

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 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 8, 2018. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Riley that the recorder is on.

Speaker Riley said welcome to their meeting for August 8th and they are going to get started with their Opening Prayer and Councilor 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 you for all we have and all what we don't have.

We ask that you be with us in our walk today to remember the Seven Grandfather's Teachings in our life that we may walk with them.

We thank you for all of our relations and everything that is above us, with us, below us and that is what is within.

Ahaaw. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

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 Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call please.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor, one absent and they have a quorum.

Others Present: Corey Jerome, Nikki Nelson, Darleen Martin, Margaret Scott, Cindy Drake, Jennifer Crampton, Machele Gibbs, Jason Cross, Jacob Kequom, Laundyn Kequom, Eastor Kequom, Bill Willis, Boo Battice, Jessica Steinberg, Kris Steinberg, Jonnie Sam, Bridget Cole, Kelly Maser.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Umlauf, Andrea Waitner, Renee Dielman, Shayne Machen, Caitlin Rollins, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Alanna Lahey.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Riley recognized Acting Recorder Di Piazza.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS UNDER III C.1. IS AN ADD AND UNDER CLOSED SESSION VII C.3. IS AN ADD FOR AUGUST 8, 2018; by Di Piazza; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked are there any discussion on the agenda. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said the agenda for August 8, 2018 has been approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 8/4/18

Speaker Riley asked do they have a motion or discussion on the minutes. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he will make a motion.

MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 8/4/18; by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any discussion on the minutes from Saturday. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said the minutes for August 4, 2018 have been accepted.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Approval of a Grant Application for the Tribal Opioid Response Grant offered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

The requested grant will be used to increase access to culturally appropriate and evidence-based treatment for Opioid Use Disorder.

Jason Cross, Family Services Director, represented this agenda item. Cross said good morning. Cross said this is a two year grant and there is no match. Cross said potential for this grant is about \$84,000 each year. Cross said they are going to use the grant to augment Opioid Recovery Services using traditional and non-trad.....medical means.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this. Riley recognized Acting Recorder Di Piazza.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said if there are no questions he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0808-273;
APPROVAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TRIBAL
OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT OFFERED BY THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; by Di
Piazza; supported by Pete.**

Councilor Wittenberg asked isn't that 237.

Councilor Crampton said 237.

Speaker Riley corrected motion to 237.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza asked what did he say.

Councilor Wittenberg replied 273.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza amended his motion to reflect 237.

Speaker Riley asked Councilor Pete if he still supported that.

Councilor Pete said yes he does.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0808-237;
APPROVAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TRIBAL
OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT OFFERED BY THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; by Di
Piazza; supported by Pete.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any discussion on this. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0808-237 is passed.

Jason Cross thanked them.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.-Adult Mental Health Block Grant and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-__ in the amount of \$38,675**

The Tribe has received additional funding.

Speaker Riley said their Budget Coordinator, 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 this is additional funding they have received from ITC for the Adult Mental Health Block Grant. Willis said the program actually technically started October 1st of last year and runs through September 30th of this year. Willis said so they just need to accept the funds and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any questions or a motion. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0808-238;
 ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN, INC.-ADULT MENTAL HEALTH BLOCK GRANT AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-47 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,675; by Pete; supported by Corey.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any discussion on this item. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0808-238 is passed.

2. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2018-__-3rd QTR to fund vehicle purchase for Office of the Prosecutor in the amount of \$25,000

Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2018-015 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.

Speaker Riley said their Prosecutor, Shayne Machen, is representing this and that she had the floor.

Shayne Machen, Tribal Prosecutor, represented this agenda item. Machen thanked them for having her today. Machen said as many of them know although her title is Prosecutor about 80% of the work that she does is related to the Indian Child Welfare Act. Machen said what these responsibilities require is that she attends various State Court Hearings throughout Michigan and throughout the bordering States to represent the best interest of Little River's children and also to make sure the Indian Child Welfare Act is followed. Machen said year to date she has travelled to court or ICWA Meetings on 35 occasions. Machen said she expects to complete roughly 53 trips throughout the entirety of this year. Machen said by the end of this month, year to date, the Tribe would have spent \$4,000 on mileage for the attendance at these court hearings and she expects that number to

reach \$6,000 by the end of the year. Machen said this brings her to the reason for her request if these numbers remain constant in four years the Tribe will have paid a Prosecutor, whether her, or somebody else \$25,000 in mileage reimbursements. Machen said should Council approve today's request and authorize the \$25,000 expenditure at the end of the four years they will still have a vehicle with about 60,000 miles on it is her estimate worth anywhere of about \$5,000 to \$9,000 depending on the condition. Machen said opposed to just paying out the person holding her position and not having anything to show for it but her attendance at the end. Machen said so as they can see by the numbers breakdown it is a better investment to purchase a vehicle as opposed to paying mileage reimbursements for every occasion but regardless of their decision today she will continue to work for the best interest of the children in the Tribe. Machen said she is happy to answer any questions at this time.

Speaker Riley said actually when he did the math himself he figured it at about \$60,000 was the break-even point. Riley said that seems accurate. Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she knows because she is on Binojeeuk and she knows in many of their meetings Shayne Machen has travelled extensively which she is so grateful. Lonn said she knows the other Prosecutors have not done that before so she is really active for their children so yes. Lonn thanked Shayne Machen.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said given that this is the third quarter wouldn't it be more appropriate to maybe use a GSA Vehicle and put it in the Budget for next year.

Shayne Machen said she thought about doing that so she also looked into actually just purchasing a GSA Vehicle as opposed to just paying for one. Machen said they are at their GSA Allotment so the Tribe isn't able itself to purchase anymore. Machen said there are six departments that have vehicles and she will just kind of go through her rationale as to why those won't work. Machen said the Maintenance Department trucks, if any of them have seen them, are obviously not appropriate for travel to Ann Arbor, Bay Mills and Iron County. Machen said the Clinic Vehicles are for transporting patients and they are no longer loaning those out. Machen said Family Services has vehicles but their workers actually travel more than she does. Machen said the Department of Public Safety has vehicles and all of them are marked with lights and sirens so obviously she can't drive those. Machen said the one that they have that is not marked is Chief Medacco's vehicle which he uses on a daily basis for work travel. Machen said the court has a pick-up truck which is obviously isn't appropriate, if they have seen it, for long term travel. Machen said the Natural Resources Department has a number of vehicles but the basis of that department and the bulk of their work requires their attendance outside of the department so they are always using those vehicles. Machen said she has been able on a couple of occasions to ride share with

somebody so she could get to wherever she needed to go and she was able to borrow a Natural Resource Vehicle last week. Machen said that was one of the few occasions they had one available. Machen said if Frank Beaver was here she would make fun of him for giving her the vehicle that the power-steering went out in but nevertheless she made attempts to borrow vehicles and it just doesn't seem that they are available with the frequency that she needs them which they can see by the numbers is weekly. Machen said that was probably a little bit more than Councilor Crampton was looking for but she hopes she answered his question.

Speaker Riley asked are there any other questions. Riley recognized Nikki Nelson.

Nikki Nelson, Tribal #0421, said when of the first questions she has is about four weeks ago she believes the Prosecuting Attorney was in here asking for Jason Cross to become an Expert Witness for these cases that she is talking about so she is going to assume that they go there together.

Shayne Machen said no the Expert Witness is only needed at the first hearing and at a hearing where termination of rights is happening so every hearing has no less than.....every case has no less than four hearings a year so in some of her cases have eight hearings. Machen said so he will be needed at one or two of those but not all. Machen said on the occasions where they have had to travel together she has gone with the caseworker sometimes but on other occasions he just testifies via phone because he doesn't really need to be there like she does to cross examine people. Machen said so they have ride shared occasionally with Family Service Workers.

Nikki Nelson said she guessed she doesn't understand why they can spend \$25,000 on a vehicle no Prosecuting Attorney has ever asked for that and she doesn't see why the truck isn't appropriate because she means she has a truck and she has drove it all over the country so that really isn't an issue. Nelson said if there is something that is mechanically wrong with it it could be fixed for 1/5 of the price that she is asking for. Nelson said she is supposing to be serving children but there are children who can use that \$25,000.

Speaker Riley said to Nikki Nelson please address all of her questions toward the Speaker.

Nikki Nelson said they could use that \$25,000 because they just cut their School Money and now she wants a new car because she doesn't want to run up the miles on her vehicle. Nelson said she knows for a fact that Mr. Riley.....

Speaker Riley said this is getting.....this is getting to be personal about the Prosecutor and kind of _____ a little bit.

Nikki Nelson said everybody here travels.....everybody here travels. Nelson said she knows that Mr. Riley travels to Dowagiac, down to Muskegon, and never has he asked for a vehicle. Nelson said nobody else has asked for another vehicle. Nelson said there is Government Vehicles in place and there is plenty of vehicles that can be used. Nelson said there is plenty of other things that can serve the membership for \$25,000.

Speaker Riley said alright just a quick question regarding that. Riley said he is not aware of the school funding being cut.

Nikki Nelson said yep just to \$300 instead of \$400 for a child.

Councilor Lonn said no, they haven't cut it.

Councilor Pete asked when?

Nikki Nelson said yes it did.

Speaker Riley said okay that is not a question they are going to be able to answer right here because it doesn't seem like.....they will have to look into last year's Budget but that doesn't seem to fit with his recollection of it. Riley said to Shayne Machen if she would like to answer the questions that were asked there.

Shayne Machen said her comments about the trucks not being appropriate aren't because just simply having a truck isn't appropriate but rather the condition of the vehicles that they have are not vehicles that they can drive 300 miles or go to Iron County, Wisconsin in and ensure that they are going to make the trip safely. Machen said that is at least what has been described to her by the people in charge of those vehicles. Machen said as far as having lots of Government Vehicles there is actually no pool of Government Vehicles and not just a car out there for the Tribe. Machen said all of these vehicles are assigned to specific departments so when she does use another GSA Vehicle she is charging the cost of her travel under her department to that department. Machen said in response to no other Prosecutor travelling, she means she can't speak to what anyone else did or did not do before she goes here, but what she knows is that she feels it is vitally important to have someone from the Tribe at every single hearing. Machen said they are discussing whether these children will be removed from their family or their parent's rights are going to be terminated or they are going to be sent home. Machen said she cannot in good conscience not attend those hearings as some may not have attended in the past. Machen said she sees that as one of the top priorities of her duties so if that.....she is not sure if that answers any of the questions or if they have anymore she is happy to answer them.

Speaker Riley said right and he thinks it is a separate discussion as to some of the other things that are happening. Riley said this isn't necessarily as __ some gain

just because they have a vehicle doesn't necessarily mean they take it directly from children or directly from somebody else.

Shayne Machen said just to be clear this money is coming from Capital Outlay so it is money that Council has set aside specifically to invest in capital so this certainly is not cutting anybody else's Budget. Machen said she also wants to be clear the \$25,000 will be spent no matter what because the travel is going to occur but the question is do they want to spend it on a vehicle or do they want her to spend it on her vehicle. Machen said she thinks that the clear choice and the way the numbers work out it clearly a better investment for the Tribe to purchase their own vehicle so at the end of that travel they have something to show for it.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any other questions, comments or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted clarification what Budget did they see that in.

Shayne Machen said cap.....oh.

Nikki Nelson said that is what.....they would have to talk to Yvonne Parsons. Nelson said the kids get \$300 now and \$100 is absorbed into the Activities Funds.

Councilor Crampton asked was that in this year's Budget.

Nikki Nelson said yeah that is for this school year and thinks that was based on last year's.

Speaker Riley asked Nikki Nelson if she could please go to the microphone so they can get it on record.

Nikki Nelson said ___ has to register the year before so she thinks that would have been done last year so now it got \$100 of the \$400 got absorbed into the Activities Funds and now.....so now each child only gets \$300 whereas it was \$400 prior. Nelson said again they still don't have the Backpack Program that she was told they were going to have this year and it is August now.

Speaker Riley said backpacks are available through GTB. Riley said they claim the grant on their behalf because.....

Nikki Nelson asked who makes people aware.

Speaker Riley said he would assume the Education Department is aware of it. Riley said that is a separate issue than the supplemental appropriation here.

Nikki Nelson said they want to assume why they just can't leave GTB alone ___.

Speaker Riley asked do they have either a motion or any further comments or questions on this item. Riley said yes. Riley said he has Boo Battice next.

Jessica Steinberg thanked Speaker Riley.

Speaker Riley said he didn't even recognize her.

Councilor Pete said he didn't either.

Jessica Steinberg, Tribal #0148, said good morning. Steinberg said this is an interesting discussion. Steinberg said as they know she has held many capacities here in the Tribe and her time as a Little River Band member. Steinberg said she sees that they have on the agenda an acceptance of additional funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs through the Self-Governance Compact that she assisted in the negotiation of prior to her departure. Steinberg said it is possible because of the way that these Self-Governance Compacts is structured and there is a portion in that compact that deals with Tribal Court. Steinberg said Tribal Court Activities in particular the Indian Child Welfare Activities and that is a big portion of the activity that is required under that particular contract and agreement that they could take funding from that appropriation and dedicate it to either mileage or perhaps securing a GSA Vehicle for the purpose of the Tribal Court Prosecutor to travel to the events that are dealing with their Indian Child Welfare activity. Steinberg said in fact she would highly recommend that be something they consider. Steinberg thanked them. Steinberg said to Councilor Crampton that it is very good seeing him.

Councilor Crampton said to Jessica Steinberg that it was nice to see her too.

Speaker Riley thanked Jessica Steinberg. Riley recognized Boo Battice.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he guessed how come they didn't have utilized.....buy a Prosecutor in the past a vehicle and how did he manage. Battice said he guessed.....he doesn't know the responsibilities or how it is but to the best of his knowledge he imagined she could, he doesn't know what the job is, but probably they pay her enough to afford a vehicle. Battice said he has been asking for a vehicle and help.....

Speaker Riley said to Boo Battice that what the Prosecutor makes or anything like that isn't the subject of discussion right now.

Boo Battice said okay like he said how did the last Prosecutor do it is his question.

Councilor Lonn said he didn't.

Boo Battice asked did they get bought a vehicle.

Speaker Riley said the last Prosecutor, to his knowledge, did not travel as often and when he did he is not sure whether he used a GSA Vehicle or his personal vehicle maybe Shayne Machen travelled to some of those with so maybe she can answer that a little bit better.

Boo Battice said then the other question is this going to be a continuing thing. Battice asked are they going to buy a new vehicle because once they open that door then it seems to stay open in different things. Battice asked is it going to be like.....because he would let if they were going to send just the Prosecutor he would like to figure out a way to send someone from their Health. Battice said the people with.....

Speaker Riley said Binojeeuk or.....

Boo Battice asked huh.

Speaker Riley asked Boo Battice if he was referring to Binojeeuk Commission or....

Boo Battice said he is talking about the people who actually work with the children down in Health.....he doesn't know what their department is.....the social workers Dottie Batchelder and all them because Shayne Machen has the mentality of a Prosecutor and the other have a mentality of their children. Battice said he would like.....if she is going to every one of these meetings he would like a balance to go to that meeting with her in consideration and maybe they can use that vehicle.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley said to Shayne Machen if she wanted to respond to that.

Shayne Machen said it is her understanding from speaking to various people who have worked with these cases that the former Prosecutor did not go to the hearings. Machen said that is her understanding. Machen said she believed she explained that she thinks that her.....the requirement that she provide competent representation requires that she actually show up to the cases that she is representing the Tribe in. Machen said regarding how he travelled before when he did travel he did get mileage reimbursements just like she is getting but when she sat down and realized how much money they were spending it just seemed like a better investment to purchase a vehicle on behalf of the Tribe. Machen said regarding attendance at hearings there are a number of times that caseworkers do attend hearings with her obviously her role in those cases is not to be a Prosecutor it is to represent the best interest of the children and to make sure that ICWA is followed so that is what she endeavors to do when she represents the Tribe.

Speaker Riley thanked Shayne Machen. Riley said he will get to them in just a second. Riley said he guessed he is having a little he guessed personal confusion here because if they continue to pay the Prosecutor mileage reimbursement and she buys her own car they are essentially making the car payment for her. Riley said \$6,000 a year in reimbursements is \$500 a month so they are essentially making a car payment for somebody to own a personal vehicle which he means at the end of four years doesn't seem like it's the best thing for the Tribe to do anyway but he is still listening and they know flexible on any issue depending on where they are at. Riley recognized Nikki Nelson.

Nikki Nelson said she feels like two separate solutions have been brought up. Nelson said Mr. Crampton brought up that they could just continue to pay travel then next year put it in the Budget to buy another Government Vehicle and that could be a Court Government Vehicle and if it is that crucial that she has a vehicle then out of that \$38,000 that they just accepted then \$25,000 of that like Mrs. Steinberg suggested can pay for it. Nelson said if it is that important then Family Services or whatever department accepted the \$38,000 should be willing to give up \$25,000 for the Prosecuting Attorney to have a vehicle to travel to ICWA Cases.

Speaker Riley said alright and thanked Nikki Nelson. Riley recognized Jason Cross.

Jason Cross, Family Services Director, said he has several statements. Cross said one the \$38,000 they accepted is grant funds dedicated to Tele-Psych through the Be-Da-Bin Program. Cross said those funds cannot be diverted in any way outside what the grant was written for and it wasn't written for a vehicle. Cross said to speak to the prior Prosecutor as the Supervisor of the Case Managers who work directly with children and families or involved in these ICWA and MIFPA Cases he can tell them that many times they were left at court by themselves. Cross said the prior Prosecutor did not come. Cross said his workers are not attorneys or not trained to do what the Prosecutor does in these cases. Cross said he is very happy that Shayne Machen has been going to every single one of these. Cross said the final issue with the ride sharing with Case Managers if what not many, many times when they are going to court all over the state and sometimes out of state their Case Managers have additional responsibility of making sure those participating in the hearing are there at the hearing so not only are they taking themselves to the hearing they are also picking up people from various locations to get them to the hearing. Cross said he doesn't feel it would be appropriate to have the Prosecutor in that vehicle with those people with his workers going all to the hearing at the same time. Cross said he believed this expenditure is the best interest of the Tribe, his department and the children of this Tribe. Cross thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Jason Cross.

Bridget Cole, Tribal #01110, said she guessed she just heard them say that it is part of the Be-Da-Bin money because it is a restructure of putting Be-Da-Bin over in the Mental Health or not in Mental Health but Family Services under that sector. Cole said even though that she feels like this Tribe needs a whole Education Program about alcoholism and how that they treat it and especially that they are losing people like they are. Cole said in that they don't understand that it is a medical condition at this point this year 2018 and they don't know that it.....their cancer risk go down 20 years after they drink.

Speaker Riley said alright.....

Bridget Cole said that this.....no.....

Speaker Riley said this is actually about the supplemental appropriation for the vehicle and he means she has.....

Bridget Cole said she thinks that.....she is getting to that too. Cole said this community needs people out there fighting for them and they are not.....it's not happening. Cole said it is like they are captured in this building some.....they need to be out helping people. Cole said helping people change, helping them out there and not them in here they don't need no help in here. Cole said they need help out there and without vehicles they can't get out there. Cole said without proper money to travel and do their work they do not have.....they cannot do their work here.

Speaker Riley thanked Bridget Cole. Riley said they still don't have a motion on this item.

Councilor Pete asked is the queue done.

Councilor Lonn said it is done.

Speaker Riley said yes the queue is currently exhausted. Riley asked do they have anybody.....

Councilor Pete said he will make the motion.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said okay let him get it on the table. Pete said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0808-239;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2018-13-3rd
QTR TO FUND VEHICLE PURCHASE FOR OFFICE OF THE**

PROSECUTOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000; by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any further questions or discussion on this item. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion failed (3-5-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0808-239 has failed.

3. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2018-__-3rd QTR to fund HVAC Improvements at the Next Generation Learning Center in the amount of \$70,864

Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2018-016 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.

Speaker Riley said they have both Bill Willis and Jason Cross representing this and that they have the floor.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, and Jason Cross, Director of Family Services, represented this agenda item. Cross said good morning again. Cross said this is an item to fund replacement of three rooftop units at the Next Generation Learning Center. Cross said those units are 20 years old and no longer functioning. Cross said they have been working since January to find a different solution other than replacing the entire units at this point and have exhausted all other options other than to purchase new units. Cross said they actually have emergency units running there now so they remain in compliance with their license.

Speaker Riley said okay do they have any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Nikki Nelson.

Nikki Nelson said the mistake here was started.....well first of all where is the money coming from that would be paying for this.

Speaker Riley said if it is a supplemental appropriation and it is for capital equipment he imagines it is coming out of the Capital Reserve.

Nikki Nelson said they were told that the daycare was a "for profit" so that should be Economic Development. Nelson said the question she has is he is saying it is

20 years old why was this not taken into account when they made the daycare. Nelson reiterated if it is 20 years old and that is what the issue is so she means \$70,000 that is a big ticket for a daycare that doesn't even serve Tribal children.

Speaker Riley said to Jason Cross alright.

Jason Cross said during the reconstruction or remodeling of the building that whole system was reviewed by Team Bobs who was a subcontractor of their General Contractor hallmark. Cross said they went through and did replace one of those units during the remodeling of that building as it was no longer functioning since it had been parted out essentially by the Casino Maintenance Staff to keep the other units running. Cross said Team Bobs believed at that time those units would still remain running. Cross said this summer it must of gotten too.....he is not an HVAC expert and doesn't know exactly but they just started going down one after another. Cross said again they have tried every other means possible to try a cheaper solution to this and there wasn't any available. Cross said this is what they have left after six months of trying to figure out what they could do.

Speaker Riley said okay and thanked Jason Cross. Riley asked do they have any other discussion or a motion. Riley recognized Nikki Nelson. Riley asked Nikki Nelson to please go to the podium.

Nikki Nelson asked so do.....are they taking money from the Budget because they are not making enough money at the daycare to have upkeep on the building.

Speaker Riley said no it is coming out of the Capital Reserve Account because that is where all of the improvements and modifications to the buildings come from.

Nikki Nelson said but if it is "for profit business" it shouldn't be maintained like their government building it is not theirs it is a "for profit business." Nelson asked do they maintain the offices in Traverse City too.

Speaker Riley said no they are different.

Nikki Nelson said it is "for profit business," right.

Speaker Riley asked Bill Willis if he thinks he could explain that a little bit better than he is he guesses.

Bill Willis said he is not sure the exact question. Willis said he thinks he understands what she is asking. Willis said any costs associated with enterprises.....the Next Gen is not technically being treated as an enterprise. Willis asked could it be and answered yes. Willis said currently it is not being treated as an enterprise. Willis said if it was truly an enterprise it would probably

be managed by the EDC. Willis said those other enterprises he thinks she is referring to in Traverse City he thinks she is referring to Aaya is currently managed by the Economic Development Corporation not the Tribe established therefore any costs associated with any maintenance or upkeep or improvements to any facilities those businesses they have would be funded under EDC but any government related improvements as they mentioned would typically come out of that Capital Replacement Reserve which was set aside years ago to fund things just like this.

Nikki Nelson made comments from the audience and they were not picked up on the recording and couldn't be made out.

Speaker Riley asked Jason Cross to respond to that because he doesn't think that was, he means, some people may have said that but that has never been their mission specifically.

Jason Cross said the Next Generation Learning Center originated as a Strategic Planning item on Tribal Council's Strategic Plan. Cross said in the beginning in this process the long term goal would be for it to be for it to be an enterprise. Cross said they are working their way up to that point. Cross said he is open to any discussions and have heard Council possibly Ogema would like to have discussions on the future of that center he is more than willing to discuss that now that they have been open 14 months and they are kind of figuring out what is going on so then they can become profitable. Cross said he certainly open to those and he doesn't disagree that at some point it should be under the EDC if there is a non-profit branch of that he is not sure if they are there because he is not up on the EDC at this time. Cross reiterated that he is open to those discussions. Cross said they certainly do serve Tribal children and certainly do give Tribal children preference in regular enrollment, in GSRP, and in Head Start those are all taken into consideration. Cross said anytime there is an opening they go through every application and they follow preference just like they do in hiring employees so they do serve Tribal children. Cross said he believed 40% of the children over there have some tie to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Cross said he is not sure he answered everything but certainly willing to answer any question he can answer.

Speaker Riley thanked Jason Cross. Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she knows in the work session Jason Cross brought up if the temperature rises above a certain level they could be in trouble with some of their grants. Lonn asked is that right.

Jason Cross replied well the center is licensed by the Binojeeuk Commission which their ordinance allows them to license foster homes and child care centers and they have adopted the majority of Michigan's Licensure Regulations relating to child care centers and one of those is maintaining a temperature range. Cross

said once they are outside of that temperature range they are no longer in compliance of their license and those children should really need to go home or be moved to a position in the building where it is of the correct temperature that is cold or hot. Cross said so they are bound by their license to maintain a consistent temperature or they do need to close or move those children.

Councilor Lonn said that is what she thought.

Speaker Riley said he guessed the question for later because when he brings that up going above 80 degrees and that being the standard in the State of Michigan he knows that schools in a lot of these centers close during the summer. Riley said early summer or.....yeah early summer and early fall it often happens where they walk into one of the schools around here and it will be over 80 degrees in there and they don't send kids home. Riley said so he is just kind of.....if he knows the answer whatever right away but he is just kind of curious how that.....

Jason Cross said public schools are a little.....different....regulated differently so he doesn't know K-12 what their regulations are. Cross said he doesn't remember being in schools and it was hot but child care centers, daycare centers, GSRP Head Starts are all governed by State, Federal and Tribal Regulations in this case to maintain a certain temperature. Cross said in most GSRP's and Head Starts close during the summer which creates some of the issues what lead them to create the center because those children are left without care for three months. Cross said they wanted a place where they could have care for those three months so those parents could continue to work and create economic development for this area including those members of the Tribe.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley recognized Councilor Corey.

Councilor Corey said it is more than the air conditioners correct. Corey asked those are the heating systems also. Corey said they are dual purposed.

Jason Cross said the heating systems.....the issue in January was the heating systems he got those working again temporarily so that started as a heating issue in January and worked its way through and turned into a cooling issue. Cross said at the end of the day the entire.....those units no longer function.

Councilor Corey asked they are currently torn them out and they are down. Corey said they are renting units right now to keep the building going.

Jason Cross said to maintain the temperature, yes.

Councilor Corey asked they cost them how much per week.

Jason Cross answered well the total cost for four weeks was \$8,800.

Councilor Corey said okay so it is a crisis posit.....it is really more than an emergency it is a crisis.

Councilor Lonn said yes.

Councilor Corey said they are in a crisis position.

Jason Cross said at this point, yes, they are.

Speaker Riley said just to.....well he will get to them in a second. Riley said just to respond to some of the other questions.

Nikki Nelson said she isn't saying they shouldn't fix it she is just saying ____.

Speaker Riley said what he is saying is that going to the other direction that she is talking about with their.....he guessed their finances or whatever they will be having a work session in the next couple of weeks and he would encourage her to show up to that so. Riley recognized Acting Recorder Di Piazza.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said he was going to say the units are already taken off their pedestals and not in service.

Nikki Nelson said she isn't saying they shouldn't fix it obviously.....

Speaker Riley said podium please they need it on the record for the microphone.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said no that is it.

Speaker Riley said alright do they have a motion on this item or any further questions. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said okay if he has exhausted the queue then he is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0808-240;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2018-14-3rd
QTR TO FUND HVAC IMPROVEMENTS AT THE NEXT
GENERATION LEARNING CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$70,864; by Pete; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any further discussion. Riley asked Grace Hendler if she had something.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza asked what.

Speaker Riley asked Councilor Pete if he said 240.

Councilor Pete said he said 240 and is that wrong.

Speaker Riley asked Councilor Pete, oh, the supplemental appropriation 14.

Councilor Pete said yes. Pete said that is what he said and is that correct.

Speaker Riley said right, correct, alright. Riley said just making sure everything is in order. Riley said if there is no further discussion then. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Councilor Corey said an unhappy yes.

Speaker Riley said a sad face emoji.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0808-240 is passed.

4. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-__ in the amount of \$206,003

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2018 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 this item represents Modification #12 to the 2018 Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Willis said these funds are specifically earmarked for Rights Protection and Implementation. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley. Pete said if there is no further questions he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0808-241;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING
BUDGET MB-2018-48 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$206,003; by Pete;
supported by Di Piazza.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any discussion on this item.
Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0808-241 is passed.

5. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-__ in the amount of \$43,787

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2018 Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item represents Modification #5 to the Self-Governance Compact for 2018 with Indian Health Services. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0808-242;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-49 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$43,787; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any further discussion. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0808-242 is passed.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Bill Willis.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval of Expenditure for three 20 ton Trane Package Rooftop Units for the Next Generation Learning Center

The NGLC is a Tribally Licensed Child Care Facility that is mandated to maintain an acceptable temperature range and the existing units are over 20 years old and not able to be repaired.

Speaker Riley said Jason Cross is representing this and that he had the floor.

Jason Cross, Family Services Director, represented this agenda item. Cross said this is the actual purchase of the equipment that they just discussed in the supplemental appropriation. Cross reiterated those are the units that they discussed to be installed. Cross said again he is ready to answer any questions if there are any.

Speaker Riley asked are there. Riley recognized Councilor Corey.

Councilor Corey asked who is tasked with the maintenance of this building.

Jason Cross repeated the maintenance of the building. Cross said their maintenance staff currently does the maintenance, general maintenance, he means inside the scope of what they are able to do. Cross said there are certain things their maintenance folks are not comfortable doing but he guessed.....is that what he is asking.

Councilor Corey said well kind of, yes, but it was also the casino's property for some time because he was on the Gaming Commission and they were in the building. Corey said he doesn't like to be put in an emergency situations like this on their properties he wants them managed better. Corey said they should not be in this position.

Jason Cross said yeah he agrees with him and he can't promise him that the rest of that building that they don't use for the center is in any better condition. Cross said he knows the Gaming Commission had a leak in their roof. Cross said he doesn't know going forward for the entire building would be the best way so they don't end up here again. Cross said he doesn't like being here either and he thought they handled everything but here they are. Cross reiterated that he agrees. Cross said if there was some way to make sure that they are not here again probably the best way to go.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any other questions. Riley said Boo Battice he had his hand up.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said the funding for these Tranes are coming out of the ___ is that correct what they just passed over here. Battice said the \$70,864. Battice said so this isn't additional funding.

Councilor Lonn said no.

Speaker Riley said right this is the.....the supplemental appropriation before included the three 20 ton units and also the fees associated with the rentals at the cost of \$2,200 a week.

Boo Battice asked is there extra funding on top.....he guessed the question is they are asking for.....

Speaker Riley said everything is included in the supplemental.

Boo Battice said okay and thanked them.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any other questions or a motion on this one. Riley recognized Acting Recorder Di Piazza.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0808-243;
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR THREE 20 TON TRANE
PACKAGE ROOFTOP UNITS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION
LEARNING CENTER; by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any further discussion. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

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

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| R. Wittenberg-Yes | D. Lonn - | Yes | S. Lewis - | Absent |
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Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0808-243 is passed.

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due:

- A. Operations Report
- B. Financial Report

Reports received:

- June 2018
- June 2018

Speaker Riley said it looks like they received their Operations and Financial Report for June 2018. Riley asked is there any questions or discussion regarding those.

V. New Business

- A. **Consideration of Reappointment of Andrew Gentile as an Economic Development Corporation Board Member for another year, starting at expiration of current term on October 25, 2018**

Tribal Council has authority to appoint and/or ratify the EDC Board of Directors as required in the Little River Holdings Operating Agreement.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Bridget Cole.

Bridget Cole said she is not sure and she would like to know is this benefitting a Tribal member, this job, is this a Tribal member. Cole asked why is it.

Speaker Riley said no this person is not a Tribal member.

Bridget Cole said okay that is what she wanted to know.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any other questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley. Pete said if there are no further questions he is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0808-244;
RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT ANDREW GENTILE TO THE
EDC BOARD FOR 1 YEAR;** by Pete; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any further discussion. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (5-3-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0808-244 is passed.

B. Consideration of Reappointment of Thad Taylor as an Economic Development Corporation Board Member for another year, starting at expiration of current term on October 25, 2018

Tribal Council has authority to appoint and/or ratify the EDC Board of Directors as required in the Little River Holdings Operating Agreement.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley if there is no further questions he is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0808-245;
 RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT THAD TAYLOR TO THE EDC BOARD FOR 1 YEAR; by Pete; supported by Lonm.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any other discussion on this. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0808-245 is passed.

C. Consideration of Appointment of Tim Ervin to the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

The Tribal Ogema reviewed Tim Ervin's extensive qualifications and Tribal Council has interviewed the candidate and are now ready for a vote. The term for this nomination will be effective for one-year from the approval of this resolution dated 8/8/18.

Speaker Riley said this is a new appointment. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he would just like to make a comment that Mr. Ervin was extensively interviewed by members of Tribal Council and for a personal interview to be on this board. Pete said that is his only comment and if there are no other comments he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0808-246;
APPROVAL OF EDC BOARD MEMBER NOMINEE, TIM ERVIN;**
by Pete.

Speaker Riley recognized Bridget Cole.

Bridget Cole said she doesn't know if the second one was.....is Tribal or not or Native American or not but they know she sees problem here. Cole said she doesn't know if these people understand what is up here. Cole said they know there is like tons of opportunity in one of their Tax Agreement areas where small business owners could thrive and they haven't done anything to help that. Cole said they haven't helped anybody get a house or make a business or try to take care of their kids.

Speaker Riley said along with the Economic Development Corporation, he means they do have a Tribal member or well a couple of Tribal members sitting on the Board as well as a spouse he believes. Riley said they also formed a Citizen Advisory Board and the specific purpose of that is for their citizens who don't have the expertise as of yet to participate and be groomed so that someday they can fill those positions.

Bridget Cole said but this is the thing, they know, right now in Scottville there is a little building and is a little Barber Shop. Cole said it is \$20,000 and they have a bunch of hair dressers and stuff and they don't work at their casino but they do have hair dressers and people who can make use of that space. Cole said there is another right on the main avenue for a little store owner to have the.....to not have to pay taxes, Michigan Taxes, that would give them an upper hand. Cole said that is the kinds of things they need to be doing if they want to pull their people out of poverty. Cole said there is people living on the high end and there is people living in poverty. Cole said they are in the dirt in poverty.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he keeps hearing that statement but he keep asking people to give him those names because he would help them today.

Bridget Cole said well he knows she is not going to give him names he's got to.....

Councilor Crampton said find them.

Bridget Cole said no, no, no, no he has a staff working for him. Cole said she is not going to send people out to people's house and, and air their business in a Tribal meeting or on Face Book. Cole said that is where.....but it is not being done. Cole said they got some traumatic things that has happened in their community. Cole said it is an indication that they are not doing a good job. Cole said they have people killing themselves, they have suicide rates, and they have a Prosecutor that is busy with kids being misplaced. Cole said she means they have some serious problems here.

Speaker Riley asked alright what does this have to do with the appointment of Tim Ervin to the EDC. Riley said he is just wondering is there.....

Bridget Cole said she was wondering how do they get on this Board, she would like to participate.

Speaker Riley said they submit a Letter of Interest, send a resume, to the Ogema.

Bridget Cole said okay.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said the importance of getting people with expertise on these Boards is that they have the potential to help a member get them a job by sitting on the Board. Crampton said they have the potential to help 4,000 members with economic diversity and bring more money into the Tribe. Crampton said sometimes it doesn't look like they are helping the member but actually they got to go for the greater good.

Speaker Riley said he would also like to point out that the EDC actually has as part of their agreements with the builder, the real estate people as part of Odeno, and with almost anybody that they contract with worked out agreements where there is a paid internship available with the real estate person. Riley said there are Building Trades people on the Odeno Construction Project that are willing to take people on as Apprentices. Riley said they set this up but nobody has come forward. Riley said part of getting out of poverty is they have to do something for themselves to do it and they are trying to create opportunities but it seems like nobody is interested in taking advantage of these opportunities. Riley recognized Bridget Cole.

Bridget Cole made comments from the audience and they were not picked up on the recording and could not be made out.

Councilor Lonon said she can't hear her.

Speaker Riley asked Bridget Cole to come to the microphone so everybody can hear it.

Bridget Cole said this is why that they need the vehicles to get their employees and get the Ogema's employees out into the field. Cole said it is terrible what has happened to their people over these years and it is like a lot of people have moved on, passed, but there is a lot of people who haven't and she thinks it is wrong for them to forget them. Cole said she thinks that they need people like with the Clinic she doesn't understand the malfunction there at all. Cole said it is like they have been up and running for ever but that is a whole another thing. Cole said some of these things are just maddening that 20 years, 25 years, they are looking at and they can't function yet.

Speaker Riley thanked Bridget Cole. Riley said they still need a second on the..... Riley recognized Acting Recorder Di Piazza.

Councilor Pete said he doesn't think they did a first motion did they.

Councilor Lonn said no it wasn't done.

Speaker Riley said yeah he did the motion.

Councilor Pete said yeah he did. Pete apologized.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0808-246;
APPROVAL OF EDC BOARD MEMBER NOMINEE, TIM ERVIN;
by Pete; supported by Di Piazza.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any other discussion on the appointment of Tim Ervin to their EDC.

Councilor Crampton said to Speaker Riley that he didn't ask if they were going to abstain.

Speaker Riley said oh, is he going to abstain.

Councilor Crampton said yeah he has to but he does want to give a reason. Crampton said they held a meeting with Mr. Ervin and he was quite professional and he does support the nomination but at this time his Constituents tell him no so that is the way he has to go. Crampton said he is abstaining.

Speaker Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (5-2-1-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #18-0808-246 is passed.

Speaker Riley asked alright where are they at.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said concluding business.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, August 15, 2018

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Riley said to Ogema Romanelli that he will turn it over to him.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Riley. Romanelli said he just wanted to say on the application for EDC or any other Board or Commission it is best to submit a Letter of Interest and also a resume along with a reasoning why they believe they would be a good addition to whatever commission, committee or board that they wanted to sit on. Romanelli thanked Bridget Cole for her interest he appreciates that. Romanelli said he just has a couple of things. Romanelli said yesterday Joe Riley, Ron Pete and himself were able to meet with the Unions down in Coopersville and he thinks it was a good meeting. Romanelli said again they are asking for support for their Muskegon Project and hopefully that comes through. Romanelli said they discussed the Next Generation Learning Center and he has scheduled a meeting with Jason Cross. Romanelli said what they are going to do is discuss where everything comes out of, where the money comes from because it is not as simple as people think. Romanelli said for example the Surveillance Department is the only department that is not under the Ogema other than Tribal Council. Romanelli said then they have these buildings that are occupied by more than one entity. Romanelli said for example the Surveillance Department is within the casino and then they have the Gaming Commission in the building with the Next Generation Learning Center. Romanelli said in most cases what would happen is that the owner of the building would take care of some of these concerns like if there is a major heating issue for example. Romanelli said it is usually the owner of the building and in this case they are the owner of the building but it doesn't actually work exactly like that. Romanelli said the other thing that they run into and he really wanted to get away from this and hopefully they can in the future is just in a quazi enterprise of sorts and again is it a business, is it a department, what are these. Romanelli said they did it with the C-Store too and it is really, he thinks, important to know what the profit and losses are. Romanelli said whether it is a business, a department, or other. Romanelli said also would they provide government services to some of these programs or to, for an example, the C-Store. Romanelli said it is hard to determine whether it is profitable or not profitable and what the expenses are so that is one of the reasons why they want to talk. Romanelli said so they will go through that. Romanelli said the last thing that he has is this issue with the

Cemetery in Muskegon and he would like to address that issue. Romanelli said he believed there are people here that want to discuss it. Romanelli said now he is going to stop here with his report and then they will go, he is assuming, under Tribal Citizens ability to speak and at that time he will be.....he would like to hear the questions and concerns and then he will come back to answer at that time. Romanelli said if that makes sense.

Speaker Riley said sure. Riley said he just wanted to add one thing to the Ogema's update. Riley said while they were meeting with some of these folks yesterday they specifically had the Leader of the Building Trades and a couple of other people explicitly say that they worked with them before and there has been stipulations in these agreements that they work with Tribal members and teach them a skill to help increase their competency and value as a member of the work force. Riley said they had said specifically that they are still willing to do that so they will get something out there so that any member that is interested in learning a trade can contact and get to work. Riley asked are there any questions related to the Ogema's Weekly Status and Business Update.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

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

Councilor Crampton said it just looks like it is going to be Gretchen Witmer and Schuette in the Governor Race. Crampton said more locally it is going to be James and Stabenow in their district. Crampton said those are the two races to look for.

Councilor Pete said the other election that they were concerned about yesterday but came out in their favor was the one between John Bumstead and Holly Hughes. Pete said Mr. Bumstead is consistently supported their shoreline in Muskegon Project down in that area where Holly Hughes at times has not supported them. Pete said he is happy to report that on the way up he heard that Mr. Bumstead has won that so that was a good one for their column because he supports their project down there wholeheartedly.

Speaker Riley said right just to add onto that. Riley said as a Tribe they specifically endorse no candidates or anything like that but they are more than willing to share with their people a list of candidates that at some point do support specific issues related to them. Riley said if they wanted to take that into consideration when they are casting their ballot in November that is entirely up to them but for their people it is good for everybody to know where the candidates stand on issues that are important to them as Native people. Riley said they are going to try to get that information out to everybody based on the best of their knowledge so they don't put.....they know research is always within their own hands when they are looking at candidates but if they could put it all on one place

it makes it a little bit easier for everybody to make an informed decision at least related to Tribal issues. Riley said he would always sat if as an individual they agree with a candidate on eight out of ten issues and there is only two of them that go with the person that fits their own personal values the best. Riley asked anything else for Legislative Affairs.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley said they just have a quick thing for public comment and even before they take things from the floor. Riley said there was an error in the July Currents with the work session portion it only listed he thinks ten days out of the month so that is the actual Work Session Attendance for the month. Riley said if he shows them right here what was included in the Currents from like the 14th to like the 21st so there is a significant portion of it that was left out. Riley said he just wanted to make sure everybody was aware of that and this is what was included in the paper. Riley said so there was a huge difference. Riley said onto public comment portion.

A member in the audience asked if before they get into that other stuff that Riley chooses to talk then she wanted to send something out.

Speaker Riley said absolutely. Riley asked Riley if she would like to step up first.

The member from the audience said that she wanted to note that Riley is supposed to attend one Tribal Council Meeting so that is what she is doing by coming up today. She is a very shy person and may not want to deal with it.

Speaker Riley thanked them for coming. Riley said they definitely appreciate what she does for them as a Tribe and he thinks she is doing an awesome job of representing them.

Riley introduced herself, where she is from, and is Bear Clan in Anishinaabemowin. Riley said she just wanted to say that she is glad to be here and that she is just trying to learn more about her government and everything going on here. Riley thanked them for having her.

Tribal Council thanked Riley for coming.

Speaker Riley said Councilor Crampton has something but he would also like to say anyone of their people that want to learn more about it. Riley said go ahead and contact he thinks anyone of them on Council and if there is like a day they want to come sit with them or anything to see how things go behind the scenes whatever they obviously wouldn't be included in any private meetings or anything confidential but they can get a pretty good grasp of how things actually work because a lot of times it is not what people think on the outside. Riley said he just wanted to extend that offer and it is available to anyone that is interested or

at least from his position he would let them shadow him. Riley said he can't speak for other individuals. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said oh, he just wanted to address what she said in the Native Language. Crampton said Mukwa is also his Clan too so.

Speaker Riley thanked him. Riley said he is missing someone.

Councilor Pete said she will be right back.

Speaker Riley said okay so let them continue with their public comment period. Riley said he saw that Andrea Waitner had her hand up. Riley apologized and said he guessed the rule is that only Enrolled Tribal members are allowed to speak.

Andrea Waitner said she would ask the other Council members to allow her to speak on behalf of her people on the status of the membership.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he is aware that exceptions has been made for the General Managers and he thinks the technical IT guy was here once. Crampton said Glenn Zaring was allowed too so.

Speaker Riley recognized Acting Recorder Di Piazza.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said he thinks spouses were allowed to speak and they are non-Tribal members many times.

Councilor Pete said he doesn't have a problem.

Speaker Riley said alright let's take a quick survey here in the lay of the land. Riley asked the Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah he is in support of allowing Tribal Descendants to also speak at this because this involves descendants, Tribal members, etc. so he has no problem with a descendant speaking on behalf of this issue.

Speaker Riley said alright and he is of the same thought because this kind of extends to an issue that affects more than just their Band.

Councilor Pete said he told him he was fine. Pete said he is good.

Speaker Riley called on Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she is fine.

Speaker Riley called on Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said okay.

Speaker Riley said alright go ahead.

Andrea Waitner stated her name and where she was from in Anishinaabemowin. Waitner said she is Andrea Waitner and a Tribal Descendant. Waitner said she is often contacted by the community members here and far around when they hurt or they feel pain that they might not even understand or what is happening. Waitner said down in Muskegon there is a very tiny area left that they have that is a sacred burial ground. Waitner said the actual burial ground goes much farer out than that and that tiny little point four acre space, in the middle of the city, surrounded by a paved Federal Building was the place where their people gathered, camped and lived. Waitner said it looked out from the big water from there is a great big vantage point and is the highest hill so that is where they were. Waitner said that is the river valley that they loved and it got taken away. Waitner said their people got moved from Muskegon to Reserves up north here to Manistee, then to Custer and Eaton, those straight lined Reservations that were once created for them too. Waitner said so there is a great sense of loss of their space and their presence in that community. Waitner said their water front and their water rights with the ability to travel by water because they don't have access to even the lake anymore down there. Waitner said so for the people living around Muskegon it touched pain inside of them and then they got mad. Waitner said they are full of fire and brimstone but this has medicine in the spirits in that sacred ground who are speaking to them. Waitner said the spirits are coming to talk to them to help figure out what to do next. Waitner said a sculpture was created by a wonderful, beautiful, artist who his whole heart is Anishinabek and he wanted to show that to everyone. Waitner said this beautiful sculpture was commissioned as a piece of art to honor their people but also to let people know they are there and have been there this whole time. Waitner said they are still there in this tiny little space. Waitner said it was a beautiful gesture and gift. Waitner said they have to think about the old ways and how they consider sacred spaces and burial sites. Waitner said also how that affects the law because right now it is that property, their cemetery, is not in sovereign hands it belongs legally to the State of Michigan. Waitner said the City of Muskegon owns their sacred burial ground and she takes exception with that and a lot of people do. Waitner said they have laws that can help them fix that because they have NAGPRA. Waitner said Jay Sam is here and can speak to that. Waitner said when they put concrete in the ground, anytime they disturb the ground where those old bones are buried they don't want to disrupt or put things that don't belong there. Waitner said they keep that space open into the four directions so that those spirits can move through, how they want, and they don't obstruct it. Waitner said the statue is beautiful and they definitely want to put it somewhere but the center of that burial ground doesn't seem to be the appropriate place. Waitner said the man who tended....who has

tended that cemetery for years, his name is Joe Genia and many of them probably have heard that name or know him. Waitner said he is a Pipe Carrier and he knows how to respect such things so it was him actually, the tender, and the keeper. Waitner said there are those among them who make that commitment because that is who they are and he felt it was inappropriate to have that concrete there. Waitner said it was at his request, with his words, that people started to ask what do they do now. Waitner reiterated what do they do now. Waitner said the artist was contacted. Waitner said Ron Yob went and picked up his name is Jason Guiglo and they went to the cemetery and they looked around and thought maybe there is a better place for it after all. Waitner said they can figure out where that good place is. Waitner said maybe they put it right up along the coast and then they are taking over and claiming that sacred area. Waitner said maybe it is a marker so that they know but not on the grounds. Waitner said a ceremony will be done and they want.....the request is that the concrete be removed and then the grounds fixed up. Waitner said that is a community effort. Waitner reiterated that is a community effort because it involves all of them. Waitner said the bones that are rested there are from all over the place. Waitner said they could be Gun Lake or Little River or from many places affecting them all. Waitner said she thinks that she said her piece with that. Waitner said it really is a conversation and an opportunity because they are changing and evolving like the seasons do. Waitner said they are, they learning, and they are awakening. Waitner said what has happened though is people didn't even remember that that cemetery was there until they were putting a sculpture in it. Waitner said now people are going to the cemetery and laying their prayers down. Waitner said that is good medicine. Waitner said Ahaaw.

Speaker Riley said Miigwech.

Renee Diehlman stated her name, that she lives in Muskegon and is of the Ottawa people in Anishinaabemowin. Diehlman said her name is Renee Diehlman for the record and she has to look at her number because she doesn't think a number defines her and has a little bit of a problem with that here so she has to look. Diehlman said it is #0879. Diehlman said she would like to take this opportunity first so that way she can remain civil about an issue that she is very passionate with by offering them all sema so that way while she folds it she can keep her countance. Diehlman handed out sema to Tribal Council and the Ogema. Diehlman said she would also like to acknowledge that the Ogema also passed her this tobacco so while she holds it she is going keep her thoughts as pure and humble as she can. Diehlman said with that she would like to apologize to her Elders who she speaks here before and hopes that the words that she speaks, she is not speaking for them but speaking up for them. Diehlman said if she crosses that line please come to her afterwards so that way she can keep herself in a good way as she moves forward. Diehlman said that is what her name means _____ kwe. Diehlman said the language that speaks and talks about a woman who walks in a good way and that gutteral stop on it indicates that it is a good and spiritual way. Diehlman said she hopes that her words come to them and they understand the

love and the connection that she has to her people. Diehlman said the love and connection to the land that she grew up on, right. Diehlman said that is her land and she grew up there before Little River was federally recognized that cemetery was where they went to ceremonies, right. Diehlman said for as long as she can remember her aunties took her to clean that cemetery. Diehlman said her great aunties took her to have Ghost Supper and they would bring a plate every fall. Diehlman said in the spring as soon as the ice broke at the shore there they would bring their offering to the water for those spirits and in the spring they would bring the offerings to the little people. Diehlman said so when she tells them that she has a deep and spiritual connection with that land she means it in the most connected way that she can that she does not have a year of her life that she doesn't remember taking care of their ancestors there. Diehlman said she by no means consider herself a spiritual leader, she does not at all, but she knows what her family has taught her and knows what she cares about. Diehlman said she is not there to point fingers or place blame because they have all been taught that the only way they can go in this life is moving forward, right. Diehlman said what she can do and what she spoke to the City Manager about yesterday quite extensively is to make sure that something like this doesn't happen again. Diehlman said she doesn't feel like any individual failed them here, right. Diehlman said it is not one person's problem she feels she was failed by the process. Diehlman said she has also been a volunteer at that museum, right, volunteered for Native American Heritage Days, volunteered as a Guest Speaker, volunteered her time and her finances from the time she was eight years old until her daughter was five, right. Diehlman said almost 20 years that she volunteered for that museum and she didn't even get an e-mail that this was happening. . Diehlman said she wanted to point out that that museum the Foundation for Muskegon County and it started as a collaboration or Community Foundation she thinks it is what it is called. . Diehlman said in the paperwork that they had posted for all these times that has never been shared by the Tribal members until this week, has never been shared to Tribal members, and has never been shared to the public until the work was already done. . Diehlman said it speaks about Joe Genia's name in there and the repatriations that he did that she was there for. . Diehlman said to speak and use his name in the presentation in support of this project without ever having contacted him she feels is a failure as well on the museum's part. Diehlman said where she feels like she was failed by both the city and by their Leadership here, and it is not as.....not to point fingers, but as a way to move forward and address this issue so that they as a community are allowed a voice. Diehlman said allowed to lift their concerns in a positive constructive manner before damage has happened. Diehlman said so she use an example when she was explaining to Frank, the City Manager, from pop culture most everybody has seen parks and rec, right, and what is the biggest thing that ____ talks about for Town Hall Meetings, the community involvement and getting the community's opinions, their thoughts, and their concerns because as a community the ideas are always better and the solutions come and the problems are seen before they happen. Diehlman said so she understands that in all of the talks she talked yesterday with City Council or City Commissioners, City

Manager, and Board of Directors at the coalition....Community Foundation, Members of the Art Authority who are apparently self-appointed as to say what is good art for them to put down in their cemetery by the way. Diehlman said it's been made clear to her through documentation that she requested and through the notes she has taken that there wasn't a clear collaboration that happened. Diehlman said there weren't equal partners and there wasn't clear communication to the City of Muskegon to Tribal members or to other Odawa Nations that may have ancestors buried there. Diehlman said so one thing that she did when she found out about this happening late Thursday night and she didn't post or start calling until Sunday because she took her time. Diehlman said she wants them to understand that she thought today what she was going to say and she took her time and she prayed about it and took her tobacco and went asked Spiritual Leaders that she put herself under their guidance and asked what their thought was about this, right. Diehlman said she didn't just jump on and say this is wrong, this is my opinion, and her opinion means more. Diehlman said she asked her Elders. Diehlman said one thing....she was initially and she had voiced it to everyone that she didn't have a problem with the sculpture, she didn't have a problem with art in the cemetery because they as Native people love beautiful things, right, how they adorned themselves, how they decorated their lodges, all of that was the beauty and nature that they have seen so she didn't see anything wrong with the sculpture at first, herself. Diehlman said what broke her heart was that one if there was a Groundbreaking for the C-Store wouldn't there have been a Groundbreaking Ceremony. Diehlman said so if they are going to give their gas station that kind of honor and this sculpture was to honor all of them they weren't made aware until after the cement was laid and if it was really to honor them was there not a Ribbon Cutting or a Groundbreaking Ceremony where before it happened their Elders could say "*Whoa, Whoa, Whoa let's talk about this.*" Diehlman asked why was there not at the two meetings in her hometown, Muskegon County this spring, this brought up or at the Membership Meeting which she attended. Diehlman said her family attended all three of those meetings because they feel it is important as citizens from removed from this county to have their voices heard and to stay informed. Diehlman said so they came to those meetings, all three, made sure today she drove and she will be driving six hours to make it here to speak to them for this ten minutes. Diehlman said she appreciates that time. Diehlman said nobody brought it up, nobody said anything to them, nobody said anything. Diehlman said if she has to scour Tribal Council Meeting notes to find out something like this has happened there is a serious communication problem. Diehlman said until as a community and as a Council they remember at the beginning of each of these meetings they have the option of putting some of these things off and saying they are going to abstain or make a motion to move this to two weeks from now so that way they have the time to pray about it, they have the time to ask their Elders about it, and they have the time to talk to their community about it, right. Diehlman said she thinks that is really an important key thing that is being forgotten in this issue. Diehlman said so when she spoke with her Spiritual Leaders and Elders....she thinks it was really odd that they even the Elders Committee didn't sound like they were aware

of it from the few that she spoke to, right. Diehlman said she thinks that when they are talking about their ancestors maybe their Elders are the first place they should go. Diehlman said she talked to her Spiritual Leaders and they asked her, they didn't give her an answer, they asked her that when she went to take care of that place why was she there, what should her focus had been and what does she think having something to distract her from what that focus should be while she is on that property, when she is on that land, and when she is feeling that connection. Diehlman reiterated what was it supposed to be. Diehlman asked was it supposed to be about Little River, was it supposed to be about herself, and was it supposed to be about the city, or the art or the artist. Diehlman said the answer she gave them was no. Diehlman said that land and her time on it was about honoring their ancestors about remembering them, feeding them, bringing them their medicine, taking care of the responsibilities for them and that land that they rest on that they no longer can. Diehlman said so while she appreciates that there were a lack of communication to a lot of them as their Leaders she thinks it is important to remember as Odawa people their Peace Councils were legendary, their ability to communicate with other Tribes and know other languages, are legendary among the Anishinabek. Diehlman said the time their Council's took could take weeks because they didn't speak right away, there was a Pipe Ceremony, there was prayers, there was feasting, there was time that was happening and they need to step back and say they don't have to rush this decision. Diehlman said they need to find out who the people who have lifted them up to this place of service, not an elevation of power, they have lifted them up through their votes to represent them and to make decisions like this that are so sacred and so held dear without getting community input just blows her mind. Diehlman said she can't understand it and she don't take.....like she said she is not pointing fingers, she is not placing blame on any one person or anything like that but at each step of the way and hindsight, right, can they see where there was a time to reach out, there was a time to ask questions, there was a time to find out what they as a Council could do for them as a people. Diehlman said she thinks that until they are ___ careful, determined, steady and aware of what is going on in their paths that those things are going to be forgotten. Diehlman said they don't have to rush decisions and in fact this decision from what she could find on the website had been turned down one time already by a previous set of Council members. Diehlman said so she just wanted to let them know with her whole heart that she respects the work that they do, she respects the responsibility that they have placed in them and she respects how hard it is to be sat here and scolded to by a young woman. Diehlman said she appreciates the time they listened to her and hopes this is not the kind of issue preventable chaos is what she called it, right. Diehlman reiterated preventable chaos. Diehlman said this was a very preventable issue and she hopes in the future they will all take a moment to slow down, take into consideration getting advice from their Elders, their Spiritual Leaders, from this community, from the people who are here, the people they see in ceremonies, the people who they see come to Pow Wow, the people who come to make the offerings to their waters, the people who do that here and she doesn't necessarily mean her at all, please and thank you, and the

people who they see in their community. Diehlman said the people who do the work in their community not the people who do the work in other communities. Diehlman said so she just respectfully ask that they consider those as constructive feedback. Diehlman said Ahaaw, Miigwech.

Speaker Riley said Miigwech. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said to Renee Diehlman if she could please stay at the podium. Crampton said several times she said it was a Tribal Council action and he would like to know the number because he can't find it.

Renee Diehlman asked what that they approved this.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Renee Diehlman said to Joe Riley didn't he or Ron Pete didn't he post that on Face Book just yesterday that it was a Tribal Council action that approved this.

Councilor Pete said he did and he searched for it this morning. Pete said he will tell her something he was wrong.

Renee Diehlman said okay. Diehlman said that makes her feel much better.

Councilor Pete said he wanted to say something.....when he is wrong he will say he is wrong. Pete said he thought that they had approved this but he looked at the paperwork this morning which he has.....the check request and everything and he sees how it was signed. Pete said it did not come from Tribal Council this actually if he may, he believed, came out of Shoreline.....however it was there was a check request for it. Pete said the check was cut.....

Renee Diehlman said yes she is aware it was for \$1,000.

Councilor Pete said it was signed but he had in his mind this was April before, he believed it was done in April.

Renee Diehlman said it was done in April, yes.

Councilor Pete said is that.....

Renee Diehlman said it wasn't in the Currents until July.

Councilor Pete said okay. Pete said his apologies to her and to anyone else that he made that statement on. Pete said first of all he wasn't really happy about the statement that came before that. Pete said he also knows better he actually went on Face Book last night because he was expecting something from his grandson who is in the Marines. Pete said then he caught that and wished he would have

never read it but he did.....he had thought they had approved it and Shannon Crampton is exactly right, they did not approve it but he knows they had certainly talked about it and there wasn't any position to it.

Renee Diehlman said she had found it where it was denied by a previous Council and could not find a resolution where it was approved.

Councilor Pete said all he is saying is that what he had posted and the thoughts that they had done was wrong.

Renee Diehlman said okay, and she appreciates that.

Councilor Pete said his mistake. Pete said nobody else's up there.

Renee Diehlman said she apologizes for scolding them all for ten minutes then on that information however it stands true. Diehlman said it is a consistent issue that they have had in this Tribe for a long time. Diehlman said through many Councils, through many Administrations, and through many people. Diehlman said there has been a lack of communication to their Tribal members and she thinks that everything she said still stands. Diehlman said she stands by it.

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Crampton that he still had the.....

Councilor Crampton said he was still in the queue. Crampton said he wasn't holding onto the tobacco when she was talking and he did want to be really respectful by it. Crampton said the admonishment wasn't appreciated and he knows that his children read these minutes and stuff and they know how he acts. Crampton said many times he will fall asleep at two or three o'clock in the morning on Face Book or talking on the phone to a member so he does listen to their members and does talk to them all the time. Crampton said he knows many people up there does.

Renee Diehlman said she doesn't mean as individuals however as a group they have a responsibility and they cannot convince her or probably many people in this room that the responsibility to communicate clearly in a timely fashion always is met and exceeded.

Councilor Crampton said no, but the point here today is the cemetery.

Renee Diehlman said yes, and in the cemetery she admits she was going off of incorrect information from one of the seated Tribal Council members. Diehlman reiterated that she was but that doesn't negate the responsibility Tribal Council has to protect that land also, legislatively, and to be aware of what those monies are being utilized for. Diehlman reiterated that it doesn't negate the responsibility but the admonishment and the feeling. Diehlman said the words she doesn't think came off.....or at least she didn't intend them to come off in a personal or

singular way but as a community they can all do better. Diehlman said that is how they were intended and hoped that is how they received them.

Speaker Riley recognized Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Riley. Romanelli said to Renee Diehlman that he takes her words seriously, again, that is why he didn't want to do under the Ogema's Business Update and felt it was closer to the heart than this. Romanelli said it needed the responses and the comments of their membership. Romanelli said that doesn't always include Tribal members but includes Descendants and anybody beyond. Romanelli said it also includes those that are not yet born. Romanelli said so he appreciates the words and thinks she has made some very clear statements with one being the process. Romanelli said the process failed them and again the blame can go or whatever the case is can go for all around. Romanelli said the other thing is communication. Romanelli said communication is lacking severely throughout this Tribe, throughout Tribes of Michigan and throughout 550 Tribes. Romanelli said he wanted to tell them that he has been holding this because what was in.....there is something he just said that.....

Renee Diehlman said she will wait, please ____ it.

Ogema Romanelli said so this is a letter from the Tribal Council, April 27th, 2018 reimbursement of donation for Old Indian Cemetery Tribute Sculpture.

Romanelli read:

*"Dear Mr. Gentile,
The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council is pleased to reimburse the Little River Casino Resort \$750.00 for their portion of the Old Indian Cemetery Tribute Sculpture Donation. We truly appreciate the Resort making the donation to this worthy cause. If you need anything please contact Kathleen Bowers.*

*Sincerely, Joe Riley
Tribal Council Speaker"*

Ogema Romanelli said now again they go back and forth and again, this isn't blame throwing but it is clarity here that.....this is back in April. Romanelli said there were some communications probably not the best communications even for himself. Romanelli said that is why the donations work there.

Renee Diehlman said to Ogema Romanelli said when he said there were communications was there ever a time prior to the land being disturbed in which they gave public comment availability to Tribal citizens, members, and local Native families.

Ogema Romanelli said yes there was.

Renee Diehlman asked when was that.

Ogema Romanelli said it would be during his Meet and Greet. Romanelli said there had been a couple of times at an Elder's Meeting as well where he brought it up. Romanelli said did he go into great detail, no, because he didn't have detail.

Renee Diehlman said so was there ever a time he specifically talked about the desecration of burial grounds.....

Ogema Romanelli answered no.

Renee Diehlman said.....giving them a chance to voice that publically.

Ogema Romanelli said no that did not happen and that goes to the communication.

Renee Diehlman said she thinks that takes it to a whole different level. Diehlman said as a sculpture she completely agrees. Diehlman said for them to remove burial grounds for the soils to be removed and not returned to them to be repatriated takes it to an entirely different level.

Ogema Romanelli said okay and thanked Renee Diehlman for that again. Romanelli said again what they talk about is the.....there was a comment made by Mr. Joe Genia that said they violated NAGPRA Ordinances. Romanelli said he is not sure that was happening because NAGPRA applies to Indian Land, etc. Romanelli said this is held by the city now this whole initiative did not come from Tribal Council or the Ogema. Romanelli said this initiative, they know, came from the City of Muskegon and the museums is correct. Romanelli said he believes through the foundation, now, with that he can assure them that in his belief that it was done with good intentions. Romanelli said it also in conjunction with Mr. Jason Quigno who is the artist and again, he doesn't believe his intentions were wrong and he doesn't think the city had any idea that they were going to offend whomever. Romanelli said he gave his support but didn't give his authorization or did he give his approval. Romanelli reiterated he gave his support because he knew of the good intentions. Romanelli said now they can keep going and if she wanted to jump in please do.

Renee Diehlman said she would love to jump in for a second and hit a couple of things. Diehlman said one communication at all Tribes are not in the situation that theirs is. Diehlman said he can't convince her otherwise because she works with a lot of Tribes in the community. Diehlman said she works with Nottawaseppi, she works with Gun Lake, she works with Pokhagens, and their processes are very clear and clear-cut. Diehlman said she is able to bid on catering jobs, she is able to utilize services, she gets letters, phone calls, e-mails and all of that from other Tribes. Diehlman said just so he is aware that is not a factual statement and she don't want to.....she wants to take the opportunity to

make sure that is clear. Diehlman said second of all just so they are aware in speaking with the City Manager, Frank, he made it very clear they were aware every step of the way as did the coal.....the Community Foundation representative that she spoke to and they were willing to provide documentation of his approval and authorization.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, yep, and he gave his support. Romanelli said he doesn't deny it and still doesn't deny it.

Renee Diehlman said she doesn't also, they know, she doesn't have an issue with the statue herself in the beginning like she said it was not an issue for her however she thinks the issue is not getting community involvement before he gave his support on those kinds of projects.

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Renee Diehlman said especially when it comes to their burial grounds, sacred sites, their women, their children and their water. Diehlman said their burial sites, their ancestors, their women, their children and their water they will find them to be the fieriest people they know. Diehlman said if they read some of those old texts they will hear that when Odawa Men couldn't break the enemy they would give them to their women.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Renee Diehlman.

Councilor Crampton said he still didn't get it.

Speaker Riley said he just wanted to make a statement real quick because the letter he had.....his name was brought up.....the letter was sent to the casino and this reimbursement was discussed in Council about the statue but just to be clear he thinks in....he means correct him if he is wrong but it wasn't.....obviously there was good intention behind it and he thinks he speaks for everybody when he says nobody had even thought that they were going to overturn this cemetery or whatever to put it in. Riley said so.....

Renee Diehlman said she agrees. Diehlman said she would have never thought it either but that is why community involvement and all of them would have said no, no, they don't mess with the cemetery because they don't know what they are going to do. Diehlman said that only circles around to her point where speaking to their Elders, speaking to their Cultural Leaders and speaking to their community to get their input on what they as a Council is representing them as an Ogema is representing them as an Elected Officials it is up to them to let them be a voice and for them to represent their best interest but if they don't hear what they are saying, they don't give them the opportunity to comment, they don't give them the opportunity to say "*Hey what about if this happens and have they asked about it.*" Diehlman said then this is going to continue to be the type of Council

Meeting that they have, right, because they are not preventing the chaos. Diehlman said they are not listening to them as a community and taking the time to hear their voice.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Renee Diehlman.

Speaker Riley said alright, um.....

Ogema Romanelli asked do they want him to continue on or they can.....

Renee Diehlman said she can sit up there for now.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Renee Diehlman again.

Speaker Riley asked Councilor Crampton if he had something.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, he thought the initial expenditure came and the approval came from Shoreline which is not Council which is not the Ogema it is part of Council, Larry Romanelli, Ron Pete, and Joe Riley. Crampton asked is that where the costs came from.

Speaker Riley said he would have to look because he is not.....they got this information over there correct.

Councilor Pete said right here. Pete asked wow, what happened to him.

Councilor Lonn said he got hooked up.

Councilor Pete said no, he doesn't.

Speaker Riley said he knows it was done in an odd manner because they don't make donations to their own casino so.....

Councilor Pete said this is a legit request and Little River was payable to them.....Kathleen Bowers.....that is how it went.

Speaker Riley said right, right.

Councilor Pete said they should check.

Speaker Riley said he means it is still something they are looking into. Riley asked Councilor Wittenberg if he wanted to say something. Riley said he hasn't said anything yet.

Councilor Wittenberg said a greeting, his name, and where he lives in Anishinaabemowin. Wittenberg said he wanted to say Chi Miigwech for coming

up and sharing. Wittenberg said he also understands where she is coming from and the many that are involved. Wittenberg said he also understands the Grandfathers also said long, long time ago *"Learn their ways but don't forget where you come from."* Wittenberg said he knows he would not put himself outside that circle but himself has gone that way also but he also tries to keep those things or teachings of the Seven Grandfathers, the four Directions, and the lodges with ceremonies that he goes to. Wittenberg said they have a tendency to get away from and he thinks they as a Nation and he says a Nation of all Nations that they meet because no matter what Tribe, he doesn't like using the word Tribe, he likes the word Nation but they all need to group together even more even though they have their own agenda. Wittenberg said he does firmly believe a lot of things that they as Nations should sit together. Wittenberg said so again he wanted to say Chi Miigwech. Wittenberg said Ahaaw.

Nikki Nelson, Tribal #0421, said she was trying.....she didn't have a copy of the Constitution but in the beginning at the Preamble of the Constitution it clearly states that it is the Ogema and their Leaders jobs to preserve their culture and their traditions. Nelson said that is their jobs. Nelson said she is not there to damn them but she is here to tell them that is severely lacking from their Tribe which is a direct.....this is a direct fact of that cultural heart of their Tribe that is missing. Nelson said that is the only reason why every single one of them is in the room. Nelson said that is the only thing that connects every single one of them is their culture and those ancestors so she would like to suggest that they all look to themselves and look to their ways. Nelson said she doesn't care if they were raised culturally but at least learn to respect it and be able to say *"Okay what would they think we should do."* Nelson said even if they are not living that way.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Nikki Nelson.

Speaker Riley said alright, alright.

Ogema Romanelli said alright and thanked them. Romanelli said he can agree with that as well. Romanelli said now there are a few other things that he wanted to make mention of. Romanelli said again, this property is .46 he believes of an acre less than a half of an acre left. Romanelli said they talk of it being a full acre in history. Romanelli said it was actually longer.....more than that it was actually 60 acres of property. Romanelli said that 60 acres of property went primarily along the lakeshore from what was called PO Hill or Pigeon Hill area and all the way along to basically what would be the causeway. Romanelli said that 60 acres went along the whole border there on the lakeshore. Romanelli said little by little it was encroached upon. Romanelli said the.....to understand that the thing that says Old Indian Cemetery is actually in the cemetery. Romanelli said it is actually brick and mortar and announces what it is. Romanelli said in that they dug four footings they have four footings there and they were put on the surface and they actually dug and at the time that was back in the 1920's it has been added to and chopped and everything else. Romanelli said they have some from

the early 1900's and then they have pictures later on showing the different things so this is not a first dig in his opinion. Romanelli said his family was very proud of that cemetery as well. Romanelli said they used it they worshipped it and so he also wanted to say that in the 1980's that he is aware of they tried to take it out. Romanelli said they tried to take it out and make it a parking lot back in the 80's. Romanelli said he was one of them if they look back in the records that did oppose that and fought it at the time because the City Council was ready to expand the mall so in his belief.....his belief and this may be wrong is had it not had the Old Indian Cemetery notice on there, had it not had some of the markers in the cemetery it very easily could have gone on to become a.....another parking lot or another building being encroached from the east, west, south and everything. Romanelli said if they also notice that most recently there was along the lakeshore which was also part of the cemetery they expanded the Seaway Drive or Shoreline Drive. Romanelli said there was no opposition at that time either which he felt was kind of sad that they keep working and moving the parts around until they got to .4. Romanelli said they talk about the cemetery upkeep and over the years he has seen how the.....how it has been in disrepair. Romanelli said when he was out there several weeks ago and this wasn't the first time it was many times it happened they find wine bottles, wine flasks, beer bottles in those bushes and on the cemetery property. Romanelli said he thinks it is disgraceful people in the area know about it, people sleep in the cemetery, people for whatever reason desecrate the cemetery in those ways too. Romanelli said so it is a continual problem and he understands that Joe Genia says he is the caretaker of that property. Romanelli said he held a meeting most recently and if they notice what the Big Boulder do they know where the Big Boulder came from that sits right in the very center of the cemetery. Romanelli said that came from Oceana County. Romanelli said within that he believed there has to be a footing as well. Romanelli said so he is just saying there is a sign in there, a historic sign, there are also four imbedded pieces of concrete that note the four directions which were put in there many years ago as well so this isn't the first object. Romanelli said again, he appreciates very much so the thoughts of their Tribal members and other members as well because this is not only a Tribal member issue it is all Tribes that have people buried there. Romanelli said now the other problem they have is that there have been bones, remains that have been repatriated there. Romanelli said he is not opposed to the move and thinks it is probably a good thing at this point and time. Romanelli said he does think the Tribal members in the future should always be respected and advised going forward, they know. Romanelli said again, it is a learning experience for whatever reason. Romanelli said he also has to tell them that the statement was made that MAGPRA, the Michigan part of NAGPRA was a useless non-profit which doesn't follow NAGPRA rules. Romanelli said he takes offense to that.

Renee Diehlman asked who made that statement.

Ogema Romanelli said Joe Genia made that statement. Romanelli said it also said that, and by the way they have their NAGPRA Representative-Jay Sam, he is very

proud of Jay Sam. Romanelli said Jay Sam has advised them in this issue and it didn't his and he is not.....he is saying he advised and brought in after the fact, again. Romanelli reiterated after the fact. Romanelli said they talk about that and then there was also the comment made that again, Joe Genia might as well put it out there that Joe Genia said he didn't feel it is right to have a Chippewa artist do work for an Ottawa Indian Cemetery. Romanelli said he takes offense to that. Romanelli said those are divisive statements. Romanelli said they were part of the Three Fires and they were always part of the Three Fires. Romanelli said to take issue with a Chippewa doing an art structure in an Ottawa Indian Cemetery he found offensive as well. Romanelli said he also added why couldn't they find an Ottawa Indian to do the artwork.....

Renee Diehlman said she would like to just stop him for a second and ask if what he is saying right is necessary for the conversation.

Ogema Romanelli said yes.

Renee Diehlman said repeating somebody else's words when they are not here to defend themselves, when they aren't necessarily what any of them as Tribal members are asking about. Diehlman said she feels like it is kind of inappropriate.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Renee Diehlman said as a respectful thing, they know, she is not here pointing fingers in front of her own Council.

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Renee Diehlman said she asks that he take accountability for his part.

Ogema Romanelli said he will. _

Renee Diehlman said not point fingers at others who are not here to defend themselves.

Ogema Romanelli said okay and.....

Renee Diehlman said again she would like to address just one more thing that he talked about and he was using all the other changes that had happened to that Old Indian Cemetery and all of the encroachment that has happened since then. Diehlman said as a defense for his decision to go forward with this process. Diehlman said one lots of things happened before the Native American Religious Act, right, in the 70's. Diehlman said lots of things happened that they didn't have a choice about so she thinks to reference those as a form of defense is rather

inappropriate, right. Diehlman said in the 80's there was no Tribe in that area that was federally recognized, right.

Ogema Romanelli said he disagrees with that.

Renee Diehlman said well she shouldn't say that there was Tribes there. Diehlman said there was opposition there because she remembers protesting, right, so there was opposition but was the Tribe federally recognized in 1980.

Ogema Romanelli said no.

Renee Diehlman said so there wasn't a community who had that county as their service area to defend the ancestors the way they do now.

Ogema Romanelli said he believed.....

Speaker Riley said alright.....

Renee Diehlman said she would ask that they stick to what they are dealing with.

Speaker Riley said this is turning into a debate here.

Ogema Romanelli said the reason he brought the name up was because she asked who said that.

Renee Diehlman said she did.

Ogema Romanelli said he also thinks it unfair that there are names and targets put on Face Book. Romanelli said this is no different this is an open meeting and she did ask who said it.

Renee Diehlman said she did and she takes that back. Diehlman said she thought he was referring to a comment that she made and it was taken out of context and in error. Diehlman said she spoke to Frank.

Ogema Romanelli said there was an organization called Northern Michigan Ottawa Association prior to the Tribes being recognized.

Renee Diehlman said it wasn't federally recognized and didn't hold ____.

Ogema Romanelli said no it was not. Romanelli thanked Renee Diehlman.

Speaker Riley said okay, they are going to take.....Andrea Waitner.....they are going to recess for lunch.

Andrea Waitner said alright, this brings up a broad issue for them as a sovereign and the ability to exercise those sovereign rights as they should because their burial grounds should not be in the hands of a state or a city.

Ogema Romanelli said he would hope not.

Andrea Waitner said they should be protected so that land needs to be turned over, the deed, turned over to a sovereign so that can be protected because now when they have legal control. Waitner said they can't let them have legal control over these things and she has great concern. Waitner said she helps with burying people in the old ways, the traditional ways, and she made that commitment to people in their community to make sure that if they go before her, go back home before her, that she makes sure they are put in the ground without a casket, without concrete, in a cedar box, and the way that they want to be. Waitner said their cemeteries are burial grounds are not set-up for that right now and it concerns her because they have a whole bunch of Elders. Waitner said they know their membership is probably 60% by now Elders so they have to plan for their journey when they go. Waitner said she would like places to put their ancestors that are protected in their sacred grounds and have enough space and the legal ability to do that. Waitner said for an example she helped with the ceremony and funeral home, Oak Grove, still does it.....what is the other funeral home in town here.

Councilor Lonn said Herbert's does it.

Andrea Waitner said Herbert's yeah. Waitner said they don't understand that they have the authority on their grounds to not embalm people, to not put chemicals in them and to not surround them with concrete so that they are returned to the earth. Waitner said so these processes they just need to fix them and let people know. Waitner said designate greater areas for burial grounds such as Indian Village places so go ahead.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said that is what he was going to say that is what they have in Custer is their own cemetery.

Andrea Waitner said right.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said in fact they can be placed in there in the traditional way.

Andrea Waitner said okay.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said in a cedar box, pine box, and not embalmed. Di Piazza said the problem being encountered sometimes there are people who don't know these ways and the first thing they do is call the home and they come get them and the next thing they are embalmed. Di Piazza said fortunately the

chemicals in that need to be put in a ball after they are embalmed. Di Piazza said he hates to even discuss these matters.

Andrea Waitner said these are important matters to them though.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said the Custer Property that is where they have a cemetery and people have been laid to rest there. Di Piazza said quite a few Tribal members.

Andrea Waitner said yep.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said so that is available and people need to understand some of the ways but unfortunately when somebody has been embalmed they cannot just put them in the ground because the chemicals will bleach out. Di Piazza said the formaldehyde is not good for the system.

Andrea Waitner said so maybe what they need to do or what they could do but she doesn't know what they really need to do. Waitner said she can't say that but perhaps they can have documents ready that describe that they don't want people involved in that process that they reach out to the funeral homes if a Tribal member or family member passes there are people that they can call. Waitner said like her and other people that help with those ceremonies to ask that for that ceremony then they don't have to be involved. Waitner said so they prevent that from happening and they work with the funeral homes because they want to work with them too. Waitner said she thinks that they are rested in a beautiful way. Waitner said she loves everyone in this community so much and she wants to make sure that when they go home and take their journey that they can do that for them if they want. Waitner said those ceremonies, families, to have their loved one in their house for four days and there is a fire out back. Waitner said everyday what that ancestor is doing right now like that one that is walking to the other side is doing and the first day that they meet their ancestors the ones in mourning. Waitner said the whole ceremony is a celebration of life and a connection to the Spirit. Waitner said it gives them understanding about where they come from, where they go, and how Spirits move. Waitner said to have that available, again, in a community that is what they are here for, that is what they protect, and that is what they are loyal to is those old ways. Waitner said is there a legal way that they can take over that property and maybe more because it is a federal parking lot. Waitner said there is a Social Security Administration is right next to the Old Indian Cemetery.

Speaker Riley said Councilor Di Piazza did have a comment but they had discussed it he believed it was Saturday about how it was, he guessed, the city had considered it and he thinks maybe they need to offer any help they may need to have the site taken into trust as an historic site for the benefit of all. Riley said he thinks if it is taken into trust for Little River or for another specific Tribe that may cause contention because it really does belong to everybody. Riley said they are

all of their ancestors so if they could actually have the city convince them somehow to have it taken into trust as a just general historic site then it would leave it undisturbed. Riley said it would put Federal Regulations on anything that has to be done there because as it stands right now as private property of the city it is not considered a sacred site or anything like that.

Andrea Waitner said well she contests that property right to begin with because it is not legal for the state to own said property. Waitner said that is in the NAGPRA Law those are human remains and then that is Tribal Ground and it says it right there, Odawa Nation. Waitner said so perhaps on a Federal Level they could put it into combined trust.

Speaker Riley said he thinks that is definitely something to look into.

Andrea Waitner said she thinks that they should so that it is protected. Waitner said then she would say it is there because 40 years their memory is gone again. Waitner said they have to remember and stay awake. Waitner said they have to keep their presence there. Waitner said so maybe they should look at Federal Laws and perhaps they can allocate that Old Social Security Building and the whole parking lot and it becomes something different. Waitner said then they take a little bit of the space. Waitner said they are not asking for any more than what they truly deserve is a presence in that community that has been taken from them time and again. Waitner said right there but feet away is water access and there is a port so that is important for fishing, for Tribal Fishermen. Waitner said they want relationships with those schools of fish too, so yeah, she says let them use their sovereignty to make sure that their ancestors are protected and they provide space for the future.

Speaker Riley said to Andrea Waitner that she is a creative person isn't she. Riley said he can tell because her thinking is very lateral. Riley said she starts talking about one thing and it kind of goes over into another area.

Andrea Waitner said everything is connected.

Speaker Riley said yeah.

Andrea Waitner reiterated that everything is connected.

Speaker Riley said like the way her train kind of follows where it goes here then it goes here then it goes here but it doesn't go like deeper in and just goes across so usually that is a sign of somebody who is very creative.

Andrea Waitner thanked Speaker Riley. Waitner said she thinks it is time for recess, huh.

Waitner made more comments but it wasn't made out clearly due to Speaker Riley and her talking at the same time. Riley's comments were not picked up as well.

Speaker Riley said they got some hungry people.

Speaker Riley and Ogema Romanelli were also speaking at the same time and some of their comments were not picked up on the tape recording.

Ogema Romanelli asked Andrea Waitner if she was going to come back to Open Session after the recess because he has a few other comments he would like to make and he would like to hear from others, sure.

Speaker Riley said alright so.....

Members of the audience said they were coming back.

Speaker Riley said one hour and let's say 1:10.

Tribal Council recessed at 12:06 p.m.

Ogema Romanelli confirmed 1:10.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said he hopes to see everybody back after lunch.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Riley that the recorder is on.

Tribal Council reconvened at 1:11 p.m.

Speaker Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if he could do a roll call to establish quorum please.

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

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said they have re-established quorum.

Speaker Riley said okay when they left off before they broke for lunch they were on Public Comment Period. Riley said does anybody have anything for Public Comment in continuation of that.

Councilor Corey said there are a few people still in the parking lot and they had trouble crossing the inter-section.

Councilor Wittenberg said give them a few minutes.

Speaker Riley recognized Jessica Steinberg.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza asked do they need the timer for her.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said he disabled it because the other was so crucial.

Jessica Steinberg said to Acting Recorder Di Piazza that he can put the timer on if he wants because he knows she is just going to ignore it anyway.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said he shut the button off.

Jessica Steinberg, Tribal #0148, said good afternoon and thanked Speaker Riley for recognizing her and giving her whatever ___ to speak. Steinberg said with regard to the property in Muskegon and the burial mounds that there that have been impacted by some development in the area she will be the first to tell them that she read most of the information that she has from Face Book. Steinberg said it is not usually not the best source in the world but there are some things that she thinks the Tribe should consider in all of this. Steinberg said first and foremost is the Tribe's Reaffirmation Law. Steinberg said the Reaffirmation Act in which Little River Band came into its governance status with the Federal Government in the Government to Government relationship really established the Tribe's existence since 1938 from the Indian Reorganization Act. Steinberg said for Little River Band members or anyone else to come to this podium to say that they were not recognized the Reaffirmation Law does indeed in many ways comport their ability to govern themselves since the time of the Indian Reorganization Act. Steinberg said the other thing she will say is that in the eyes of the Bureau of Indian Affairs the Tribe has four counties that are officially recognized as part of its governance structure. Steinberg said again, it will probably end up on Face Book and she will probably be vilified but those counties are Manistee, Mason, Lake and Wexford. Steinberg said they have never been changed. Steinberg said they have been published every year in the Federal Register as the counties to which the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has an obligation to serve all Natives living within those counties. Steinberg said the other thing she will tell them is that Muskegon County Proper has been a part of an Administration Decision from the Indian Health Service and this is all accurate and historical knowledge of the Tribe. Steinberg said Muskegon County while they have a large population base there and she recognized they have a large population base there is not part of the Tribe's Official Land Base. Steinberg said when she says Official Land Base there are two maps on the wall to her right that she points out that are the Official Land Base of the Little River Band. Steinberg said those lands are listed and described in the Reaffirmation Law. Steinberg said it is very important for Tribal Leaders to understand the Governance Structure of their communities. Steinberg said the reason she says that is because when they have

their community and its governance they have jurisdiction over their people. Steinberg said the only area that they have jurisdiction over their people in Muskegon County is under the Indian Child Welfare Act and under their Ceded Territory Agreement for Hunting and Fishing Rights. Steinberg said at some point she would really recommend and she knows that there are Councilors that have been long term servers that understand these things, Councilor Crampton being one of them and Councilor Wittenberg. Steinberg said there are times when they need to have training so they understand that first and foremost Government to Government Relationship the relationship that establishes the Tribe's status and jurisdiction over its people and ability to govern their people and how that interplays with the things that happen around them. Steinberg said her recommendation for the Burial Grounds in Muskegon is to do two things. Steinberg said one is to be very careful about supporting financially non-profit organizations that don't seek their counsel from the very first opportunity. Steinberg said the second thing is to work with the Muskegon City, if that is truly the owners of the property, and ask them to put forth an effort to get it protected and under the Historic Preservation Act because that will diminish and keep further development from being a part of those lands and being a part of what they are all concerned with here and that is people that they have buried there, people that they have revered there, people they have taken care of there from becoming part of a bigger landscape of concrete. Steinberg said over time the Tribe could use probably part of its very strong political influence with the city to make that happen. Steinberg said she would also recommend that the Tribe do a similar move at the Korfu Cemetery over in Dickson Township and that they look at other areas where some of their relatives are buried and have those areas protected as well. Steinberg said those are really historic lands for them. Steinberg said MAGPRA, the Michigan arm of NAGPRA. Steinberg said NAGPRA been in place to protect Tribal Lands and Sacred Sites is really contingent upon the Tribe's exercise of their sovereignty and recognition of its Government to Government Relationship and what those authorities hold for their people. Steinberg said the other thing that she would really recommend and this goes along with that to a certain degree is that the lands in Custer are held in trust where their people are buried in Custer those lands are held in trust. Steinberg said they have jurisdiction over those lands and they have the right to govern how their people are interred into those lands. Steinberg said what she would recommend is that they start talking with their Tribal Citizens to ask them what they want those Interment Regulations to be. Steinberg said that they start asking their community how do they want their people to be buried there because she fears that what could happen there is that they will adopt some State of Michigan protocol understanding at one point while they were developing that land that there was a responsibility for the Health Director, she held that position at the time, to help draft some of those rules and regulations. Steinberg said what she will say is her fear is that they will adopt some State of Michigan protocol there that will open up the jurisdictional doors in the State of Michigan on their lands. Steinberg said they already have that door open across the street, good bad or otherwise, at their Child Care Center. Steinberg said they have already adopted

the State of Michigan protocols for the purpose of licensure to allow the care that they receive there to be reimbursed by the State of Michigan. Steinberg said it means that they have acquiesced to a jurisdictional authority that is not on the same par as their own Tribal Governance, not even close. Steinberg said so as they think about these things and she knows that there are citizens here in the room that want to talk further. Steinberg said her relatives are buried in Korfu Cemetery and for the most part she has relatives buried at Battle Point. Steinberg said one of them was a signatory or at least is recognized in their Constitution as being one of their Historical Chiefs. Steinberg said she also has relatives buried in Muskegon, she also has relatives buried in Grand Rapids, and she also has relatives buried in about four cemeteries here in Manistee County. Steinberg said what they really want to think about is how they continue the practices of revering those burials and how they honor them here. Steinberg said there is nothing saying that the Tribe as a governing entity can't declare the day where they suspend Tribal Operations and allow people to take care of the individuals who are buried in those respective places the way that they are taught to take care of them. Steinberg said there is nothing to say they can't adopt a proclamation to make that happen, in fact, they probably should. Steinberg said she knows that sometimes she comes across the podium and she is a pretty strong voice and not named Ogema Kwe for nothing. Steinberg said so she would tell them that she is back home, that she is here, that she is a resource, that she would be willing to help craft some of those things if necessary, and she will volunteer time. Steinberg said she knows people that can help them navigate the waters of those Federal Laws, in fact, they probably have a few here in employment that knows them pretty well and sitting on Council and the Ogema's Office. Steinberg said don't be afraid to ask their people to help because they will. Steinberg said she does have to say it is good to be home and she has missed being here. Steinberg said this issue really kind of drove something back from her because she hasn't tended the graves of her ancestors for two years now probably three. Steinberg said it has awaken her responsibility to do that. Steinberg thanked them for their time. Steinberg said of course she wishes them all the best, Miigwech.

Speaker Riley said just to add to that he agrees with her 100%. Riley said one of the issues that they face when upholding their traditions and when it comes to burial it is the nilism of the world at large that seems to be overtaking the belief and absolutely nothing. Riley said when dealing with other entities they have to take that in account because he thinks it's ever present and it seems to be a growing movement amongst the culture and the United States. Riley asked anybody else for public comment. Riley recognized Machele Gibbs.

Machele Gibbs, Tribal #1252, said she just wanted to make a comment about the Muskegon Site. Gibbs said she doesn't know if she has relatives buried there but she has been there quite often. Gibbs said she does have relatives buried in Albridge at the St. Joseph Cemetery and she believed the Catholic Church of Grand Rapids owns that. Gibbs said she would like to, they know, she is not saying right now but long-term think about what is going on with the Catholic

Church if they were to ever sell that property. Gibbs said their families are buried there and maybe get Cultural Preservation involved more on that side to make sure that they can still visit their relatives in the future. Gibbs said they do go there and clean up so it would be sad to not have that opportunity. Gibbs thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Machele Gibbs. Riley said okay, public comments. Riley recognized Boo Battice.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said first of all he would like thank Gary Di Piazza for the info on the Custer Property, burial, and how they can try to keep it closer to their Native Traditions as possible. Battice said he would like to thank Ron Pete for recanted his misinformation with respect. Battice said he doesn't know the stories told of the Burial Ground that was on top of Consumers Power but that is what he is going to bring up. Battice said there was a Burial Ground his father can tell them about carrying his Grandfathers ___ but it was twice the size, yes, it was still a plateau but their Wise men was buried there standing up facing the lake. Battice said he can tell them first-hand experience because his Ex had his ancestors heads on the wall but he wonders.....mingle with societies so he didn't give his forefather's heads up because he loved his wife. Battice said he actually experienced it first-hand for five years because he had to look at his forefather's heads because he loved.....someone and.....he is still here and he still wants to fish. Battice said like he said that is Traditional Burial Grounds but also goes down to heart and all the way into his life so it is not just payment of fish it is payment of his forefathers being dug up. Battice said those stories weren't told because they didn't write these stories in those books. Battice said he would just like to say he presented them with lots of information actually asked for information had he would like for some people to really step up and help him out to get out on the water. Battice said most recently during a work session he brought someone who could be a potential fish buyer and there is.....he would just like to add that there is more information because he has been talking to a Descendant of a Tribal member that is local and they are working on something to possibly make them part of the production so the fish would go right to a local Tribal member. Battice said they are going to fish and they are going to smoke it and help with those techniques that are already on the pursuit of getting these certifications and working on a lot of things. Battice said so he is actually moving it towards away from the fish buyer he brought to them guys to a more local Descendant of a Tribal member and he is hoping they can grow this. Battice said he can't do it all alone now he is starting gathering all the people. Battice said there is a Tribal member now and he would like for them guys to.....because they are the legal in different things and he is asking again for their assistance. Battice thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Boo Battice. Riley recognized Bridget Cole.

Bridget Cole, Tribal #0110, said she came there today for more talk about the Substance Abuse decision to put Be-Da-Bin under Family Services. Cole said she is trying to get some perspective why they would do something like that. Cole said they know alcoholism is clearly a medical condition that she feels like people that are making decisions about it at least should be educated enough to understand what it is. Cole said when they think that alcoholism is some kind of social problem to them Indian people it's a tattle tale sign that they do not understand what it is. Cole said it is a medical condition. Cole said when they can die one out of four people that quit drinking alcohol die when they go into TD's. Cole said she had a family member sent home from this place having hallucinations in his car putting people at risk, other people, not only him. Cole said all the families, all the children, everybody on the way home. Cole said not that the county did any better because it went on into the night and she had them to go get. Cole said she had to call 911 and have them go out there and get them from Florida. Cole said she told them what was going on and that it was the fourth day of him not drinking and that is when those things are going to happen. Cole said they don't want.....nobody wants to learn about these things they want to make decisions about for all these sick people and don't want to understand it, the condition. Cole reiterated it is a condition. Cole said it is just not for Indian people it is for everybody. Cole said it is not good for anybody. Cole said it is really a shame that they should be making any kind of money off of it. Cole said they know she is going to ask them to reconsider that move because those Counselors aren't going to be.....aren't going to be protected in a Family Service setting as medical professionals that they are. Cole said it is not going to help anybody she means something needs to happen with the Behavioral Health Program for one thing. Cole said it needs.....it needs more people. Cole said they have like so many things going on in this community. Cole said they have suicides of young people and of old people. Cole said they have Elders sad sitting at home depressed. Cole said there is so much work to be done and the best they can do is move a program that is clearly a medical program to a social program, she doesn't understand. Cole said she is looking to be enlightened about why and what caused this movement.

Speaker Riley said he just has a quick question. Riley said he thinks the Ogema can answer that question because it was a structural thing due to management limitations or whatever and thinks he has the better direct answer as to why that was done. Riley said he guessed the instance that Bridget Cole is talking about where somebody was sent away like that and did that happen post move because this just happened. Riley asked did it happen when it was under the Clinic or did it happen when it was under Family Services.

Bridget Cole said it happened when it was under the Clinic, it happened.

Speaker Riley said okay so.....

Bridget Cole reiterated it happened when it was under the Clinic and, and.....they know.....it don't matter when it happened.

Speaker Riley said it kind of does when she is talking about the efficiency of the program being under one verses under the other.

Bridget Cole said when they got like one person, when they got like two people trying to do an army of what probably needs at least ten people to do and they can't.....

Speaker Riley said he agrees with her there. Riley reiterated that he agrees with her there.

Bridget Cole said.....do the job appropriately. Cole said no it is not their fault.

Speaker Riley said to Ogema Romanelli the move.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah the recommendation comes from the Director and the problem they are having.....that they have in some cases is getting the qualified people to assist them because these problems are not getting smaller they are getting larger whether they be opioids or alcohol or whatever the case is and trying to serve their population in the best way possible is what they are dealing with. Romanelli said they also have to deal with the Budget constraints of sorts but again, there are things where they have to readjust their Budget to encapsulate those groups because again, their Clinic is very important to them. Romanelli said what happened this morning with the talk of the Prosecutor vehicle. Romanelli said they know the Prosecutor and from what he understands was.....is trying to get to more hearings and more court things because it is important to their young people. Romanelli said what Bridget Cole is talking about is more important for the addictions that their people have.

Bridget Cole said well they are talking about the young people too, they know, these are parents of their children.

Ogema Romanelli said yes.

Bridget Cole said this is their.....they know.....and their.....

Ogema Romanelli said it affects families.

Bridget Cole said they know crawled inside a bottle and devastated inside a bottle and how are they helping their children. Cole asked how can they help their children and they have this ability.....they are supposed to be here to help not just throughout the building and play politics. Cole said it is like they are actually supposed to be helping people and this alcohol problem is not.....has been a problem. Cole said it has only been allowed to get worse because they

don't.....nobody wants to spend the money on what they need for proper healthcare for their.....for mental health. Cole said they know her mother ran the program for a long time. Cole asked do they know like.....this was like back and forth.....they know how she would not sleep when that.....when she thought that they were going to put her department over in mental health or in Family Services because she knew the limitations that she would have. Cole said no matter if she told them guys or not they would not listen but she was always battling it. Cole said always battling it and she knows the many nights that she stayed awake worrying about her people, her people getting the help that they need to be productive citizens in any way.

Ogema Romanelli said he had to move he had a 1:30 meeting with, for an example, Jason Cross from the Family Services Department, he had to move it to 2:00 because they came back into session so he is going to be meeting with him at 2:00. Romanelli said to Bridget Cole that she is welcome to come and discuss that as well if she wanted to.

Bridget Cole said see Jason Cross is, is, is a social.....is a social worker.

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Bridget Cole said he is not a medical professional.

Ogema Romanelli said no.

Bridget Cole said this is the problem he is not a medical professional to deal with these kinds of problems. Cole said he is not the best person for the job. Cole said they need a Health Director.....where is the Health Director.

Ogema Romanelli said they do need a Health Director and they also need.....he thinks Jason Cross does a good job in the part that he is in. Romanelli said he thinks there should be communication between the two because one plays a part with the other whether it be mental health or addiction say both combined he thinks by working through the two of them would be helpful.

Bridget Cole said she thinks having proper treatment for mental health issues is a priority here and she doesn't think that moving it into the social.....a social program is a good idea and it is not benefitting any of them. Cole said none of them.

Speaker Riley said he just wanted to point out specifically is they just expanded their Psychiatry Program in response to this thing.....to the demand for the amount of people that needed psychiatric treatment.

Bridget Cole asked do they know how that has been expanded. Cole asked how has that been expanded.

Speaker Riley said the person was working what three days a week and now they are up from that.....it was moved from a contractor to an actual work position because the demand was there for them to be an employee. Riley said he thinks that.....she is correct in some of her assumptions but.....

Bridget Cole interrupted Speaker Riley. Cole said they are hooking people up with a satellite person that they can talk to on a computer.

Speaker Riley said right exactly. Riley said that is what the program is.

Bridget Cole said do they want to talk to a person on a computer bearing their soul do they want a computer.

Speaker Riley said if they can help then yes. Riley said he means.....

Bridget Cole asked is he going to pay attention to a person on a computer. Cole said he is like.....she doesn't think he understands what these people are going through.

Speaker Riley said the program is set-up so they can call somebody in if they need somebody and all of these problems that they are talking about whether they result in medical problems or not are down-streamed from the social aspect of all of the ratio groups in this entire country. Riley said Native Americans have the highest rate of single motherhood. Riley said just a quick survey of this group here. Riley asked how many of them grew up in single parent homes. Riley said he means it is just astounding and he thinks what they are talking about is the symptom of an over-arching social issue and thinks she is intertwined more than that but he agrees with her on the medical aspect.

Bridget Cole said she does believe the two are interclined and she is not disagreeing with that but she does think there is two.....there is.....there is.....they have to deal with the medical condition.

Ogema Romanelli said he agrees with that.

Speaker Riley said right.

Bridget Cole said of alcoholism and they have to understand the way that their government is set-up and for an Indian person to come to work here is pretty throwing them to the wolves and throwing them out. Cole said they know giving them a jug and throwing them out back because it is a very harsh environment. Cole said if they have people predisposed to alcoholism and they put them in these harsh environments they are going to kill themselves. Cole said them guys don't understand this they think it is funny.

Speaker Riley said nobody thinks it is funny. Riley said what is going on here they have actually got a queue and there is about four or five other that need to speak and right now he thinks they hit the point where they are not going to get anywhere productive going back and forth on the issue. Riley said the Ogema invited her to a meeting to discuss it and if she wanted to discuss it further with them he would be happy to schedule some time to do that.

Bridget Cole said she will go to the meeting with Ogema Romanelli.

Speaker Riley said so let's move onto Councilor Di Piazza then he had Councilor Crampton then Jessica Steinberg.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said he wanted to mention that they did that to help benefit. Di Piazza said also there are three new employees that are slated to be hired under that group also that will assist Be-Da-Bin.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said although he does take it quite seriously he doesn't like the characteristic that they don't understand. Crampton said some of them know and his wife knows before he became a Councilor he was in the entertainment industry at a very high level. Crampton said most of the people that he was in there with were alcoholics. Crampton said he drank profusely almost like a fish. Crampton said when he was done he experienced the shakes and the hallucinations that Bridget Cole was talking about and he was saved by a GTB Band member named Gerald Anderson. Crampton said he came to meet him and talked to him one day about it. Crampton said they went through the 12 Steps and went through everything. Crampton said the very first thing that they taught him was no matter what they do for him he is the one who has to make the ultimate decision. Crampton said there was nothing they could do for him medically or psychologically he has to make the determination to stop.

Speaker Riley said they have Jessica Steinberg, Diane Lonn, Andrea Waitner and Nikki Nelson.

Jessica Steinberg, Tribal #0148, said she guessed she is going to voice a little different concern. Steinberg said that is the protection of professional people working for the Tribe under their Self-Governance Compact Agreements and what she will tell them about that is they negotiate certain types of services and they agree to perform those services and they take the Federal Government's money. Steinberg said in some ways they take on the Federal Government's trust obligations by receiving those funds. Steinberg said one thing she can tell them with all certainty is that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is not in the business of doing counseling. Steinberg said the Bureau of Indian Affairs under its scope of authority and its program's functions services and activities provides Indian Child Welfare Act family counseling but does not step in the realm of counseling for

drug addiction, mental health, or other types of problems that have a medical association. Steinberg said so what does that mean for the Tribe. Steinberg said that means for the Tribe that if they put clinical counselors performing a clinical service which in mental health service description falls under the Indian Health Services.....Indian Health Services activities which they agreed to take on in their Compact Agreement but should that counselor be sued which would be the Tribe.....be sued under some malpractice case it would be reviewed by someone called a Federal Tort Claims Act Reviewer. Steinberg said they go back to the what has said they are going to do in these agreements and are they working within their scope, is this individual employee working within their scope and does the scope relate to what they say they are going to do in those agreements. Steinberg said they will make a determination as to whether or not the Tribe has liability. Steinberg said a counselor performing Mental Health Services under a Family Services construct under the Bureau's Agreement will not be protected. Steinberg said they will need to have additional malpractice insurance for that. Steinberg said she is going to suggest a million dollar ceiling to three million dollar ceiling is not going to be enough. Steinberg said this why when they talk about having qualified individuals apply and be hired in positions it really becomes important to know, not only do they have the educational credentials, but they have the real world experience that it takes to be able to decipher what those agreements mean for the Tribe's well-being. Steinberg said at the end of the day they want to make sure that whoever is counseling their folks if that counselor is sued for malpractice or sued for negligence or any other thing and it does happen. Steinberg said they have had two here that she is aware of under their clinical construct.....their clinic construct. Steinberg said they want the Federal Government to be on the hook to defend those people and more importantly their Tribe. Steinberg said that want the Federal Government to be on the hook. Steinberg said she cannot stress that enough. Steinberg said there is a reason they go into those agreements, Government to Government, and that is to make sure that what they provide as services is not only upholding the services that their people need but is making the Federal Government responsible to their people. Steinberg said so while she can be impassioned because she has relatives that come and seek services here and they need them. Steinberg reiterated that she can be impassioned by those things but at the end of the day she wants her Tribe's Government to be protected. Steinberg said they need to have someone here who understands Federal Tort Claims Act Protections and can advise and inform their Elected Officials on those matters. Steinberg said now she is going to tell them she didn't learn this because she is a Master Degree or anything or even a Bachelor's Degree or anything she learned this through nine years of real world experience directing a program that grew from \$750,000 to \$3.2 million. Steinberg said they might want to go back and revisit their Bureau Government.....Bureau Self-Governance Compact and their Indian Health Service Self-Governance Compact and find out where the clinical medical Family Services type counseling structures rest. Steinberg said make sure whoever they employ falls under the correct division because if they don't and they get sued for malpractice they will be on the hook. Steinberg said the government will say that

it is outside the scope of work and they will not defend them. Steinberg said please if she can make another recommendation respectfully to the Council learn what they can about Federal Tort Claims Act Protections that is why they have Government to Government Agreements. Steinberg thanked them.

Speaker Riley said alright if he could just make one little correction. Riley said to Jessica Steinberg that he doesn't think it is an "if" it is a "when." Riley repeated that it is not an "if" it is a "when." Riley said he has got Diane Lonn, Andrea Waitner, then Nikki Nelson and then Shannon Crampton again.

Councilor Lonn said she guessed she knew this on a more personal level. Lonn said she understands how mental health works with the clinic as well as with Family Services. Lonn said she can truly say she can understand it. Lonn said she has been going to meetings, with a couple in Washington, regarding Violence Against Women but also Mental Health and how it is relating to the drinking, to the drugs, and she took a lot of information, a lot of notes, and she brought it back here to share and talk to the people that they have. Lonn said that is what they are supposed to do. Lonn said she is very passionate about it and will not let this go as long as she lives because she thinks all three are connected. Lonn said whether they want to.....she doesn't care what department it goes in because she thinks clinic mental health and drinking all fit in with Family Services as well. Lonn said they got to work as a team and not separate. Lonn thanked them.

Speaker Riley said okay he has Andrea Waitner and then Nikki Nelson.

Andrea Waitner said the way that they think about healing people will have a tendency like they do to want to medicate themselves with one thing or another. Waitner said they know when they are born into this world there are medicines all around them. Waitner said there it is all bits of dust, plants, rocks and things that change the way they feel and make them better or make them sick or those things. Waitner said she has.....whether it is caffeine, nicotine, opiates, whether it is speed, they know something like that those are all ways to medicate themselves. Waitner said one day she became aware of a question why does she medicate herself. Waitner asked why does she do that and what is that sickness there. Waitner said then when she started to engage in ceremonies and the ways of their....spiritual ways of them that is when she became aware that there is a world so they have their own healing practices. Waitner said their own Traditional Medicines. Waitner said they have medicine sovereignty and she thinks that is a very important component that they are missing when they are talking about treating people who have Substance Abuse Disorders that relate to mental health. Waitner said the Spiritual Guidance towards that because that brings them to an understanding of who they are and how they can make.....help themselves be well instead of get themselves sick. Waitner said so JD does come and do healing but she is happy to help. Waitner said she has been learning since she was a little girl. Waitner said her Grandmothers, her mothers and her aunties teaching her medicines and how to make salves and how to do things to help people. Waitner

said ask for the Spirits to help and so she would be happy to volunteer to do that. Waitner said that is how she finds her right path, her red road, and she sees other people around waking up and healing once that find that red road and have that awakening. Waitner said so that is just something to consider and she wanted to throw it out there. Waitner said Miigwech.

Speaker Riley said Miigwech. Riley recognized Nikki Nelson.

Nikki Nelson said she just wanted to touch on how well not only Be-Da-Bin but now so it's her understanding that its Be-Da-Bin, Family Services and Members Assistance are kind of all lump into one. Nelson said she understands how that makes sense because a lot of times the things are co-occurring disorders so one is needed to be brought in anyways. Nelson said she worries not only for the members but for Jason Cross as well because what they have done is put every troubled member's problems on his shoulders. Nelson said he is bearing the weight of everyone that needs help from them. Nelson said so if they are going to combine these if they are going to be combined then they need to expand that department so that Jason Cross can do it. Nelson said Jason Cross is great at his job he has helped her personally when she went through a messy divorce but it's not fair for him to have to bear all of their problems alone. Nelson said he needs other people in there then. Nelson said not only that he is trying to keep his daycare afloat on top of everything else that he is doing. Nelson reiterated not a department that needs to be expanded like immediately then.

Speaker Riley said Councilor Crampton then he has Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Crampton said oh, he is just sitting there and he was reading the testimony of Jessica Burger before the Appropriations Committee. Crampton said he has got to say without any degrees he is shocked that the level of experience and knowledge that she has on the issue also he has stood in Washington and watched people who are heads of these committees turn and ask her how to conduct it.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said to Nikki Nelson that she agrees with her but she also know that he has some wonderful staff. Lonn said he has Sandy Deverney that has the same equal education that he does and she runs a lot of the Be-Da-Bin.....not Be-Da-Bin but a lot of Binojeeuk's stuff. Lonn said there is Linda Wissner that runs the Members Assistance. Lonn said he oversees them but they individually run a lot of this stuff. Lonn said as far as the Children's Learning Center she agrees with her and agrees with her on any that they need help for. Lonn said they are trying to work towards that. Lonn thanked them.

Speaker Riley said he has Boo Battice then the Ogema then Councilor Wittenberg. Riley said then they are going to move on.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he is just kind of going to add onto what Andrea Waitner was stating in the traditional love and trust is what is going to heal their people because these things that are taught in this school all the way through college isn't Native. Battice said they don't even learn about Nati.....they are starting to get a little bit in the fourth grade and fifth grade now but it is so minute and told from one side of the story to the ultimate healing isn't going to be somebody that has this proper education. Battice said proper education is people has got to feel trusted and loved. Battice said they are feeling suppressed and when they go to a clinical doctor and.....he is going through it right now. Battice said they are just trying to push drugs on him and he doesn't do them. Battice reiterated they are just trying to push drugs on him. Battice said based upon this curriculum that was taught to them throughout society and a curriculum that has been built since the beginning of.....he doesn't even know when they started. Battice said what they need to do is they need this education thing.....education is people like Andrea Waitner, people like Pat Wells, people with traditional medicine and they got to connect them to those people. Battice said trust and love is what is going to heal people. Battice said they can keep pushing and say they have a problem. Battice said nobody likes to be kicked when they are down they know they have a problem. Battice said let's start bringing in their people. Battice thanked them.

Ogema Romanelli said he just wanted to say that he does have to leave because he has a 2:00 appointment, again. Romanelli said he wanted to thank everyone today for coming out and giving their thoughts, opinions and concerns. Romanelli said he thinks it does them all well if nothing else comes from it he thinks a push to retain better control of Tribal graves. Romanelli said that is not only what is owned by the city but whether it be the Catholic Churches as Machele Gibbs indicated. Romanelli said maybe they put a push in that area. Romanelli said he thinks they all learned communication is key. Romanelli said he just wanted to say "*thank you very much*" and he will move on now. Romanelli said one thing that he did want to say is he thinks they really need to go back and look at what it takes to hire a person because again, 85-90% of the hires within the Tribe fall under the Executive Branch and he believes that there was a good alternative to just education. Romanelli said education isn't the only thing that it takes to get hired. Romanelli said back in the day and he will say Lee Sprague had a.....something that he devised that says in lieu of education there could be experience. Romanelli said he thinks a combination of the two is always reasonable and that was taken away. Romanelli said he doesn't think it will be that hard to put it back into effect because some of their people were denied the ability to get a good education and he thinks that he absolutely had the right idea. Romanelli said he thinks they need to put that back in and he doesn't care if its four years verses a two year degree or eight years verses a Bachelor's Degree but thinks it is something they really look at seriously because they need good people. Romanelli said it is getting really hard to get good people that not understands the

educational part but their concept of what is right and wrong. Romanelli said Chi Miigwech.

Speaker Riley said Ron Pete then he thinks they are exhausted.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley that is it, okay.

Speaker Riley said he knows he is exhausted.

Councilor Pete said on the terms of things like the drug addiction which is really what alcoholism really is. Pete said he doesn't know if it taught him a lot but he actually attended and buried four friends of his that he went to high school with who all died too young. Pete said some about 20-30 years ago. Pete said he knows that there was interventions done with them and he was part of three of them with families and stuff. Pete said at the end of the day Mr. Crampton is right. Pete said unless they have something in here that says they want to get better all the intervention they do, all the court ordered things they do, or anything that is done like that isn't going to cure it. Pete said it is not going to fix it unless they have a will, they whoever they is, unless that patient, that person has a will that they want to live and they want to get better. Pete said it is very difficult to make it happen until they have a thing.....until they have that feeling. Pete thanked them.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah he totally agrees on that what Mr. Crampton said. Wittenberg said also on people of their age they are set in their own ways or whatever they are using his concern is all those younger ones they see running around out in the circle there. Wittenberg said himself he is an alcoholic and an addict what it took to change his own life to want a different way but in his household being adopted there were no alcohol or drugs in there. Wittenberg said where did he learn it from is school because the kids learn it from the adults, their parents, the kids don't know so they go out there. Wittenberg said to him his thing is reaching out to the schools because they as adults it is hard to change but they can certainly guide those young ones to what is going on. Wittenberg said Miigwech, Ahaaw.

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 1:57 p.m.

Speaker Riley said he wanted to thank everybody for coming out today and that it is great to see a crowd here. Riley said he loves having the interaction because it is kind of boring when they have a 30 minute meeting and everything just goes.

Riley said this keeps it exciting and they get to hear from people. Riley said they do love to hear from people as much as sometimes they hear they don't.

Councilor Crampton said no matter what Joe Riley says about them he still likes them.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 2:36 p.m.

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

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said they have re-established quorum for second open.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they had anything to move.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said yes he would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION, MOTION AND ROLL CALL FOR ITEMS #18-0808-247 AND #248; AND MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY FOR #18-0808-249; by Di Piazza; supported by Corey.

Speaker Riley said swears they are covering their mouths and mumbling on purpose.

Councilor Corey said he thinks he needs to get into the Hearing Clinic.

Speaker Riley said he needs a hearing aid and turn up his beltones. Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #13

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said them items have been moved partial or whole from closed to open.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0808-247,
RATIFICATION OF BILLBOARD SIGNAGE CONTRACT WITH
LAMAR COMPANIES; by DiPiazza; supported by Corey.**

Riley asked if there were any abstentions.

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0808-248,
APPROVING THE OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF THE MASTER
AGREEMENT WITH CRAMER FISH SCIENCES; by DiPiazza;
supported by Friedel.**

Riley asked if there were any abstentions.

Roll Call #C-4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

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

**APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0808-249, APPROVING TRIBAL
OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF A CONSULTATION AGREEMENT
WITH FRANK FIGGELS TO PREPARE THE 2019 INDIAN
HOUSING PLAN, INCLUDING THE CHANGES; by Crampton;
supported by Pete.**

Roll Call #C-5

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

Motion failed (4-4-0-1)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Riley said motion to adjourn at 2:38, anybody?

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 2:38; by Crampton; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any discussion about adjourning.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said not that he knows of.

Speaker Riley asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #14

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

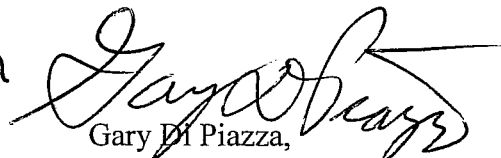
Acting Recorder Di Piazza said they have adjourned second open.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Gary Di Piazza,
Acting Council Recorder