



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 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 4, 2018. 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 good morning everybody and welcome to their meeting for Wednesday, April 4, 2018. Riley said they are going to get started with their Opening Prayer and Jay Sam is going to be doing that for them.

I. Opening Prayer

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

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

Thank you Creator for all that you have provided for us.
Grandfathers and Spirits that live in the East, South, West and North come and
bring your assistance (help).
Thank you Mother Earth for all that you have provided us.
My Creator show us the path we are to follow.
Bless us today that we are here.
Also look to those who are feeling grief or have illness this day and bring them
some help.
Look to those who are in uniform of the people. Either uniform of the people and
protect them.
Show them we remember them this day.
We thank you for the day as it is.
For it reminds us that when warmer days come we can appreciate them.
We ask that you look in on us and give us guidance and blessing.

Miigwech, Giizhemanidoo, Miigwech.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Speaker Riley said to Recorder Lewis to please do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Alan Tyler, Jay Sam, Steve Parsons.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Umlauf.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4th WITH THE FOLLOWING ADD OF III C.2, IV B. IS AN ADD, V C. IS AN ADD AND VII C.5 IS AN ADD;
 by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Riley asked if there was any debate on this. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said the approval of the agenda for Wednesday April 4, 2018 is approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 3/21/18

**MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF TRIBAL COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR 3/21/18 FOR FILING;** by Medacco; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked is there any abstentions or any discussion on the minutes.
Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said the approval of the Tribal Council Minutes for 3/21/18 have been accepted for filing.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Riley said they have nothing under Grants & Contracts.

B. Budget Modifications

Speaker Riley said nothing under Budget Modifications.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval to attend the United Tribes Meeting in Petoskey, Michigan on May 30-31, 2018

The meeting will be held at the Odawa Hotel and Hosted by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

a) Gary Di Piazza

Councilor Di Piazza asked are they going to do them one at a time or all three.

Speaker Riley said one at a time unless he wanted to do them all at once.

Recorder Lewis said they can do them all at once, no. Lewis said they are all separate.

Councilor Di Piazza said they are listed as a, b and c.

Speaker Riley said alright all separate. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL FOR GARY DI PIAZZA TO ATTEND THE UNITED TRIBES MEETING IN PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN ON MAY 30-31, 2018; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said no abstentions. Riley asked is there any discussion on this. Riley said he just wanted to make sure they know better than to ride with Gary Di Piazza up there. Riley said if they value for their lives don't carpool with Gary Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said it is not that bad. Di Piazza said she had her revenge he assures them.

Councilor Lonn said to Speaker Riley that if she can put up with him she can put up with anybody. Lonn said that is okay she doesn't mind riding.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

Recorder Lewis said travel for Gary Di Piazza for the United Tribes Meeting in Petoskey, Michigan on May 30-31 has been approved.

b) Diane Lonn

MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL FOR DIANE LONN TO ATTEND THE UNITED TRIBES MEETING IN PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN ON MAY 30-31, 2018; by Medacco; supported by Pete.

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

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

Recorder Lewis said approval for Diane Lonn to attend the United Tribes Meeting in Petoskey, Michigan May 30-31, 2018 has been approved.

c) Jamie Friedel

MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR JAMIE FRIEDEL TO ATTEND THE UNITED TRIBES MEETING IN PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN ON MAY 30-31, 2018; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said Jamie Friedel will be abstaining. Riley asked any discussion on this one. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

Recorder Lewis said travel for Jamie Friedel to attend the United Tribes Meeting in Petoskey, Michigan on May 30-31, 2018 has been approved.

2. Approval for Frankie Medacco to attend the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) Conference in Anchorage, Alaska on April 15-20, 2018

This is the 36th Annual Protecting Our Children-National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect.

Speaker Riley said this isn't a new travel and Diane Lonn actually stepped out. Riley said there is a lot of non-refundable stuff associated with this so they decided to send somebody in her place.

Councilor Di Piazza said it was not caused by his driving.

Councilor Lonn said no, she has a couple of health issues.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said if there is no discussion he will make the motion.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR FRANKIE MEDACCO TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA ON APRIL 15-20, 2018; by Pete; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said Frankie Medacco, okay. Riley asked any discussion on this one. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

Recorder Lewis said travel has been approved for Frankie Medacco to attend the National Indian Child Welfare Association Conference in Anchorage, Alaska on April 15-20, 2018.

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due:

- A. Binojeeuk Commission
January & February 2018 Due**
- B. Financial Report
February 2018 Due**
- C. Natural Resource Commission
February 2018 Due**
- D. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report**

Reports received:

- December 2017**
- None Submitted**
- None Submitted**
- None Submitted**
- None Submitted**

Speaker Riley said now they have some Old Business here. Riley said Financial Report for February 2018 is due, Binojeeuk Commission January & February are still due, Natural Resource Commission February is due and Tribal Government Preference Report is not submitted yet but it is current. Riley asked is that what that means.

V. New Business

- A. Amending the Schedule of Regular Meetings for the Tribal Council for Calendar Year 2018 by the Cancellation of the Wednesday, April 18, 2018, Tribal Council Meeting**

It is required in Section 4.01 (c)(1) of the Tribal Council Meeting Procedures Ordinance that regular meetings be cancelled by action in the form of a resolution and Tribal Council wishes to cancel this meeting due to lack of quorum being able to be present.

Speaker Riley explained when they know ahead of time that there is not going to be a quorum so they don't want to waste anybody's time driving up here for that meeting. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0404-103;
 AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR**

**THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 BY THE
CANCELLATION OF THE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING;** by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked if there was any abstentions or any further discussion on this.

Councilor Lonn said to Speaker Riley that she thinks he needs to tell them why they are cancelling it because so many are out on travel.

Speaker Riley said oh, yeah, there are several events that different people are attending all falling on the same week. Riley said that is why there won't quorum. Riley asked any other discussion on this. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0404-103 has been approved.

B. Authorizing an Easement for Consumers Energy

Consumers Energy needs an easement in order to connect new Electrical Service to the Gathering Grounds that is on Trust Land and the Bureau of Indian Affairs will need to approve the Right of Way Request.

Speaker Riley said Steve Parsons their Planning Department is here to represent this. Riley said to Steve Parsons that he had the floor.

Steve Parsons, from the Planning Department, represented this agenda item. Parsons said good morning. Parsons said there has been a lot of history with this particular item and he thinks most of them know and he will spare them going back and repeating a lot of the things that they are already aware of. Parsons said he guessed he will just suffice at this point to say that after some wrangling between the BIA and Consumers Energy in terms of the form of the easement that was going to be granted and what documentation was going to accompany the approval. Parsons said Consumers has agreed to simply submit the application to the BIA as is without any attachments. Parsons said the BIA has indicated that they would be willing to accept that application and they would be happy to grant the easement however to be able to do that they need a resolution from Tribal Council which technically commits the Tribal.....authorizes the Tribe to request the easement from the BIA. Parsons said this is necessary because it is for the Gathering Grounds and the Gathering Grounds is on Tribal Trust Land and the BIA sort of has control and jurisdiction over that. Parsons said basically this is

for a resolution to approve the submission of the application requesting the easement to the BIA. Parsons said it wasn't as short that he hoped it would be but that is essentially what it is.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said with that being said and there is no questions. Di Piazza asked Councilor Pete does he have a question.

Councilor Pete said yes he does. Pete said it is a question that he has already asked and has already forgot, okay, he just wanted to clarify this publically. Pete asked is there a chance.....they are going to pass this resolution of course but is there a chance then that all of their new....that they will have power to everybody out there this summer. Pete said he means is there even a chance.

Steve Parsons replied he believed there is and they are going to make every attempt to make sure that happens.

Councilor Pete said right.

Steve Parsons said one thing he will say although he probably shouldn't say it publically but just to reassure folks. Parsons said Ester Johnson who is a Realty Officer up at the BIA Office in Sault Saint Marie has already drafted a letter, believe it or not, indicating that these easements have been approved by them and moved forward by them because she understands they are trying to expedite this as quickly as they can. Parsons said so having said that what she had told him even though there is a 60 day window where they have to post the intent to grant the easement and people get to comment on it she feels that they can get it back from them in a couple of weeks. Parsons said once that is done then the approved easement will be sent to Consumers and then they will basically put a lot of pressure on them to get somebody out here quickly to get that done. Parsons said they have told them it is a three day window to install the easement. Parsons said they believe they can do it in a day or less. Parsons said they are not asking a lot for them to do that. Parsons said once the primary has been installed which is basically what this is then things should happen fairly quickly at that point. Parsons said ___ Electric who is one of the Subcontractors working for Elmer's last year will be called back and they are aware of that.....to come back and make some of the connections particularly with the campgrounds.....the new sites that have been put out there to get the electricity hooked up to those individual sites then the other parts that are not hooked up for example the new parking lot. Parsons said anywhere where lighting has been installed that is going to be dependent on the new primary line from Consumers. Parsons said that should all happen fairly quickly so having said all that it is indeed their goal and they will push this as hard as they can to get everybody in line to get this thing done as quickly as possible. Parsons said he firmly believes that they should be able to have that.....the electricity for the lighting and other kinds of things out there at

the very latest mid-May. Parsons said he is really thinking that it shouldn't be any longer than that for this to happen. Parsons said he will keep Council and the Construction Task Force apprised in terms of how this is moving along. Parsons said Ken Ockert has assured him also.....he is the person from RCA that is managing the project that once they get the green light from the BIA they are going to push on this as hard as they can to make sure they get it done. Parsons said that is a good question though because it's.....one of the problems with things like this is they are always dependent on other people and he guessed since he said it he will add additional commentary that he was personally frustrated by the inability for Consumers and the BIA to see eye to eye on this. Parsons said it is just a ridiculous situation and they finally got it resolved which is good but he is sorry it took nine months to get it done.

Councilor Pete said but it is getting done.

Steve Parsons said it is getting done and that is the good news. Parsons said he is very, very hopeful that they can get this done in time. Parsons said he would like to say that he can tell them that for a certainty but at this point they will do all they can to get it done.

Councilor Pete said he understands and thanked Steve Parsons.

Speaker Riley asked any further questions. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said no, he was just going to make the motion.

Speaker Riley said he thinks Councilor Friedel had a.....no.....alright.

Councilor Di Piazza said if there are no further questions he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0404-104;
APPROVAL OF EASEMENT TO CONSUMERS ENERGY FOR
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC
FACILITIES ON THE GATHERING GROUNDS TRUST PARCEL;
by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked if there was any abstentions or any further discussion on this. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0404-104 has been approved.

Councilor Di Piazza thanked Steve Parsons for getting this on.

Steve Parsons said he would like to say it was something he did but he thinks they just wore them down essentially to the point where they.....

Councilor Di Piazza said maybe someday they won't be at the mercy of Consumers Energy.

Steve Parsons said that would be terrific and just one last comment. Parsons said he did.....he is sorry and didn't mean to interrupt Gary Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said no he is fine.

Steve Parsons said Ken Ockert said the Grand Traverse Band is looking at some innovative ways to deal with.....they are having the same issues with Consumers.....ways about how they can do this not only more quickly but maybe not involving the BIA or speeding that process up. Parsons said he hopes they never get there and hopes from this point it is smooth sailing since they have already done it once but there may be other options out there for them in the future. Parsons thanked them all.

Speaker Riley thanked Steve Parsons.

- C. Acceptance of Final Report for 2018 Special Run-Off Election**
The Election Board certifies the total votes for each candidate for the March 16, 2018 Special Run-Off Election.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said if there is no discussion on that he will make a motion.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINAL REPORT FOR 2018 SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION; by Pete; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Riley asked if there was any abstentions.

Recorder Lewis asked do they have a resolution.

Speaker Riley asked do they accept it by resolution or by motion.

Councilor Medacco said there was no resolution attached.

Speaker Riley said yeah, no resolution. Riley said he guesses he has one question considering the current chain of events that are going on. Riley asked are there any existing challenges or anything to this one or is it all clear so far.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley that to his knowledge it is all clear but he don't.....he can't.....he wouldn't bet the farm on it.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley said he hasn't heard anything so.

Councilors Friedel and Di Piazza said they haven't heard anything.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he would like to make a comment though. Di Piazza said out of the 3,800 Tribal members they have only 1,231 that are registered to vote and out of them only 451 actually voted. Di Piazza said their numbers are....

Speaker Riley said he would like to point out that is actually a higher percentage wise then the number of Native Americans that vote in National Elections.

Councilor Di Piazza said it is but....

Councilor Pete said all that means to him is the rest of them that are registered to vote have no complaints.

Councilor Di Piazza said that is exactly true.

Councilor Pete said none whatsoever because they had the opportunity to exercise their rights and they didn't do it. Pete said what a shame.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said okay by motion the acceptance of the Final Report for 2018 Special Run-Off Election has been approved.

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, April 11, 2018**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Speaker Riley said he will hand it over to the Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli said good morning. Romanelli said he just has a few items on his updates. Romanelli said last week Joe Riley, Speaker, Ron Pete and himself attended the Pure Michigan Conference in Grand Rapids. Romanelli said he thought it was pretty good and they learned some things. Romanelli said they were there as guests of the Resort basically and updating things on tourism throughout the State of Michigan. Romanelli reiterated it was a good conference. Romanelli said also what they are working on right now internally is the Currents. Romanelli said they are trying to update the Currents along with the Rapid River News along with their website and along with their Face Book. Romanelli said their IT has been working with it right now, Rebecca Groh, who has been trying to put this back together. Romanelli said the intent is to try and save some money and get better information out to their membership something they have worked with over the years. Romanelli said so hopefully it looks like they have a good system going. Romanelli said Rebecca Groh knows about computer issues and with their IT Department he thinks they can come up with something. Romanelli said they get better news from better sources to their membership. Romanelli said hopefully that works out good. Romanelli said he has gotten a couple of calls on prescriptions people are still confused about what is going on with prescriptions whether they can be mailed or what can be mailed, who can get them, and hopefully they have an update at the Membership Meeting. Romanelli said he forwarded a call to both the Clinic and Tribal Council on one of the issues. Romanelli said there is still confusion with that.

Councilor Lonn said she is totally confused. Lonn said she had somebody come to her office as well that had talked to them really upset because he doesn't understand.

Ogema Romanelli said right, right so hopefully they can get it cleared up and get the information out to the membership properly because he is confused as well. Romanelli said he knows that the intent to try and get some of the prescriptions mailed but again whether they can or can't or should or shouldn't. Romanelli said part of the problem is that the members are believing that they have to come up here to get their prescriptions. Romanelli said they know that not to be the case. Romanelli said in doing so it puts money back into the Tribe but it is not mandatory that they do that and he thinks that is part of the confusion that they still have.

Councilor Lonn said part of the confusion is the Specialist are saying they have to come up here, one or two would have to so they are just as confused as the people.

Speaker Riley said the letter that was sent out just stated that if they were within 50 miles is that EHAP won't pay for it but it doesn't mean they would have to come here.

Ogema Romanelli said right but he thinks it clearly has to be stated because it is like they are twisting their arms and saying they won't get their prescriptions filled if they don't come up here and that is where people are getting confused. Romanelli said hopefully they can clarify that.

Councilor Di Piazza said his understanding of the letter is they can get their prescriptions any place they want but they won't pay for the co-pay.

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Councilor Di Piazza said they waive the co-pay if they utilize this Pharmacy unfortunately if they need to come to the Pharmacy however whether it is through their department picking them up and bringing them here. Di Piazza said a van load of Tribal members they can all come up and go to Elder's Lunch and have a good day maybe get to know somebody in the van but he knows they will waive the co-pays which to him were.....they can't beat that especially if they are going to come and chauffer them around.

Councilor Lonn said even if they come up here they need to call ahead to let people.....the Pharmacist know that.....to see if he has the prescription here because the ones she had he didn't have yet. Lonn said she had to call and come in a couple of days later. Lonn said so if they think they are going to have a co-pay or having a prescription filled they come up here and he doesn't have it then that means they have to come back in two days or whatever because they are not fully stocked and stuff like that.

Speaker Riley said yep.

Councilor Lonn said it isn't recommended.....it isn't said anywhere that they should call ahead to make sure as well as she has a hard time finding the number for the Pharmacy. Lonn said she finally found it this morning by calling over there. Lonn said they should put it in like a newspaper in big letters, PHARMACY NUMBER AND CALL DIRECTLY.

Speaker Riley said he knows they are excited about this but let them not turn this into a Pharmacy Discussion.

Ogema Romanelli said he thinks that is all he had and can't think of anything else.

Councilor Lonn asked the Ogema if they are tying in that new Michigan.....Pure Michigan anyway with the Tribe.....as a Tribal.....or she means with the Casino they are right.

Ogema Romanelli said right.....well be careful.

Councilor Lonn said she knows it but that is what she is trying to figure out. Lonn said they invited him but what exactly.....

Ogema Romanelli said sure.

Councilor Pete said he can.....he has been to a few of those. Pete said what they are doing is they are updating them on what Pure Michigan is doing in terms of how much money they are committing to Pure Michigan for the advertising. Pete said he thinks it was \$30 million again this year that they are doing but they are very careful because they won't.....when he was at the Resort the way it was they could run a Pure Michigan Commercial but they couldn't have a shot of Little River Casino in it. Pete said no casino can. Pete said they know they can talk about Manistee and all the things in Manistee but so.....if she is asking can they tie in a casino ad to Pure Michigan.....

Councilor Lonn said she is saying.....

Councilor Pete apologized and said he didn't understand it. Pete said they can't do that but they do have a lot of updates on what they are doing in terms of promoting the area up here, Traverse City Area, all the northern areas and they are doing a lot.

Ogema Romanelli said there was talk about doing a route around the lake of West Michigan with all tying in all the casinos where as people from Marketing from Chicago for example would bring in people from other countries even. Romanelli said they would love.....has an interest in Native American Culture and they also like to gamble and the thought was that they route them all the way up to Little Traverse Bay Band and make a trip of it. Romanelli said they get to share their culture and they also get them to spend money at their casino which seems perfect to him and a great idea. Romanelli said that was one of them things.

Councilor Pete said he forgot about that.

Councilor Lonn said that would be wonderful.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Riley asked does anybody have anything for Legislative Affairs. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said well they were at MAST last week. Di Piazza said him, Diane Lonn, Ron Wittenberg and Shannon Crampton. Di Piazza said there is a lot of information that was run through there along with some Meet and Greet with a couple of Senators and Congressmen. Di Piazza said a couple of Congressmen from their District, one was from South Dakota that actually introduced the Native Sovereignty Act Bill which was a little exciting. Di Piazza said they took

some bottles of their syrup down there and they were excited to receive them so that is going to be sticking in their mind let alone on their pancakes. Di Piazza said in MAST also in that meeting they did an Emergency Amendment due to the Opiate Epidemic which they did it as an emergency because actually the Administration put \$50 million aside for this epidemic so they had to run it as an emergency resolution to access them funds in a hurry if they needed them which to him there is a problem with the Heroin and the Opioids. Di Piazza said the money is available and they can access it that way and they should be able to get some of it. Di Piazza said other than that is it.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said he had a fine opportunity to be able to attend MAST himself also. Wittenberg said it was a joy going and being able to meet with the ones there up on the hill. Wittenberg said those Opiates that they were talking about \$50 million but that is throughout the whole Nation and Alaska. Wittenberg said the thing is how to distribute that out so they are working on that. Wittenberg said he truly enjoyed it and hopefully he can go next time again. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Councilor Lonn said she went as well. Lonn said MAST stands for Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Nations.....or Tribes. Lonn said there was.....it is comprised of 34 Tribes from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Indiana. Lonn said they talked with different people from IHS, they met people that dealt with Housing, and it was just a very well rounded meeting. Lonn said the first day was speaker after speaker after speaker. Lonn said the second day was the morning was speakers again from the area of Border Patrol so enhanced.....just everything and they as Ron Wittenberg said in the afternoon they spoke to different Aides for the different Congressmen. Lonn said they broke up into eight teams and it was very enjoyable. Lonn said they were really interested in their Tribe and pushed this Tribe.

Speaker Riley said last week he attended the Pure Michigan Conference with the Ogema and with Ron Pete. Riley said the week before that they actually attended the NRCC March Dinner. Riley said while they were out there they had an opportunity to have dinner with John Molenaar and they had dinner with Bill Huizenga. Riley said they were able to have some nice long conversations about the Tribe's interests and get those across there. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said absolutely and he knows something. Pete said they had one disappointment because it snowed an inch in Washington and they shut the entire government down but other than that.....but Joe Riley also brought Congressmen Huizenga some maple syrup and he loves to have local Michigan products and it is displayed very proudly in his office. Pete thanked Joe Riley for doing that and that it was a good thought to do that.

Speaker Riley said thank Gary Di Piazza because he was the one that supplied it.

Councilor Pete said to Gary Di Piazza thank you for cooking.

Councilor Lonn said just on a side note.....

Councilor Di Piazza said he is a little disappointed that he was on their roster to go talk to him and he had it proudly in this showcase.

Councilor Lonn said yeah they were laughing because it was sitting right there.

Councilor Di Piazza said that is okay.

Councilor Lonn said the Aides thought they may get some of it and they were hoping but doubting it.

Speaker Riley said they should have given John De Witt some of it.

Councilor Pete said yeah he is just a good guy.

Councilor Di Piazza said it was just exciting to see that exactly already in his showcase and right out front. Di Piazza said the others that they presented it to were just as excited as all get out so.

Councilor Pete said he was excited when they handed it to him at lunch.

Councilor Di Piazza said he hasn't opened it yet.

Speaker Riley said alright anybody else for Legislative Affairs.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley said okay Public Comment Period. Riley recognized Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said this evening in the Lodge here from 7-9 they are hosting a movie on Opiates and it is concerning not on the person basically the one that is using but the ones that it is affecting their lives, the family and the loved ones. Wittenberg said that is happening throughout the whole country so it can be pretty heart touching especially if it's in their family. Wittenberg said that is open to anybody and everybody also. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley. Pete said he would like to also say when it happened.....it happened when he was gone but their Muskegon Meeting for

May the 19th.....May the 19th he got one in the mail so he knows that they are done. Pete said all the flyers that were put together and put out so they had a tremendous amount of flyers sent to Muskegon County and some of the surrounding counties about their May 19th Saturday Meeting in Muskegon. Pete said he expects it to be very well attended and he knows at the last Elders Lunch they were all very excited about it. Pete said it is not just for Elders it is for everyone.....anyone from here can go or anybody that wants to go but he thinks it is going to be very well attended and he just wanted to say thank you for all that work.

Councilor Lonn said she wanted to thank Grace Hendler and Rebecca Groh because they really put a lot of effort into this. Lonn said "thank you."

Speaker Riley asked alright anybody else for Public Comment. Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said one more thing is they do have their Elders Meeting this Saturday and they are going to have Bingo and a wonderful lunch.

Councilor Wittenberg said spaghetti.

Councilor Lonn said no.

Councilor Pete asked what is with you and spaghetti.

Speaker Riley said alright. Riley said at this point they will 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 10:36 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:23 a.m.

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

Quorum established.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis if they had anything to move today.

Recorder Lewis said yes they have.

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #18-0321-101, RESOLUTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE; ALSO RESOLUTION #18-0404-105, 106, 108 AND 109, RESOLUTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE; by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said they have moved Resolution, Roll Call and Vote has been approved to move into open #18-0321-101, and also #18-0404-105, 106, 108 and 109.

The following resolutions, motions and roll call votes were moved from Closed to Open Session.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0321-101, APPROVING GAMING INDUSTRY TIP COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND COMMISSION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

Acting Speaker Lewis asked if anyone was going to abstain.

Roll Call #C-4

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)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0404-105, APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT AGREEMENT WITH HOBBS STRAUS FOR LEGAL SERVICES; by Medacco; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked if anyone was going to abstain.

Roll Call #C-4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0404-106,
 RATIFICATION OF BUILDING INSPECTOR AGREEMENT;** by
 Medacco; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked if anyone was going to abstain.

Roll Call #C-5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0404-108,
 AFFIRMING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF QUOTATION
 OF SERVICE OF TERMS WITH CONSUMERS ENERGY TO
 ADDRESS EMERGENCY SITUATION DUE TO POWER
 OUTAGE;** by Medacco; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked if anyone was going to abstain.

Roll Call #C-7

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0404-109,
 AUTHORIZING THE OGEMA TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT
 WITH TIMBER RUN ASSOCIATES, LLC, WITH AMENDED
 SPEC SHEET;** by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if anyone was going to abstain.

Roll Call #C-8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Riley said okay motion to adjourn and does anybody want to make the motion to adjourn.

Councilor Pete said he will make that motion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Pete; supported by Di Piazza.

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder