

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 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 August 15, 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 he would like to welcome everybody to their regular meeting for Wednesday, August 15th and they are going to get it started this morning with their Opening Prayer.

Recorder Lewis said Ron Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley said Ron Wittenberg is going to lead them in that.

I. Opening Prayer

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

We thank you for this day.

We thank Mother Earth for all the things that she has gifted us.

Be with us today.

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

Ahaaw. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Wittenberg.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

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

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Jennifer Crampton, Michelle Pepera, Marcella Leusby, Bill Willis.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Drew Jeurink, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Patrick Gilles, Caitlin Rollins.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR AUGUST 15, 2018 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF II D. REMOVE AND III C.1. IS AN ADD; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

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

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said the agenda has been approved for August 15, 2018.

D. Tribal Council Minutes Removed

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Riley said nothing under Grants & Contracts.

B. Budget Modifications

- Approval of Budget Modification MB-2018-__ ; Authorizing the modification of the 2017 Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP): Decreasing Budget in the amount of \$62,871**

Tribal Council must approve the re-allocation of funds within a Program Budget that exceeds 10% of the total original Program Budget.

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

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning and thanked them. Willis said as he indicated in Agenda Review on Monday the problem with this decrease was the fact that they didn't spend.....according to Tammy Bowen under this particular grant award they are required at certain points and times during the grant cycle to spend a certain percentage of the money. Willis said given the fact that they didn't meet those requirements they then are required to de-obligate the money. Willis said the problem with this program according to Tammy Bowen is they received quite a bit more money than they even asked for. Willis said they are having a difficult time spending it down and the fact that they are on schedule for the 2018 LIHEA Program to receive he thinks in total \$174,000. Willis said Jason Cross is trying to.....has been in contact with the agency to find out why are they getting all this money when they can't.....don't have the where with all to spend it and so they have been in the past looking at more unique ways of spending the money like buying air conditioners for people and stuff like that. Willis said they are not sure how this is all going to pan out but the bottom line is in the 2017 award they didn't spend 62,000 and some odd dollars that they were required to spend by a certain threshold and therefore they are de-obligating the money. Willis said it doesn't sound like they are having a difficult time meeting the needs of the members that have requested assistance so that is definitely a positive thing so they will keep Council updated as they move along with this but that is kind of the problem is they are getting more money than they need.

Speaker Riley thanked Bill Willis. Riley asked does anybody have any questions or a motion. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley. Pete said if there is no more questions he is prepared to make that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0815-249;
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2018-50,
AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2017 LOW
INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP):
DECREASING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,871; by Pete;
supported by Lon.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any discussion on this. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he just has one comment to make. Pete said he thinks if they are meeting then the citizen's needs with this money that they are getting and they have this much left over that they are having.....he doesn't think that is all such a bad thing.

Bill Willis said no, not at all.

Councilor Pete said he thinks that is a good thing that they are meeting the needs of their citizens and they are having a difficult time spending this money. Pete thanked Speaker Riley.

Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Pete.

Councilor Lonn said Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said to Bill Willis that this LIHEAP is based upon income, isn't it.

Bill Willis replied yes, it is an income based program that is the others challenge.

Councilor Lonn said yeah, too bad, it is not for everyone. Lonn thanked Bill Willis.

Speaker Riley said okay, no further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0815-249 has been approved.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Bill Willis.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval for Councilor Crampton to attend the MAST Summer Meeting on August 29-30, 2018

The MAST Conference is being held at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Green Bay, WI.

Speaker Riley asked Councilor Crampton if he had anything for that one. Riley said would he like to say a couple of words.

Councilor Crampton said oh, it is just the Summer Meeting of the Midwestern Alliance of Sovereign Tribes and they usually have a ton of issues that they want to go over. Crampton said right now they looking at forming consultation strategy for next year after the election to deal with who gets in and who isn't there.

Speaker Riley said okay and recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley, sorry, but if there isn't no more questions he is prepared to make a motion.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF COUNCILOR CRAMPTON TO ATTEND THE MAST SUMMER MEETING ON AUGUST 29-30, 2018; by Pete; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Riley said he has Councilor Crampton abstaining and any further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

Recorder Lewis said travel for Councilor Crampton to attend the MAST Summer Meeting on August 29-30, 2018 has been approved.

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

- 1. **Operations Report** None Submitted
- 2. **Financial Report** None Submitted

Speaker Riley said they have nothing submitted at this time for Operations and Financial.

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

- A. **Binojeeuk Commission** None Submitted
- B. **Enrollment Commission** None Submitted
- C. **Gaming Commission** July 2018
- D. **Health Commission** None Submitted
- E. **Housing Commission** None Submitted

F. Natural Resource Commission None Submitted

Speaker Riley said they have Gaming for July 2018. Riley asked is there any discussion on that report.

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

A. Elders Committee Minutes None Submitted

B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report July 2018

Speaker Riley said nothing from the Elders Committee at this time and they got the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for July. Riley asked is there any discussion on that.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

A. Setting the rental rates for the 4-Bedroom Houses at Aki Maadiziwin

The Housing Commission suggests the rate of \$725.00 for these houses on Lots 51 and 52.

Speaker Riley asked Michelle Pepera if she was representing this.

Michelle Pepera, Housing Department Administrative Assistant, represented this agenda item. Pepera said good morning. Pepera said the Housing Commission at their last meeting they were discussing rental rates for the two four bedroom Fair Market Homes that are being built right now. Pepera said they discussed it and they suggested \$725 for four bedrooms.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete apologized. Pete said just to be clear in their work session meeting she had said that the three bedroom homes, if he has got this right.....he is sorry the three bedroom homes were \$675.

Michelle Pepera said \$625.

Councilor Pete apologized.

Michelle Pepera said excuse her, yes, \$675.

Councilor Pete repeated \$675.

Michelle Pepera said yes.

Councilor Pete said the five bedrooms for \$775 so this would put the.....this rate puts it right in the middle of the two for clarity, right.

Michelle Pepera said yep.

Councilor Pete said okay.

Speaker Riley asked is there any other discussion or a motion on the rental rates for the two four bedroom homes. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said okay if there is no further discussion he is prepared to make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE SETTING THE RENTAL RATES FOR THE FOUR BEDROOM HOUSES AT AKI MAADIZIWIN AT \$725 PER MONTH; by Pete; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Pete that it is set by resolution.

Councilor Pete apologized. Pete said he needs a resolution on that. Pete said he would like to amend that then to:

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0815-250; APPROVAL TO SET THE RENTAL RATES FOR THE NEW FOUR BEDROOM HOUSES ON LOT 51 AND LOT 52; by Pete; supported by Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said he will still support it.

Speaker Riley said still supported by Councilor Friedel. Riley asked are there any abstentions or any further discussion on the homes. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0815-250 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Michelle Pepera. Riley said thanks to the Housing Commission for getting this done for them.

Michelle Pepera thanked them.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, August 22, 2018

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli said good morning. Romanelli said he only has a couple of things on his updates. Romanelli said last week he was invited to the Rising Time....Rising Tide Meeting that was held in Manistee downtown. Romanelli said he was invited by the City Manager to attend which was with Governor Snyder who came to town to pay respects to the Rising Tide Program that Manistee has taken part of. Romanelli said this has to do with economic development and they have done a good job as a Tribe working with the city and the city has done a great job. Romanelli said they just wanted to give recognition. Romanelli said the Rising Tide Program is one of the things that Governor Snyder has pushed all across the state. Romanelli said what he does like about it is a lot of times within the State of Michigan it seems like much of the monies and programs and everything else head to the east side of the state and closer to Detroit because that is where the voter base is. Romanelli said in this case they went all throughout west Michigan along with the rest of the state to pay tribute and give accolades to so. Romanelli said he appreciates what was said and what was done. Romanelli said he thinks the Tribe was represented very well and they have done a good job partnering as everyone knows here so the thought it was a good thing and it was well received. Romanelli said the second thing he wanted to say was the other he has been working on mostly this week is the Cemetery Project and all the chatter that is going on. Romanelli said he doesn't want to say a lot about it unless somebody wants to ask he would please appreciate and he can say it, they know, enough times that really he is concerned about the chatter that goes on Face Book. Romanelli said everybody sees that and if they wanted to come to a meeting, he respected everybody that came to the meeting, and presented their concerns. Romanelli said once they get on Face Book everybody reads it and there are sites where Local Officials, State Officials, and even Federal Officials see it. Romanelli said he does want to say that he doesn't believe that he should ever have to defend his religious beliefs and he will never turn his back on whatever that religion is that he believes. Romanelli said he thinks it is sad that they do that. Romanelli said some of the statements that are made there could greatly affect every project that they are working on, they can see an immediate decrease in revenues, in support if this continues. Romanelli said he just asks that they please be careful of what they are saying on there. Romanelli said that is it. Romanelli thanked them.

Councilor Lonn said to Ogema Romanelli on the Rising Tides do they give them money. Lonn asked do they give money to the city.

Ogema Romanelli said it was less about money and more about support but there is money. Romanelli said they had the MEDC there and as they know they just recently got about \$150,000 for a project across the street. Romanelli said there had been other things that they have done. Romanelli said directly with Rising Tide he believes it is more about giving support and giving some ideas. Romanelli said for an example, what was talked about was that the Governor was

now looking into not only Affordable Housing but what he calls Attainable Housing or something to that effect whereas if they don't meet the minimum guidelines for housing and they can't afford the \$350,000 houses that they establish ways that they can increase for and help people get housing that is attainable. Romanelli said that is for people that are either retiring or those people just starting out that there are different options to creating. Romanelli said he knows that there is a housing issue within Manistee that needs to be addressed and of course the Tribe is doing their share because they have done a good job partnering there. Romanelli said they also talked about the employment that the Trades are really hurting right now because there is a lot of growth that is being done but people can't find workers in the Trades anymore. Romanelli said again, he came from the Trades and having started his family at 16 with a child he really didn't have the.....he dropped out of school so he didn't have the education. Romanelli said the Trades is where he went and it offered some immediate income. Romanelli said he learned to train real quick like and then went back later and got some education but when there are few options within Native Americans those options to go to college for example especially with people his age was very minimal. Romanelli said so they went and did what they had to do. Romanelli said now the push during the 70's and 80's was for college education and he is proud of those people that did attain that but the college isn't for everyone. Romanelli said there are people that.....especially as Native Americans are good in the Trades whether it be Iron Working or Electricians or whatever. Romanelli said so there is a push to do that and he thinks that they as a Tribe probably should take some extra attention to see if there are Trades Schools or work with whatever they have to do to get people in there because it is a way to make a living. Romanelli said nowadays the Trades are making better money per capita than they did when he was in there so they talked about the Trades, they talked about the housing, and a few other things. Romanelli said so he guessed he went beyond what Councilor Lonn asked.

Councilor Lonn said that is okay and thanked Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said yep. Romanelli asked is there anything else.

Speaker Riley said he just wanted to say that he thinks the focus towards going back towards some of the Building Trades and other issues is good for a while with the focus on college education it kind of felt like they gave it this portrayal of like a consolation prize if it was substandard or whatever but he thinks it's great. Riley said some people are just.....they get more enjoyment and more fulfillment out working with their hands and creating something and doing something in that manner rather than sitting behind a desk or, they know, going into maybe science or technology fields. Riley said they just.....it is more fulfilling for them and that is really the type of field everybody should go into is the one that makes them feel like they have a purpose and makes them feel fulfilled and not necessarily what makes the most money because in the end they will be happier for it.

Ogema Romanelli said sure and just again, his 30-40 years in construction he enjoyed it at the end of the day looking at the walls that he built or the houses and the roofing, etc. Romanelli said they can really grasp what they accomplished through the day which is a little different than doing the work they do now it is harder to visualize in some ways but he appreciates both of them. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley asked anything else for the Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to say with all the grants that are awarded to Indian Country right now he knows he talked to GTB a few times about it but quite possibly constructing their own Vocational School.

Councilor Lonn said that would be nice.

Councilor Crampton said Benzonia or teaming up with GTB that would train their members because the writing is on the wall infrastructure is the next big boom in America. Crampton said so if they could get their people in that would be great. Crampton said he does want to clear up something that Ogema Romanelli said because he spent a lot of time on this issue and it is the cemetery. Crampton said he agrees that there are harmful things that get put out there not just by members but by Council members sometimes and by their Leaders. Crampton said he just wanted to clarify this was not an action of Council and there are work session minutes that he pulled. Crampton said he pulled the Donation Ordinance, pulled all of the expenditures, pulled all of where it came from, and what line item it came from. Crampton said there was a work session on the 10th, yes, Ron Wittenberg, Gary Di Piazza, Diane Lonn and Dave Corey were not in attendance because he had not been elected yet. Crampton said who was there was Jamie Friedel, himself, Frankie Medacco, Joe Riley, Sandy Lewis and Ron Pete. Crampton said from the work session notes it shows that there was a donation to Manistee that was discussed and approved by Tribal Council. Crampton said there was also the Muskegon Art Place that was kicked back to the Shoreline Project and it says Muskegon Art Place was right on the Work Session Reports. Crampton said he doesn't know how this was admitted or omitted, sorry, that it would be kicked over to Larry Romanelli, Joe Riley and Andrew Gentile. Crampton said first it says Larry Romanelli and Ron Pete but if they take a look at these people that is the Shoreline Project. Crampton said the check that was cut out was \$8,300 was the line item which is the Gaming....ah.....

Speaker Riley said Strategic Gaming.

Councilor Crampton said Strategic Gaming Fund. Crampton said there was no action of Council. Crampton said Council cannot take an action in a work session it has to be on a Wednesday and it has to be here in front of the membership. Crampton said if it is going to be a donation per the ordinance it says it has to be authorized by a resolution of Council if it is over \$750 and if it is not then they have to report it at the next meeting. Crampton said none of those happened so it wasn't an action of Council.

Councilor Pete said Speaker Riley.

Speaker Riley said Councilor Pete then Ogema Romanelli.

Councilor Pete said Ogema Romanelli first.

Ogema Romanelli said he just wanted to say the issue was that it said Tribal Council was not aware also and in the information it does say the structure or statue at the cemetery so that was part of the issue now he doesn't know what happened in the work session but it is clear that it was brought to the Tribal Council at least in a work session. Romanelli said who attended and who didn't isn't.....

Councilor Crampton said it got Ogema Romanelli in attendance too.

Councilor Pete said absolutely.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, good then he probably explained that it was a structure within the cemetery.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said as a matter of fact that work session there were pictures handed out of the statue and people saw that. Pete said he will tell them this he made a mistake because he thought they took a vote on it and that was last April when this happened and he publically last meeting said that he was wrong. Pete reiterated publically he said he was wrong that they didn't take a vote on it but they did have this work session and in that work session it was talked about. Pete said there wasn't one person, not one, that said let's not do this because this is what is going to happen, not one, so he will publically say yes, again, he was mistaken they didn't take a vote on it so it wasn't an official action by Council. Pete said it was presented to Council and Council did know about it and no one at that meeting objected to anything on it, not one time. Pete said so that is all he's got.

Speaker Riley said alright.

Ogema Romanelli said just one more. Romanelli said what was actually done he believed there was no wrong doing done because the fact is that to say that they dug into sacred ground they understand it. Romanelli said he understands it as a Native American and they know that within that cemetery there were times where it was pillaged where they said they took out everything including much of the remains which is sad. Romanelli said it has a long history his family has been there and was there from the 1700's that he can trace back. Romanelli said talk about digging into the ground there were four directional stones that were placed there along with footings that happened pre-1920, there was one large boulder believed to be put there in the 1920's along with footings, there was the Old Indian Cemetery Sign the very sign that points them into the cemetery that was in the cemetery and dug and had footings buried there, and there are also the four wood posts that have been put in there from the ceremonial purposes. Romanelli said who dug the posts and how were they put in and was there a ceremony or was everybody notified he guessed would be the question. Romanelli said on top of that there was underground sprinkling that has been put in that cemetery. Romanelli said again, he doesn't see the outrage to hardly any of those and they had some hard working people, hard-working Tribal people throughout the years that tried to save that cemetery and did so. Romanelli said they didn't completely save the encroachment on it he gets that. Romanelli said that happened in the 60's and whatever but the original 60 acre plot as Joe Genia talked about on the tv of their sacred ground goes all along the front, the lake front, all the way from Pigeon Hill all the way to the mouth of the Muskegon River which they all identify and know. Romanelli said it is in their history. Romanelli said where they are placing the structure now only moves about 1,500 feet to the northeast and it is still on sacred ground and he sees no outrage from that. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley said alright. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to say that the outrage, whoever was outraged have a reason, he did see this has two sides of the coin that can be used as a political ploy against this Tribe from another Tribe there is a tendency for that. Crampton said he wanted to clarify something too when he says that Council didn't approve or nobody at that meeting, he is sorry he doesn't know what he said.....

Councilor Pete said he said no one objected.

Councilor Crampton said no one objected, okay, when they kick it over to somebody else there is no question for Council. Crampton said it was just put back in the Shoreline Item so they really didn't deal with a donation it was put back to Shoreline and the work session shows that, where the check was drawn, how it was signed shows that. Crampton said so it wasn't a question for Council.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley that either way put it all on him. Pete said he doesn't care. Pete said he really doesn't care.

Councilor Crampton said it is not about suing somebody.....

Councilor Pete said it is all about.....

Councilor Crampton said the members aren't asking for it to be put on somebody they just want to know how it happened.

Councilor Pete said okay so that is how it happened and they know what he won't back away from anything. Pete said he never has and he is not going to start now he is almost 70 years old why would he start now. Pete said so he is just going to say he thinks that everything that was tried to be done there was not out of any amin.....was not out of any bad way it was all tried to be done in a good way. Pete said of course it all happens then.....he does 100% agrees with Councilor Crampton on one thing he thinks a lot of this is a political ploy by the Grand River Band because they know they are gaining momentum in Muskegon and they would love to see them torpedoed down there. Pete said he thinks that is all basically what the basic thing of this thing is. Pete said that is his opinion and he will stand with it.

Ogema Romanelli said just one more thing.

Speaker Riley said then Councilor Wittenberg.

Ogema Romanelli said in the meeting that he was at there was a disparaging remark made by Grand River Band about a Chippewa doing a structure in an Ottawa Cemetery. Romanelli said he thinks that is very disparaging they are supposed to be the Three Fires or the Three Brothers and he took high offense to them saying they didn't want a Chippewa putting their art in their Ottawa Cemetery. Romanelli said there is so much wrong with that that he can't even explain it is divisive or divisive however they want to say it. Romanelli said he thinks that just continues to tear their Tribal people apart whether it is the things that they say that are going on that they imagine or whatever then comments like that. Romanelli said he took high offense to it and he still will. Romanelli said he will never back down from saying that he thinks that they should have never made those comments about the Chippewa. Romanelli said they actually stated Saginaw Chippewa which they know Sag-Chipps haven't always been on their side but that isn't the reason they say something like that. Romanelli reiterated he took high offense to it and he still will. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said from a lot of the different things that he gathered, looked, read and seen all about it. Wittenberg said for one when it first come to

the table as far as the plans of what was going on he is disapproving of that. Wittenberg said now he wasn't there for the work session as far as the photos and everything like that he doesn't know but he does know that, and he feels, that anytime something like that or such as that with the ___ going by and what he gathered from what a lot the people had to say and the way he sees it also that the community could have let it out the same date that it was going in so that they were be ___ and that is what.....he doesn't see and feel because they have monuments on their own graves. Wittenberg said it is no different to him. Wittenberg said for him that is an honor and from what he seen on it. Wittenberg said it was an honor to have the Chiefs on there and had the teachings. Wittenberg said that is the way he sees it. Wittenberg reiterated it is an honor. Wittenberg said to just get right down to it to him that they have the parking lot that was a cemetery and on the other side it spreads out. Wittenberg said like they said where were they when those other things happened here and there and that was way back so he is not going to get into all that but it is still the same thing. Wittenberg said it is an honor. Wittenberg said even where they wanted to put it that is all sacred out there. Wittenberg said sure it is. Wittenberg said to him but his thing is and he feels that they all had it known and should make it known to all the people so that those who wanted to come could come. Wittenberg said if they wanted to bring their posters.....that is what they are doing. Wittenberg said it is what it is. Wittenberg said life goes on but that is the only thing he thought of himself and took it that way.

Ogema Romanelli said the other thing is in this situation and they can look at Baraga or any of the others in this case there is not one identifiable Tribal person buried there. Romanelli said they know that there were hundreds probably but they can't assign one name to it. Romanelli said so when they do a monument as they do in other Tribal cemeteries as well they do one that overall states to their history that says there were many people that were buried here and they want to pay their respects to them so they don't have individual headstones because they don't have individual names. Romanelli said so it is overall to remember and respect their history. Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said yeah he is going to stop.

Recorder Lewis said so they know it did come across their desks, the pictures and all but Tribal Council did decline it. Lewis said it was nothing that was okayed by them and then it was passed onto the Shoreline so that was totally up to Shoreline. Lewis said she does want to say that they know working with everybody up here she really doesn't think anyone had the intent to desecrate their Tribal Burial Sites. Lewis said she is going to leave it at that.

Speaker Riley said right and he thinks that what they have got here is all the information is in one place everybody can come see it and look at it. Riley said they can see what they are talking about as to how it got done and the process and really at this point he thinks there is no point in going back and forth over what people's intentions were because all of the facts have been gathered by the

relevant parties so anybody who has any further questions can just come in and see it. Riley said Ogema Romanelli compiled some, of the Community Foundation made a statement, Councilor Crampton compiled some stuff so he thinks anybody that is interested any further can just come and look at that stuff. Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said to Ogema Romanelli maybe he could get one made for Coffey where all their Tribal are buried with the white crosses at Coffey Cemetery.

Ogema Romanelli said he doesn't think that is a bad idea.

Councilor Lonn said she was there after they went to the.....to the fishing thing the other day and she visited them and prayed with them. Lonn said she thinks they should do something there. Lonn said there are tons of them there.

Speaker Riley said he was wondering why she made a right turn on Rainbow Bend and he thought she was lost.

Councilor Lonn said no she went to the cemetery. Lonn said she has a lot of things going on and she did a lot of praying.

Ogema Romanelli said it wouldn't be just up to him obviously it will be the Council as well and they can do it jointly. Romanelli said how nice would that be. Romanelli thanked them.

Councilor Lonn said there are still a lot of Native Americans, a family, two families, that she knows goes out there and paints them and cleans them up every year to keep them fresh.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he just wants to comment on the comment about their people just being buried there. Crampton said his Grandmother, his ancestor was 100% Chippewa. Crampton said she married a 100% Odawa man. Crampton said when he questioned how this would be he went to some of the _____ historians in Michigan. Crampton said they laughed and said that any Odawa Tribe thinking that they are exclusively Odawa is probably not knowledgeable of their ancestry because they were known as the traders. Crampton said they went around to all the Tribes and they met with Tribes, they dealt with all the Tribes, and they even dealt with the French and were the ones who introduced the French to all the Tribes. Crampton said what happened was their ancestors were a lot smarter than they give them credit for they didn't just inbreed inside of a Tribe. Crampton said what they did was they married outside. Crampton said they had Round Dances and they married other Tribal members so almost all of them are combined with some other Tribe. Crampton said so to make that statement is pretty disingenuous and shows a huge lack of knowledge of their ancestry.

Councilor Lonn said she agrees.

Councilor Wittenberg said support.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Riley asked do they have anything for Legislative Affairs. Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said just to let everybody know that next Monday Diane Lonn and himself will be out in South Dakota with VOWA doing testimonial once again this testimonial was done a couple of years ago by Mr. Medacco. Friedel said they are just carrying on that tradition to give their testimonies out there as well. Friedel said he discussed it with Diane Lonn and she feels that she won't be able to speak in front of everybody as well and he is not really afraid to do that anymore but he told her that one of them will get it done. Friedel said Unified Legal is actually drafting up some Talking Points and things for them to be highly vocal about to know where they are standing in VOWA.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton. Riley said to Councilor Crampton that he had something too.

Councilor Crampton said he was going to say the Dems are winning.

Councilor Lonn asked what.

Councilor Crampton repeated that the Dems are winning. Crampton said Democrats.

Councilor Lonn said oh. Lonn said she is an independent.

Councilor Pete said he is too.

Speaker Riley said it looks like nothing else for Legislative Affairs.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she has a couple of things. Lonn said first of all she wanted to thank the Ogema, Mary Thomas and so many staff members for all those beautiful trees out there that they are planting. Lonn asked can one of them please give them an update of what they are doing with the trees beside Mary Thomas out there watering in high heels yesterday.

Councilor Pete said she was in high heels watering the plants.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, the trees represent each year that the Tribe, and he hopes he gets this right. Romanelli said each year the Tribe has been reaffirmed and within each year that the Tribe has been reaffirmed there were people that passed on, their Tribal people. Romanelli said the idea is for each year that there will be a plaque of some sort that lists every person that passed on in that year. Romanelli said this can be a continuation with kind of a Memorial Garden of sorts. Romanelli said so they will see 20-21 trees out there and 2018 has not yet concluded but they have lost a lot of people. Romanelli said he went through a list and it is just amazing the people that they have lost just since he has been Ogema. Romanelli reiterated that it is just amazing. Romanelli said he thinks it is a great idea, they know, and what happened each tree is planted specifically in an area so that there will always be something blooming at a different time of year. Romanelli said they are not all the same and not all the same size so they will continually have something in bloom. Romanelli said each one of them will have a plaque that list the people on the plaque. Romanelli said what is nice about it, in his opinion, also is that they have people that come to town and they don't get to Manistee all that time and they may come from Texas or New York or whatever. Romanelli said they come in and they can pay respects to their people in their family or the people of friends that has passed on where they get here. Romanelli said it kind of lightens up the area down there because it is basically just sand and crab grass or whatever. Romanelli said he thinks it will make the area look nice. Romanelli said there were people that came in on Saturday and worked. Romanelli said he knows that Mary Thomas was out there yesterday. Romanelli said for the first five or six days they have make sure that they are heavily watered and that is what was happening yesterday. Romanelli said they have to make sure they are getting plenty of attention for the first week so if anybody is saying what was she doing out there whatever she has put in hours on Saturday and after hours. Romanelli said he hopes they don't go down that road. Romanelli reiterated that he would hope not.

Councilor Lonn said she was just laughing at her.

Councilor Pete said it was in a good way.

Ogema Romanelli said it was in a good way and the project is good. Romanelli said he kind of joked around and said oh, boy there they go digging where they could get some kind of flack for that. Romanelli said anyway they are doing good and he thinks it is going to be fine and hopes everybody appreciates it. Romanelli said they will have a little blurb in the paper.

Councilor Lonn said she thinks they should watch Mary Thomas when she runs when she sees a snake. Lonn said she was scared.

Councilor Pete said she was there Saturday with two pet snakes that she likes so much.

Ogema Romanelli said they had a snake with baby snakes and everything so what fun.

Councilor Lonon thanked Ogema Romanelli. Lonon said the other thing she wanted to bring up is on November 12th she knows it is ahead but she is thinking ahead, they are going to have a Veteran's Feast. Lonon said not just for Native Veterans but any of the Veterans. Lonon said she has been working with the casino and they are going to have it on a Monday because all the Veterans stuff will be on the weekend and she will have more details as they go along. Lonon said she does have a Band and they are going to have a dance floor and everything for them. Lonon said that will be from 12-3. Lonon said that is it.

Speaker Riley asked anybody else for public comment. Riley asked it is Monday the 12th she said. Riley said he just wanted to, well she is not here, but he did want to recognize that it is their ULD Intern Alanna Lahey's last week.

Councilor Pete said oh, is it.

Councilor Lonon said oh, is it.

Speaker Riley said so if they see her tell her "thank you" and it was a pleasure.

Councilor Pete said yes please.

Speaker 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 10:40 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

Speaker Riley asked can he get a motion to go into second open at 11:19.

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:19 a.m.

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

Quorum established.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis do they have anything to move.

Recorder Lewis said yes they do.

MOTION TO MOVE MOTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE FOR RESOLUTION #18-0815-251; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis said Resolution #18-0815-251 has been moved into open.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0815-251, RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH ELMER'S CRANE & DOZER, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$689,007.60 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE DAYCARE DRIVE/PARKING LOT & EMPLOYEE ACCESS DRIVE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT; by Pete; supported by Corey.

Riley asked if there were any abstentions.

Roll Call #C-3

R. Wittenberg - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Absent
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey - 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 asked motion to adjourn anybody at 11:21.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:21; by Friedel; supported by Pete.

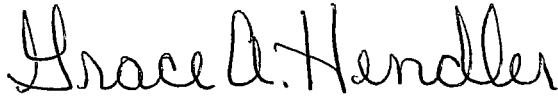
Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder