

Approved 9/6/17

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017
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 23, 2017. 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 Council Meeting for Wednesday, August 23rd at 10:00 a.m. Riley said Terri Tyler is going to get them started off with a prayer this morning.

I. Opening Prayer

Terri Tyler, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin.

Speaker Riley said miigwech to Terri Tyler.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Norma Hinkle, Darleen Martin, Rosemary Smith, Jennifer Crampton, Bill Willis, Terri Tyler.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Umlauf, Elaine Porter, Kenny Pheasant, Shayne Machen, Rebecca Liebing, Caitlin Rollins.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR AUGUST 23; by Pete;
supported by Lonn.

Councilor Friedel said there are two added.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR AUGUST 23 WITH
THE FOLLOWING CHANGES; C.2 AND C.3, IV A IS ADDED, V A
IS ADDED;** by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked Councilor Lonn if she still supported that.

Councilor Lonn said yes she does.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis noted the agenda has been approved for August 23rd, 2017.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

D. Tribal Council Minutes □ 8/16/17

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES
FROM 8/16/17;** by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said Tribal Council Minutes have been approved for 8/16/17.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Riley noted they have nothing under Grants & Contracts.

B. Budget Modifications

1. **Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of the Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-__ in the amount of \$20,000**

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2017 Self-Governance Compact.

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 these funds represent Modification #11 to the 2017 Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Willis said year to date it brings them up to \$2,454,796 which is roughly \$800,000 more than they projected in the 2017 Budget. Willis said they just need to accept the funds and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said if there is no discussion he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0823-283;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING
BUDGET MB-2017-55 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000;** by Medacco;
supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and is there any discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0823-283 has been approved.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval for Councilors Lonn and Di Piazza to attend the Tribal Climate Workshop on October 9-11, 2017

The workshop is sponsored by ITCMI, GLISA and the Bay Mills Indian Community that is being held at the Community College.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said it is put on through the Inter-Tribal of Michigan basically just to discuss climate change and how that is going to affect them. Di Piazza said also how they can assist in changing that. Di Piazza said other than that is all he knows until he gets back from it.

Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Di Piazza. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said okay if there is no other discussion he would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE SENDING COUNCILORS LONN AND DI PIAZZA TO THE TRIBAL CLIMATE WORKSHOP ON OCTOBER 9-11, 2017; by Pete; supported by Friedel.

Councilor Medacco reminded Councilor Pete that it is a motion only.

Councilor Pete apologized.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley said no abstentions and asked is there any further discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis noted the motion has been approved for Councilors Lonn and Di Piazza to attend the Climate Workshop on October 9-11, 2017.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

2. Authorizing Councilor Lewis to attend the U.S. Chamber Small Business Council Meeting and America's Small Business Summit in Washington, D.C. from September 9-13, 2017

The Small Business Summit provides an opportunity for over 900 Small Business Owners, managers, and entrepreneurs from across the country to learn, engage, network and grow.

Speaker Riley asked if there is any discussion or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he knows they talked about this too. Medacco said during that week, and he knows the dates have been extended on this, there are two extra days because Councilor Lewis and Crampton will be attending some of the workshops that the NCAI is having out there also during that week. Medacco said so they will be able to talk to delegates from the Senate and the Representatives while they are out there on the Hill. Medacco said if he is correct.

Councilor Crampton said yes he is.

Councilor Lonn asked Speaker Riley if he.....they already approved his and is he going to stay longer as well.

Speaker Riley answered no.

Councilor Lonn said okay she just wanted to make sure.

Speaker Riley said he also just wanted to add that on Wednesday there is also an opportunity to meet with the Senate Majority Leader. Riley said okay any other....

Councilor Pete said this is the motion right, so he is prepared to make a motion.

MOTION AUTHORIZING COUNCILOR LEWIS TO ATTEND THE U.S. CHAMBER SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING AND AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FROM SEPTEMBER 9-15, 2017 AND ALSO TO SCHEDULE MEETINGS WITH THE NCAI ON CAPITOL HILL VISITS DURING THIS TIME; by Pete; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley said alright no abstentions and asked is there any further discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said the motion has passed for Councilor Lewis to attend Small Business Council Meeting and NCAI on September 9-15.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

3. Authorizing Councilor Crampton to attend the U.S. Chamber Small Business Council Meeting and America's Small Business Summit in Washington, D.C. from September 9-13, 2017

The Small Business Summit provides an opportunity for over 900 Small Business Owners, managers, and entrepreneurs from across the country to learn, engage, network and grow.

Speaker Riley asked if there is any discussion or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he will make a motion.

MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL FOR COUNCILOR CRAMPTON TO ATTEND THE U.S. CHAMBER SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING AND AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FROM SEPTEMBER 9-15, 2017 AND ALSO TO THE COUNCILOR INTEND ON SCHEDULING NCAI CAPITOL HILL VISITS DURING THIS TIME AS WELL; by Medacco; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked Councilor Pete if he had any comments.

Councilor Pete said no, he was just going to say he thinks this.....what information that he really didn't find out at the.....quite all at the Agenda Review on Monday was especially the part about the National Congress of American Indians at the same time and the possibilities of meeting with the.....was it the Senate Majority Leader.

Speaker Riley said yes.

Councilor Pete asked did he hear that right because sometimes he can't quite hear down there but this made a lot more sense.

Speaker Riley asked any other discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Recorder Lewis said the motion has carried for Councilor Crampton to attend the Small Business Summit and also NCAI September 9-15.

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due:

- A. **Operations Report**
July 2017
- B. **Financial Report**
July 2017
- C. **Binojeeuk Commission**
- D. **Housing Commission**
- E. **Natural Resource Commission**
May-July 2017
- F. **Commerce Commission**
June & July 2017
- G. **LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report**
April-July 2017
May-December 2016

Reports received:

- ☐ **June 2017**
- ☐ **None Submitted**
- ☐ **June 2017**
- ☐ **None Submitted**
- ☐ **July 2017**
- ☐ **July 2017**
- ☐ **None Submitted**
- ☐ **None Submitted**
- ☐ **None Submitted**

Speaker Riley said they just added the Operations Report for June 2017 also they got the Financial Report for June 2017, Binojeeuk Commission for July, and ... Housing Commission for July and just for the record those have been received and accepted by Tribal Council. Riley said onto New Business.....

Councilor Pete interrupted.....apologized and asked if he could make a comment.

Speaker Riley said yes, absolutely.

Councilor Pete said he just.....he sees this every week and he knows he sees the Resort's come across on a pretty timely basis. Pete said he is not trying to throw anybody under the bus but he would just like to know as a question he sees that the LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Reports from April-July of 2017 and May-December 2016. Pete said he doesn't know if that is right or not but is there.....he knows they got a new HR person and knows they got to get their

feet wet and everything else that takes a little bit. Pete asked if there is any time on the horizon where they are going to get these reports or don't they know. Pete apologized and said Ogema Romanelli, Tribal Preference Reports and it is him that he has to ask.

Ogema Romanelli said as they know they were without a HR Director for a length, considerably length of time, and they now have one that has been in there for about a little over a month. Romanelli said he thinks it is time to start getting the reports. Romanelli said he wanted to give time to get seated in the position but he thinks at this juncture there should be an easy way to get these reports to the Tribal Council on a regular basis.

Councilor Pete said okay and if he can add.....can he go in again. Pete said as he said he doesn't want to.....he knows it takes somebody new time to go in and he is personally prepared to give all the time but he just noticed this to be.....he knows that if the Resort's Preference Report were pretty much here on time he knows there would be some comment being made so he just wanted to do that. Pete said so that is all he wants if it takes them three months he doesn't care but there is somebody working on it is the most important.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, and he doesn't think it should take three months he thinks 30 days is good enough to get in there and make sure that the reports come to the Tribal Council.

Councilor Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said Councilor Pete was welcome.

V. New Business

A. Approval of Donation of \$500 to the Michigan American Bikers Aiming Towards Education (ABATE)

This donation will help provide 5 families in 5 Counties a Christmas.

Speaker Riley asked is there any discussion or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel explained that this was brought forward from Nicky Carnes Tribal Member's girlfriend, soon to be wife, they are asking for donations. Friedel said this is going to provide five families in five counties a Christmas. Friedel said what they do is they go out and get donations from Meijer, Walmart, everybody they know, food donations, clothing donations and they do it in five counties. Friedel said they pick one family in five counties and he means it's just a good thing to just help out with Christmas and everything else what they are always trying to do. Friedel said it is five counties so it is something nice.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he just thinks that the.....to his add to that.....he never heard of this group until Councilor Friedel brought it up but they know Christmas for families should be a time of some peace so if this will help bring that peace. Pete thanked them.

Speaker Riley said okay they still need a motion on New Business Item A. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0823-284;
AUTHORIZING DONATION OF \$500 TO THE BIKERS AIMING
TOWARDS EDUCATION TO PROVIDE FIVE FAMILIES IN FIVE
COUNTIES; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

Councilor Friedel asked Speaker Riley if he can make one more comment.

Speaker Riley said yes he can.

Councilor Friedel said that donation is.....he asked the approval of the Ogema as well so what they are doing is instead of the \$500 just for Council it is going to be Ogema and Council's side so it is going to be from Little River. Friedel thanked Ogema Romanelli.

Councilor Pete thanked Councilor Friedel for correcting him.

Speaker Riley asked is there any other discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0823-284 has been approved.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Councilor Pete asked is that wrong, September the 6th but what is next.....

Councilor Lonn explained they don't have a meeting then.

Councilor Pete asked they don't have a meeting next week.

Speaker Riley said correct it is the fifth Wednesday.

Councilor Pete said okay he didn't count.

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Riley said to Ogema Romanelli that he had the floor.

Ogema Romanelli said there is only one item on the agenda. Romanelli said they are attending a Golf Outing in Muskegon he thinks it is Councilor Pete, Councilor Medacco and himself along with Tom Shields from MRG. Romanelli said that is the only thing he has.

Councilor Lonn said next Friday or this Friday.

Councilor Medacco said this Friday.

Ogema Romanelli agreed this Friday.

Councilor Friedel asked what the Golf Outing is for.

Ogema Romanelli replied that it is to benefit the Chamber of Commerce from Muskegon.

Tribal Council thanked Ogema Romanelli.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Riley asked does anybody have anything for Legislative Affairs.

Councilor Crampton said not at the moment.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley said at this time they will invite anybody up who has any public comments.

No public comments were offered.

Speaker Riley said okay that was really easy.

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.

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to end first open at 10:19.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:19; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked is anybody going to abstain. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said alright they are in closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to go into second open at 11:35.

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:35 a.m.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN; by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said alright they are in open.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis if they have any items to move from closed to open session.

Recorder Lewis replied yes, they are going to go ahead and move to open:

MOTION TO MOVE TO OPEN RESOLUTION, MOTION AND ROLL CALL; RESOLUTION #17-0823-285, ALSO #17-0823-286 AND RESOLUTION #17-0823-287; by Lewis; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis noted those resolutions have been moved to open.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0823-285, APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE 2007 AGREEMENT WITH ACCURATE BACKGROUND; by Medacco; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked if anyone was going to abstain from the vote.

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0823-286, RATIFICATION OF TELE-PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES WITH PINE REST CHRISTIAN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; by Friedel; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if anyone was going to abstain from the vote.

Roll Call #C-4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0823-287,
RATIFICATION OF SECURITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN
CARDINAL HEALTH AND THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF
OTTAWA INDIANS PHARMACY; by Friedel; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Riley asked if anyone was going to abstain from the vote.

Roll Call #C-5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Riley said at this point he will entertain a motion to adjourn at 11:36.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:36; by Medacco; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

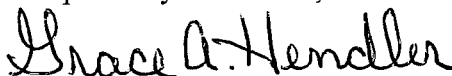
Roll Call #11

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

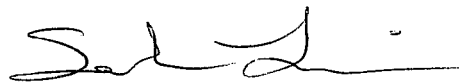
Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder