

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016
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 24, 2016. The beginning of the meeting was not recorded on the tape. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

The rest of Chuck Fisher's prayer was not on the tape recording.

Chuck Fisher, Tribal Warrior, offered the Opening Prayer.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order and the time was not recorded.

B. Roll Call

J. Riley - Present	J. Burger- Present	F. Medacco- Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza- Present	M. Wabindato -Present
R. Wittenberg-Present	V. Johnson - Present	S. Lewis - Absent

Quorum established.

Others Present: Chuck Fisher, Jake Kequom, Marcella Leusby, Frank Figgels, Lani Rozna, Steve Wheeler, Dottie Batchelder, Jennifer Crampton, Diane Lonn, Ron Pete, Connie Waitner, Julie Wolfe.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer from Public Safety, Dave Corey.

Speaker Johnson noted that Councilor Lewis is in North Dakota right now with the Sioux Tribe on a protest for the pipeline and please include her and her family in their prayers. Johnson said like he said they had a couple of late adds on this so please consider that in approving the agenda.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24th WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS; UNDER NEW BUSINESS, ADDING C AND D AND IN CLOSED SESSION, ADDING B.1 a; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #1

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Johnson mistakenly went on to Continuing Business then realized that there were Tribal Council Minutes to approve.

Recorder Riley said minutes.

Councilor Wabindato said Tribal Council Minutes.

Speaker Johnson thanked Recorder Riley and said they have to do their minutes yet.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 8/17/16

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 8/17/16 FOR FILING; by Medacco; supported by Riley.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #2

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley noted the minutes are accepted.

Speaker Johnson said okay now they are ready to move on to A.1.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Approval of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

This is a FY2016-2017 grant renewal request to the USDA-this funding will continue the Food Commodity Program through September 30, 2017. The Budget has been preliminarily reviewed and approved by USDA.

Chuck Fisher from the Grants Department and Yvonne Theodore from the Commodities Department represented this agenda item. Theodore said it seems like it is that time of the year or the year has rolled around for the FDPIR Program again. Theodore said she stands before them for a grant application for the FDPIR. Theodore said the Federal Budget is \$92,092 and Tribal Match comes to \$47,735 for a total of \$139,827 for 2007 so they can continue running FDPIR Program.

Councilor Medacco said just for the membership how long has this program right here been running.

Yvonne Theodore said the program, she has been here for over 18 years, so she thinks they have been like two years, two or three years, before she started.

Councilor Medacco thanked her.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any more discussion on this item or a motion. Johnson asked Councilor Wittenberg if he saw his hand.

Councilor Wittenberg nodded his head no.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0824-242; APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR CONTINUATION FUNDING FOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS UNDER THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) FOR FY 2016-2017 IN AN AMOUNT OF \$92,092.00; by Riley; supported by Burger.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #3

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes

R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson – Yes	S. Lewis – Absent
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Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0824-242 is passed.

B. Budget Modifications

1. **Acceptance of Award Funds from Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) of Michigan and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-__ in the amount of \$500, and Authorizing the use of the funds for the purchase of equipment for the Fitness Center**

The funds were awarded as an Honorable Mention in the 2016 Tribe to Tribe Blues Community Challenge.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0824-243; ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD FUNDS FROM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-43 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500, AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE FITNESS CENTER; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #4

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato –Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson – Yes	S. Lewis – Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0824-243 passes.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Johnson noted they do not have anything under Item C.

IV. Old Business

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| A. Operations Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| B. Financial Report | 1. <input type="checkbox"/> January 2016 |
| | 2. <input type="checkbox"/> February 2016 |
| | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> November 2015 |
| | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> December 2015 |
| C. Health Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| D. Housing Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> July 2016 |

- E. **Natural Resource Commission** **None Submitted**
- F. **Commerce Commission** **None Submitted**
- G. **LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report** **None Submitted**

Speaker Johnson noted to the membership that they have received from Old Business the Financial Reports and they had a discussion with the CFO on this item and they are moving forward and accepted those. Johnson said they also received the July Report from the Housing Commission. Johnson said they have no action items required on those items and just noted they have been filed.

V. New Business

A. Amending the Schedule of Regular Meetings for Tribal Council for Calendar Year 2016 by the Cancellation of the September 14, 2016 Tribal Council Meeting

As required in Section 4.01 (c) (1) of the Tribal Meeting Procedures Ordinance that regular meetings be cancelled by action in the form of a resolution.

Recorder Riley explained this is actually cancelling a meeting because they have services for a Tribal member employee that walked on, Angela Eagle-ba, and they just wanted to make sure that any employee that was able to get the time to go and attend wouldn't have to choose between coming to the Council Meeting and representing an item or being able to attend that. Riley said also the 21st is Reaffirmation Day so there will be a two week stretch without a Council Meeting so please remember to get any agenda items they need in for those two.....for the 7th first meeting in September.

Speaker Johnson said that is important for the staff and the Ogema to understand that. Johnson said if there are any items that Council needs to approve to just to get it on September 7th.

Ogema Romanelli said it sounds good and thanks.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item or a motion.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0824-244; AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016 BY THE CANCELLATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING; by Burger; supported by Wabindato.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #5

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Burger-	Yes	F. Medacco-	Yes
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S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0824-244 passes.

B. Approval of Donation to the Northern Michigan Recovery Residences in the amount of \$250

Northern Michigan Recovery Residences is requesting a donation to help with the 2nd Annual Run for Recovery 5k Run/Walk on September 24, 2016 and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council would like to show their support to the community in this endeavor.

Dottie Batchelder, from Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health, represented this agenda item. Batchelder said as a community coalition the Northern Michigan Recovery Residences is requesting funding or support from Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in the amount of \$200-250 for their upcoming 5k Run/Walk which is to benefit opening up residential housing for people that otherwise would be homeless in Manistee County and it is on September 24th.

Councilor Di Piazza whispered something to the Speaker but it wasn't picked up on the tape recording.

Speaker Johnson said in their Agenda Review they talked about whether the Ogema would be willing to match that amount or not.

Ogema Romanelli replied yes he believed they said they would. Romanelli said do they have an amount now.

Speaker Johnson said right now in front of them it is \$250.

Ogema Romanelli responded they will match.

Speaker Johnson asked if there is any other discussion on this item or a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0824-245;
APPROVAL OF DONATION TO THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN
RECOVERY RESIDENCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500;** by Di
Piazza; supported by Wabindato.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Councilor Burger said she just has a question. Burger said this particular Northern Michigan Recovery is a Community Coalition and asked Dottie Batchelder if she knew how many.....it is not directly tied to the

Tribe.....does she know how many Little River Band members have been referred there for services.

Dottie Batchelder said in the last couple of years when it was Stone's House they probably had in 2015.....she is not sure about before that but in 2015 they had at least ten because a lot of the people coming into the program come from the jails or the prisons. Batchelder said they do not have a place to go. Batchelder said there was probably more but that is the ones she knows.

Councilor Burger said she knows, they talked about this in Agenda Review, and she has been bugging her about it for at least two sessions but when will they see a Memorandum of Understanding or Memorandum of Agreement with Northern Michigan Recovery and Be-Da-Bin.

Dottie Batchelder said when it is closer to them opening and they are hoping to open in January of 2017. Batchelder said unless they make lots more money than they think.

Councilor Burger said just one more thing. Burger said she has to ask because she is a full-time employee of Be-Da-Bin and she knows in her comments she keeps referring to "we".....and she was.

Dottie Batchelder said because she is on the Board.

Councilor Burger said she wanted it for disclosure and transparency for the membership for that information so she is on the Board for Northern Michigan Recovery.

Dottie Batchelder said yes.

Speaker Johnson said he believed because there is a slight change in the agenda item itself Councilor Di Piazza is going to amend his motion here so please bear with them on this. Johnson said to Councilor Di Piazza that he has the floor.

Councilor Di Piazza said to the Speaker that he would like to amend that motion if he could please.

Speaker Johnson reiterated that he had the floor.

Councilor Di Piazza said he needs to amend the resolution with adding under the last "*THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED*" under Tribal Council adding the Ogema also 860.....wait a minute.....860-102-4304 in the amount of \$250.

Recorder Riley said there are two zeros there.

Speaker Johnson reiterated there are two zeros there. Johnson asked Councilor Wabindato if he still supports this action.

Councilor Wabindato said yes.

Speaker Johnson said it is open for discussion.

Roll Call #6

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Burger-	Yes	F. Medacco-	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza-	Yes	M. Wabindato -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	V. Johnson -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0824-245 has passed.

C. Approval to Extend Hold on Rental Rate Increases for Low Income and Elder Homes at Aki Maadiziwin for 30 Days

The Housing Commission requested Tribal Council approval for another 30 Day Extension for further review.

Speaker Johnson said this is an extension of 30 days on the last movement they did and has or will be expiring quite shortly here and they want to extend another 30 days.

Recorder Riley said Marcella Leusby is going to represent that.

Speaker Johnson asked if Marcella Leusby is going to represent this item. Johnson said to Marcella Leusby that she has the floor

Marcella Leusby said her name and Tribal #0133. Leusby said on behalf of the Housing Commission they would like to extend the freeze on the rent at Aki for one more month. Leusby said they haven't really had time yet to go over the whole listing of how.....they know they want to change the rent and how to do the rent and that so they were wondering if they can have an extension for one more month.

Speaker Johnson asked if there is any discussion or questions on this item or a motion.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0824-246; APPROVAL TO EXTEND HOLD ON RENTAL RATE INCREASES FOR LOW INCOME AND ELDER HOUSES AT THE AKI MAADIZIWIN FOR 30 DAYS; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #7

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0824-246 has passed.

D. Approval of Additional Meeting to be held by the Housing Commission for August 2016

The Housing Commission is allowed to hold one meeting per month.

Marcella Leusby, Housing Commissioner, represented this agenda item. Leusby said the Housing Commission would like to have a meeting the first of this week to go over the list for the rent and get that in order for their meeting with them for next week.

Speaker Johnson asked if there were any questions or discussion on this item. Johnson said he will entertain a motion on this item then.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0824-247;
APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD BY THE
HOUSING COMMISSION FOR AUGUST 2016;** by Crampton;
supported by Wabindato.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain. Johnson said he will ask that everybody speak up because it is getting a little loud in here.

Recorder Riley asked who had the second on that.

Speaker Johnson replied Councilor Wabindato.

Roll Call #8

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0824-247 passes.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Speaker Johnson said again he wanted to remind everybody they will not have a meeting for two weeks after the 7th so he would invite anybody who needs to get something approved get it in front of them for September 7th.

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli said he only has two issues on the update on his report. Romanelli said the first one is that a draft.....the first draft has been submitted to Tribal Council.....can they hear him.....that is usually not a problem. Romanelli said the first draft of the 2017 Budget has been given to the Tribal Council so they are working through that and they should be going along pretty good. Romanelli said the second item he wants to address is the rumor of his removal. Romanelli said he sent an e-mail to each Tribal Council member. Romanelli said if this is in fact just a rumor it could be put to rest and if it is not a rumor he would like a little more information on what it is. Romanelli said they know each time this happens and this has happened multiple times with an attempt of his removal and at times there have been thick packets probably an inch thick or inch and a half with allegations. Romanelli said in each time there is not an issue there is no.....no.....when it fails nobody explains whether it was correct or incorrect. Romanelli said the last time he had an attempted removal they.....he had held an Informational Meeting for the membership so they could explain some of those charges that were against him. Romanelli said if there is a charge and let them just be honest here and open. Romanelli said they talk about transparency. Romanelli said if there is something that he has done please bring it forward. Romanelli said he doesn't think there is any reason to hide it and if this.....if they talk about it being a personnel issue he.....the issue of confidentiality is with the person that is the employee and he is open to anything so he is assuming since he only got one response back from nine Council members just to say that it was simply a rumor that it is more than a rumor. Romanelli asked if that was fair.

Speaker Johnson said okay. Johnson called on Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well this stems from them it's the Council that has to be in the ____ to look into a paper that was being circulated. Crampton said the paper had no author and they asked that the Ogema to look into it to see if he could identify if this was from an actual member or who the author was. Crampton said he is assuming since they are dealing with this in Tribal Council that he substantiated that it is a Tribal member that actually wrote those rumors.

Ogema Romanelli asked Councilor Crampton if he was talking about this and showed him some documents.

Councilor Crampton said yep. Crampton said so he substantiated.....

Ogema Romanelli said is he asking, apologized, then asked Councilor Crampton what his question was. Romanelli said he made copies if anybody wants to see it.

Councilor Crampton asked really because they had asked him to.....the Council gave him that letter asking him to identify if it was actually a Tribal member and if there was any truth to these rumors so he is substantiating.

Ogema Romanelli apologized and said to Councilor Crampton that he is having a hard time hearing him too. Romanelli said okay so there is a letter or something that came out.

Councilor Crampton said to Ogema Romanelli he has a copy of it and just said that he had a copy of it, right there.

Ogema Romanelli said this is what he sent to them on Sunday.

Councilor Crampton said no, no the Tribal Council gave him the letter that was going around.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, he may not be familiar which letter he is talking about.

Councilor Crampton said it was just.....

Ogema Romanelli asked if they were allegations of some sort.

Councilor Crampton said it was the rumors that he is talking about. Crampton said they gave him a letter and they discussed that this might be a potential.....well there was discussion about it.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Councilor Crampton said they asked him that before they dealt with this to substantiate if this was an actual Tribal member who had written these rumors.

Ogema Romanelli said he knows the ones that Councilor Crampton is talking about, yeah, and that is cause for his removal.

Councilor Crampton said no, he is actually asking him if he had substantiated that is an actual Tribal member who wrote that.....

Ogema Romanelli said he has not and that was turned over to their Legal Counsel in the meeting.....

Councilor Crampton said so they are talking about a rumor that they don't even know if it was from a Tribal member.....

Ogema Romanelli said no, they are talking about the rumor of his removal.

Councilor Crampton said if they are talking about that he can tell him that wholeheartedly that there has been no Tribal Council action or discussion officially as to how to do that if that is going forward. Crampton said nobody is talking about it.

Ogema Romanelli asked that there has been no talk or anything. Romanelli said so that's subs.....that is actually just a full-fledged rumor.

Councilor Crampton said yeah.

Ogema Romanelli said of his removal.

Councilor Crampton said yeah. Crampton asked how many times it's been going on for how long. Crampton asked who told him there is a removal.

Ogema Romanelli said he has had several sources tell him there was.....

Councilor Crampton said he is asking who.

Ogema Romanelli said well he had several Council members and he is asking for him and the rest of Council to just say it is a rumor. Romanelli said put it writing to him that it was only a rumor.....

Councilor Crampton said he will do better than that.

Ogema Romanelli said.....that there is nothing behind it.

Councilor Crampton said he will do better than that but he is going to ask him another question in hopes of transparency.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Councilor Crampton said okay there has been no Tribal.....Official Tribal Council action of his removal and no work sessions on his removal and there has been no discussion of his removal.

Ogema Romanelli repeated that there has been no discussion from Council of his removal.

Councilor Crampton said yes, Tribal Council as a body.

Ogema Romanelli said alright they have.....

Councilor Crampton said no, no, no, no. Crampton said now in the interest of transparency.....

Ogema Romanelli said yes.

Councilor Crampton said he said two Council members told him there was a removal.

Ogema Romanelli said there have been.

Councilor Crampton said okay who are they.

Ogema Romanelli said he is not going to disclose it right now.

Councilor Crampton said so there is no transparency.

Ogema Romanelli said put it in writing, all of them put it in writing and he will disclose.

Councilor Crampton said he doubts that's true.

Ogema Romanelli said he asked right here. Romanelli said he asked all of them to just put it in writing and it is real simple.

Councilor Crampton said he didn't ask for.....

Ogema Romanelli went on to say just put it in writing and he will answer the question. Romanelli said they are not going to go down that road again. Romanelli said it is a simple question.

Councilor Crampton said he already answered him.

Ogema Romanelli said he answered, one answered, he is not accepting one answer. Romanelli said all have to do.....say the same thing.

Councilor Crampton said he is willing to be transparent but he is not willing to be transparent to the membership.

Ogema Romanelli said okay he can turn it any way he wants.

Speaker Johnson said he has a queue going here. Johnson asked Councilor Crampton if he was done.

Councilor Crampton replied yep.

Speaker Johnson said he has Councilors Riley and Burger. Johnson said to Councilor Riley that he had the floor.

Recorder Riley said no he is good.

Speaker Johnson called on Councilor Burger.

Councilor Burger said she did get this e-mail from the Ogema late Sunday apparently he had sent it to an incorrect address listed that she is still a part of somewhere in the Tribe. Burger said she read through it and guessed she just has a couple of observations. Burger said one observation is that, and she hoped that he won't dispense that e-mail, because one observation is that there could be privileged closed session information in that e-mail.

Ogema Romanelli responded that Councilor Burger believes so.

Councilor Burger said yes, she believes so. Burger said the second thing she will say is that if she believed everything she read on Face Book what kind of leader would that make her.

Ogema Romanelli said that is correct.

Councilor Burger said effect a little bit more of herself as a leader than to believe the Face Book rumors that are perpetuated by individuals who have nothing better to do than to sit around and write stuff for their own benefit. Burger said not her benefit, not the Ogema's benefit, not the benefit of the people whatsoever. Burger said she guessed the last observation she will make is this stuff comes up and she has watched it over the years she can only say that if he has done nothing in office that would warrant a removal and there is certain criteria under the Constitution for that process than she wouldn't worry about it. Burger said she would let things run off her back and let it go and not concern herself with it, sir, because frankly if he has done something her advice to him would be to come into their closed session and they talk about it. Burger said it shouldn't be out in the public forum to protect his interest as their Chief.

Ogema Romanelli said he thanks her, mam, for her words but he must tell her that things go beyond just Face Book posts and they all are subject to rumors however when it goes beyond that and his family is effected continually by this type of nonsense and if it is just rumor than just say it is rumor. Romanelli said okay let them move on past that now they have some significant.....significant changes that have happened within this Tribe as of late.

Councilor Burger said he's right they have.

Ogema Romanelli said he is one of those people that they have put directly.....more directly in charge of that Resort and the rumors of someone

being not so go.....good shape to run that Resort is a concern for him. Romanelli said it should be a concern for the Resort and it should be a concern for these people out there. Romanelli said they have now put him in more of a direct line to oversee that Resort along with the nine of them. Romanelli said they are supposed to be working together, if they are not working together, that is a problem. Romanelli said if there is something in his.....his work that is wrong then they need to correct it now they can say let it roll off his back. Romanelli said he formally been put on the agenda more than once for this so yeah if he is a little touchy about it, yes, he is very touchy about it. Romanelli said he did ask for very simply if they could just say, each of them say, it is just a rumor and nothing more to it. Romanelli said that would have been a simple process and they can go in their offices go on their computers and just say "Larry it is just a simple rumor" then it is a done deal. Romanelli said they didn't do that.

Councilor Burger said no because she didn't feel it was warranted.....she didn't feel that she needed to respond to an e-mail about rumors but she wanted to remind him, sir, that in Article 5 under the Authority and Responsibilities of the Ogema's Office.....

Ogema Romanelli said okay they get these silly faces there again. Romanelli asked if they are going to go down this road, really folks.....really.

Councilor Burger said to the Ogema that he knows he has cut her off, sir.

Ogema Romanelli said yes.

Councilor Burger said he cut her off and she was very respectful. Burger said his family is not the only family that has ever been impacted by rumors.

Ogema Romanelli said she is correct.

Councilor Burger said so he knows if he wants to respect.....them to respect his hardship and consideration in that matter then please respect theirs.

Ogema Romanelli said he have.....

Councilor Burger said she is being very respectful to him, sir. Burger said he is the Chief of this Tribe so that.....with that comes a level of respect that is probably unearned just by virtue of his office. Burger said under Section 5, Powers of the Ogema, number eight, to manage the economic affairs, enterprises, property both real and personal, and other interests of the Tribe consistent with the ordinances and resolutions enacted by Tribal Council. Burger said she doesn't think there is any dispute as to the clarity of that language from her there is isn't. Burger said so she would think that being a step in the oversight tog of the Resort would be a responsibility that he took an Oath of Office to serve.

Ogema Romanelli said he did.

Councilor Burger said as far as this particular e-mail she is just going to say this if he hasn't done anything that warrants a removal then she would not worry about it. Burger said that is her best advice to him.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Councilor Burger for that. Romanelli said he will respond to say again a simple question, to say yes or no, as to if it is rumor would have been sufficient for him.

Councilor Burger said she is not going to answer him in writing because it is not required.

Ogema Romanelli said okay and thanked her very much.

Speaker Johnson said okay for the sake of order in the meeting. Johnson said he thinks they responded that there was nothing Council was going.....has done in the removal process or even entertained a discussion in that area of having a removal process. Johnson with that said he thinks it is very sound that the Council is not moving forward in that area. Johnson said to Councilor Crampton that he has the floor.

Councilor Crampton thanked the Speaker. Crampton said this is why he gets frustrated because here they are dealing with a non-issue right now and to clarify this he thinks it is a bit disingenuous to say that he provided them with an e-mail and he also within that e-mail asked about the legislative processes and their employees. Crampton said that is really not under his offices. Crampton said the other question, yeah, there is no removal but to come out here and paint it that he didn't take stuff out of closed session and bring it to put in that letter basically tying their hands that he can't remove it and if there is two Council members that did respond to him he would really like to know those numbers because they have a bigger problem with those names. Crampton said now they have a bigger problem.....

Ogema Romanelli thanked Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said now they have two Council members who are creating lies about the Council and making up rumors that.....are causing things like this to happen when they need to get down to some serious business.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Councilor Crampton again. Romanelli said that would be appreciated.

Speaker Johnson said okay anything else in Business Enterprises.....Business Updates.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Councilor Crampton said well they all know about the Standing Rock issue but right now there is an environmental group called Earth Justice who filed a lawsuit for a preliminary injunction against the oil company and it is supposed to be decided today. Crampton said so they will know if the preliminary injunction goes through.

Councilor Burger said yup.

Speaker Johnson said he has Councilors Di Piazza and Burger.

Councilor Di Piazza said there was a calling.....calling out for the Powaagins to come out at 2:00 and if they don't have one please lay their sema and say a prayer at 2:00 today for what is going on out there. Di Piazza said also there is one other thing going on which is in their.....right in their back yard is the pipe.....the pipeline, Line 5. Di Piazza said there is a place called www.oilandwaterdontmix.org and there is a comment sec.....or comments that need to be in by the 28th of August and they have the link on there. Di Piazza said to get their comments in on because Line 5 is not good either. Di Piazza said they want to put anchors down to secure down to the ground at 62 years old, yi, yi, yi. Di Piazza said his T-Bird is 59 years old and he wouldn't anchor that thing to the ground.

Councilor Burger said yeah she just wanted to add to Councilor Crampton and Councilor Di Piazza's comments in that case is being heard in the Federal Court in Washington, D.C. at 2:00 today. Burger said there is a protest outside of the court occurring this morning and she can't agree more that in addition to the Standing Rock issue with this particular pipeline which has not yet been placed or operational. Burger said Line 5 running under the Straits of Mackinaw is probably a disaster waiting to happen. Burger said the Great Lakes is the largest fresh water reserve in the United States, in the world, and she thinks they probably could participate in a flotilla that is going to occur on September 3rd underneath the Straits. Burger said there is going to be a.....there is a call for kayakers, canoeists and others to come and make their presence known at the Straits of Mackinaw on September 3rd.

Councilor Di Piazza said now that one he would drive to if people wanted to kick in gas money for the motor home he would be more than glad to pile in 10 or 15 people than have it. Di Piazza said they will have to donate gas money because it is a hog and it sucks a lot of gas.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to say that the Enbridge Pipeline #5 is something that the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) has been looking at and has discussed with the State several times and they will be pursuing that.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Johnson said he would invite any Tribal members to come forward with any comments they may have.

No Public Comments were offered.

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.

MOVE TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:38; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

Roll Call #9

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:27 a.m.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 11:27; by Medacco; supported by Di Piazza.

Roll Call #10

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Absent

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

There were no items to be moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

MOVE TO ADJOURN SECOND OPEN AT 11:28; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

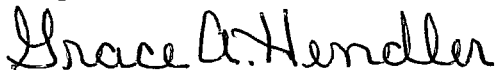
Roll Call #11

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Burger-	Yes	F. Medacco-	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza-	No	M. Wabindato -	Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	V. Johnson -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Absent

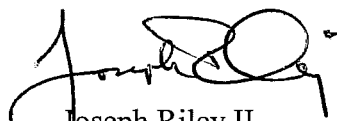
Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Transcribing Assistant



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Tribal Council Recorder