pete could kindly reread the motion there is he thinks missed a part of the end. Crampton said SA 2019.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said 2019-03-2nd QTR.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton asked Councilor Friedel if he still supported that.

Councilor Pete said absolutely he just doesn't see it on his. Pete said it is not on his.....

Councilor Friedel said he does still support it.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said to Pro Tempore Di Piazza to take the roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said Resolution #19-0417-096 is passed.

George Le Vasseur thanked them. Le Vasseur said if he may, they have a new employee in the IT Department his name is Aneudy Mota. Le Vasseur said to Aneudy Catalino if he would like to come up, introduce himself, and give them a little bit of his background.

Aneudy Mota-Catalino said hello everyone as George Le Vasseur said his name. Mota-Catalino said he is the new Systems Administrator. Mota-Catalino said he was recently hired and his first day was this past Monday. Mota-Catalino said he is originally from the Dominican Republic and he came to the United States in 2008 to pursue an Undergraduate Degree at Western Michigan University in Computer Information Systems. Mota-Catalino said later he started working for Verizon as a Quality Assurance Engineer and then obtain an International Scholarship to pursue a Master's Degree in Evaluation ____ Research at Western Michigan University as well. Mota-Catalino said his interests are revolve around Evidence Based Software Engineer and the development of enterprise ____ for Social Technique Systems. Mota-Catalino said he just wanted to thank everyone

for the great opportunity of being here and he hopes that his work serves them well.

Tribal Council thanked Aneudy Mota-Catalino.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval of Expenditure to Reimburse the Little River Casino Resort for \$5,000 to Support the 2019 Forest Festival Fireworks

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians recognizes the importance of community and help promote the Chamber of Commerce Forest Festival in Manistee, Michigan.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton recognized Pro Tempore Di Piazza.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said he will make that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0417-097;
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO
LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT FOR SPONSORSHIP
DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR THE MANISTEE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY
AT THE 2019 FOREST FESTIVAL;** by Di Piazza; supported by Lonnn.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton asked is there a resolution number.

Councilor Friedel said he did.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said yup, 097.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said okay. Crampton asked is there support.

Councilor Friedel said yeah, Diane Lonnn did.

Councilor Pete said Diane Lonnn supported it.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said to Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said Resolution #19-0417-097 is passed. Di Piazza said just one thing with the Forest Festival coming up they will be in the Manistee Chamber's website and also in the flyer for the Forest Festival for the Pow Wow this year so.

Councilor Pete said great.

2. Approval for Councilor Di Piazza to attend the United Tribes Meeting on May 29-30, 2019

The UTM will take place at the Island Resort and Casino on W399 Highway 2 and 41 in Harris, Michigan.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton asked Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza if he wanted to say anything about it or is there any discussion on it.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said it is just the United Tribes Meeting with the 12 Tribes and it happens about every quarter. Di Piazza said he really doesn't have an agenda out yet other than the date and time was forwarded to him so.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Corey said question.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said sure.

Councilor Corey asked is anybody welcome to go to those when their.....are they open meetings.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said yeah, they are open meetings.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton asked is anybody.....recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton with that if there is no other questions he will make the.....he is prepared to make that motion.

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR COUNCILOR DI PIAZZA TO
ATTEND THE UNITED TRIBES MEETING ON MAY 29-30, 2019;**
by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton asked Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza to take a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said he will be attending the United Tribes.

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due: February 2019

Reports received:

A. Health Commission
February 2019

☐ None Submitted

B. Natural Resource Commission
September 2018 (Non-recoverable)
January & February 2019

1. ☐ E-mail Received

2. ☐ None Submitted

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said reports received Health Commission February 2019 and Natural Resource Commission he doesn't think is there none submitted.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said there was an e-mail sent that the September ones were non-recoverable. Di Piazza said they should have them at the next meeting. Di Piazza said they have the recorder and information to get them done. Di Piazza said they are still on a suspension of stipends so.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said that is duly noted that they will be receiving those. Crampton said oops, sorry.

Councilor Lonn asked who is the Recorder for them. Lonn asked who does the minutes.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said he is not sure and asked Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said Mrs. Howell.

Councilor Lonn said okay she just wanted to know she was curious.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said yeah he has a question about Natural Resources. Pete said so his question then and if he saw them he forgot so please bear with him. Pete said the Natural Resources Commission has not submitted the September 2018

because they say they are non-recoverable, right. Pete said so his question is have they submitted October, November and December and all the other.....are they up to date other than September.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said yes, well January and February.

Councilor Pete said so Jan.....but the months following September have been submitted the October, November and December but January and February is what he is saying.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said 2018 have been accounted for.

Councilor Pete said he is saying though so he is clear so he understands it he is also saying January and February 19 have been submitted, right.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said no they have not.

Councilor Pete said okay so they are submitted through.....so he is clear they are submitted through 2018.....

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said yes.

Councilor Pete said they are waiting on the beginning of the submission of reports of 2019, okay.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said the recorder was not present at the last commission meeting.

Councilor Pete said okay, he just....now he understands.

Councilor Corey said the former....if this is the issue where the former Recorder quit and there was some.....some they know, main point of whatever was going on and then Martha Howell has just come back. Corey said Martha Howell is just back as the Recorder right now so they.....they know.....missing that fight session he guessed the month that somebody quit and there is nobody taking notes so that is what is in question. Corey said that is why last time when they talked about this it was discussed that they were or they were not going to garnish their commission checks because of the issue then they ended up garnishing their commission checks because of the issue so he thinks they need to have a discussion with the Natural Resources Commission at a work session and solve the problem.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said he thinks that is appropriate and they should probably just move on with the agenda because they have nothing to submit today and they will discuss it in a work session.

Councilor Pete said it sounds good to him.

V. New Business

A. Approval of Revised Gaming Commission By-Laws

The Gaming Commission reviewed their By-Laws and has made revisions deemed necessary and approved them on April 2, 2019 by Resolution #GC19-0402-09.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton asked is anybody here to represent that. Crampton said oh, Bill Willis.

Bill Willis, Gaming Commission Chair, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked them. Willis said as he mentioned in Agenda Review on Monday the majority of the changes in the by-laws are either grammatical or attempting to reword something the verbiage to be consistent with other documents such as the Gaming Ordinance, etc. Willis said so the only major change and it is just an addition is under Section 2.02 under the section titled Officers and under Chair Person Item #7 was added to the by-laws which is regarding some responsibilities in terms of making decisions related to Licensing Hearings. Willis said so other than that once again these are just kind of trying to clean up the document in its entirety. Willis said this has been approved by the Gaming Commission on April 2nd so it is coming forward for Council approval.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said okay he would entertain a motion on that. Crampton recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton. Pete said if there is no other questions.....if there is no questions he is prepared to make that motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTON #19-0417-097;

Councilor Friedel said eight.

Councilor Pete asked is he sure.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said yup.

Councilor Pete asked it is eight. Pete said okay let him start again.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said 098.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTON #19-0417-098;
APPROVAL OF REVISED GAMING COMMISSION BY-LAWS;** by
Pete; supported by Friedel.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said if there is no discussion on the motion. Crampton asked Pro Tempore Recorder to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (6-0-1-2)

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said Resolution #19-0417-098 has passed.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said at this time he wanted to explain his abstention. Crampton said they don't usually have to explain abstentions but he does want to cast any dispersions on the action that happen he just was not aware of the last change that was mentioned so he didn't want to vote on something that he was not aware of.

- B. Approval of Donation of \$500.00 to the Sitka Tribe of Alaska in Support of their Legal Battle to Protect their Subsistence Fishery**
The Sika Tribe of Alaska stands in opposition to the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game and Board of Fisheries Management of the Herring Fish Population in Southeast Alaska with other communities around the State were not able to meet their subsistence needs.

Councilor Lonn said that is \$500.

Councilor Pete said to Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton that is \$500 he said \$5,000.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said oh, oh.

Councilor Pete repeated that is \$500.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said he apologizes.

Councilor Pete said he was just letting him know.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said he apologizes. Crampton said he apologizes.

Councilor Pete said that is okay.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said correction duly noted. Crampton asked is there a motion or any discussion on it. Crampton recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he is prepared to make a motion if there is no discussion on it. Pete said he just needs some clarification. Pete asked is this a resolution or just a motion.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said resolution.

Councilor Pete said it is a resolution, okay, he is prepared to make that resolution. Pete said he is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0417-099;
APPROVAL OF DONATION OF \$500.00 TO THE SITKA TRIBE
OF ALASKA IN SUPPORT OF THEIR LEGAL BATTLE TO
PROTECT THEIR SUBSISTENCE FISHERY; by Pete; supported by
Corey.**

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said asked Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza to please do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said Resolution #19-0417-099 is passed.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, April 24, 2019

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli thanked them very much. Romanelli said their Membership Meeting was held last weekend and it was well attended. Romanelli said nothing major came out of the meeting other than some ideas for IT, etc. Romanelli said very well attended. Romanelli said he would like to suggest that they send a letter of support and congratulations to Mr. Frank Ettawageshik. Romanelli said he was honored on March 6th for his long-time Tribal Leadership, 40-year career. Romanelli said he was honored by MAST, Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes and he would like to send a letter of support on his behalf or on behalf of Little River for him. Romanelli said Frank, everybody knows Frank. Romanelli said he has been a good leader of Indian Country, protecting water rights, etc. and he

would just like to propose that they send a letter and have it signed by both branches or all three branches of the government.

Councilor Corey said he agrees with that.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Councilor Lonn said that is a great idea.

Councilor Pete said great idea.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said that is a great idea.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them very much. Romanelli said what he will do is have it drafted and then they can have it signed off by.....it might not hurt to have all Councilpersons, Judge and Ogema. Romanelli said okay and thanked them. Romanelli said he received a call this morning from Chairman Swartz from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Romanelli said he has some concerns with the I-Gaming or Internet Gaming that has been proposed. Romanelli said his concern is that some of the smaller Tribes may be impacted more so than some of the larger Tribes. Romanelli said he knows that they sent a letter in because the meeting was held last Friday in Roscommon but he wanted to have some discussion with the Little River Band to see what their concerns were if they matched up with his and so he just got the call before the meeting. Romanelli said maybe they could have the discussion with Unified Legal because he knows they prepared actually a very good letter so he will do that as well. Romanelli said he also just received a call from Wenona Singel who is the Native American Representative for Governor Witmer and his understanding is that their planning on.....the Governor is planning on having....holding a meeting on Line 5 with the Enbridge and they are willing to discuss the tunnel and other options is what he understands. Romanelli said she asked if Little River would be interested in continuing talks and he obviously gave that yes on behalf of Little River so. Romanelli said just so they are aware of it he didn't get any information on dates or anything or other information but if he does he will pass it onto Unified Legal and Council. Romanelli said other than that he thinks that is all he has today. Romanelli asked so if there are any questions.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton asked is there any questions for the Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them very much.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton recognized Councilor Corey.

Councilor Corey asked Ogema Romanelli if they were invited to attend the talk about the Line 5.

Councilor Pete said to Ogema Romanelli that they have a question over here.

Councilor Lonn said she thinks so.

Ogema Romanelli said yes the Tribe has been invited to attend the meeting now he doesn't know if it is a representation, he is not sure how they do that but yes, that was the purpose of the call.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said okay that is it. Crampton said then they will move on.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton asked does anybody have any Legislative Affairs. Crampton recognized Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah he certainly would like to acknowledge Nikki Nelson, Jamie Friedel, doesn't his memory go.....

Councilor Friedel said Dave Corey.

Councilor Wittenberg said Dave Corey for the fine work that they did and Shannon Crampton and his wife, Jennifer Crampton, for the Easter Egg Hunt in going out there. Wittenberg said it was an awesome breakfast. Wittenberg said he knows many people commented a plus on it and it, for him, was good to see that people can get together and there was sharing their way of life there. Wittenberg said it was a nice gathering so he wanted to say Chi Miigwech on those things and for the Cook-Off. Wittenberg said the fry bread was excellent may he say. Wittenberg said so Miigwech.

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said oh and he just wanted to add that Councilor Lewis, Councilor Wittenberg and himself also attended the Celebration for Frank Ettawageshik in Washington, D.C. Crampton said it was also attended by a lot of Senators and Congressmen. Crampton said they took quite a few pictures. Crampton said Frank Ettawageshik has been a strong advocate for Native Americans all across the country actually. Crampton said he knows he went over and signed the Paris Climate Accord on behalf of the Native Americans so anything they can do to support him he is highly in support of. Crampton said then they should be moving on.

D. Public Comment Period

Pro Tempore Speaker Shannon Crampton said seeing no public comment they will be moving 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 10:31 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said to Pro Tempore Speaker Crampton that the recorder is on.

Pro Tempore Speaker Crampton thanked Pro Tempore Di Piazza. Crampton said they are returning back into second open at 11:09 or 11:10.

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:10 a.m.

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum.

Councilor Corey said support.

Councilor Friedel said he will make the motion.

Councilor Corey said he will support.

Pro Tempore Speaker Crampton said they have to wait for Pro Tempore Di Piazza to take the last vote.

Councilor Corey said no quorum.

Pro Tempore Speaker Crampton said no they still have a quorum.

Councilor Corey said oh wait, yeah they do.

Councilor Pete said here he comes.

Councilor Friedel said he will make the motion to go back into Open Session.

Councilor Corey said he supported it.

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

Quorum established.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said they have a quorum.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Pro Tempore Speaker Crampton asked do they have anything to open.....or to move to Open from Closed.

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said yes they do.

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #19-0417-100; MOTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE AND RESOLUTION #19-0417-101, MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY; by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel.

Pro Tempore Speaker Crampton asked Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza said them items have been moved.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0417-100, RATIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS, AND THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR THE LRBOI AIR MONITORING STATION; by Pete; supported by Friedel.

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0417-101, RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH SOLID CIRCLE FOR DATA MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE; by Friedel; supported by Pete.

Roll Call #C-4

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

Pro Tempore Speaker Crampton recognized Councilor Friedel.

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Friedel; supported by Corey.

Pro Tempore Speaker Crampton asked Pro Tempore Recorder Di Piazza to please do a roll call.

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

The meeting was adjourned and the time was not noted.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Gary Di Piazza,
Pro Tempore Recorder