

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on December 13, 2017. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Speaker Riley said they are going to get this meeting started at 10:00 a.m. on December 13th and they are going to get started with their prayer. Riley said Chuck Fisher will be doing the prayer this morning.

I. Opening Prayer

Chuck Fisher, Warriors Society Chaplin, offered the Opening Prayer.

Gzhemmidoo, Great Spirit, thank you.

Thank you for our lives.

Thank you for everything that you have given us.

Thank you for everything that we have.

Help us remember to be grateful for all these things and for all the little things within that life that we share and have in common that we sometimes don't remember that we need to better appreciate.

As we need to appreciate one another better.

Help us.

Help us in these things and in all things that we truly desire and that we hope for and dream for.

Help those who are suffering in their journey through their lives especially help them.

Remember them. Help us remember them.

Help us do what we can do not only for them but for ourselves and for each in our daily lives.

Help us look forward to the future and to a better future.

And to the future that we have a role in creating too.

Miigwech Creator thank you for everything. Good day.

Councilor Di Piazza said to Chuck Fisher, Miigwech.

Councilor Medacco said can he just make a comment. Medacco said he just wanted to take this time just to thank Chuck Fisher for all the many years of service that he has done for the Tribe because this will be the last time as an

employee that he is going to be up there at the podium. Medacco said his retirement is coming here and he is counting the days now. Medacco said it is no longer the weeks and the months but it is the days that he is counting. Medacco said to Chuck Fisher so from the bottom of his heart he wanted to say thank you for the years that he had supplied the Tribe. Medacco said thank you.

Tribal Council thanked Chuck Fisher and applauded.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Chuck Fisher, Terri Burmeister, Bill Willis, Frank Beaver, Tammy Burmeister.

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

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 13, 2017 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF V D. IS AN ADD, VII A. IS AN ADD, AND VIII D. IS POSTPONED AND X 6. IS AN ADD; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.

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

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis noted the agenda has been approved for December 13, 2017.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 12/6/17

**MOTION TO APPROVE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR
12/6/17; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

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

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis noted the Tribal Council Minutes for 12/6/17 has been approved and accepted for filing.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Riley said they have nothing under Grants & Contracts.

B. Budget Modifications

1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Air Quality Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-__ in the amount of \$63,770

Tribal Council needs to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Riley said Bill Willis is representing this item.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning. Willis said this item represents the first allocation of funding for the new Budget for the U.S. EPA Air Quality Program. Willis said it appears that the total award will end up being \$147,038 and this is just simply the first preparation of money from the Feds so they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget. Willis said the grant period or program period is April 1st of this year through 3/31/19.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1213-424;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-AIR QUALITY
PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2017-87 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$63,770; by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions on this item and are there any questions.

Councilor Di Piazza said he hasn't abstained all year has he.

Speaker Riley said yeah he can't abstain on this because he made the motion.

Councilor Di Piazza said he hasn't all year.

Councilor Friedel said do it next time.

Speaker Riley said alright. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1213-424 has been approved.

Speaker Riley apologized to Councilor Friedel and recognized him.

Councilor Friedel said he just wanted to make a quick comment that Tom Shepard does do a wonderful job doing their Quality Control. Friedel said he is one of the better well qualified and he talked to him yesterday at lunchtime. Friedel said he will tell them if they need to know anything about the EPA and the Air Quality that they have here in Manistee he is the one to talk to. Friedel thanked them.

2. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-__ in the amount of \$3, 212

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

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item represents Modification #16 to the 2017 Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Willis said it is kind of last of the year kind of money so it's still.....it brings them well above what they projected for 2017.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he wants to make a comment before he goes ahead and does this. Pete said he thinks that is great that they are continuing to get more money than they asked for. Pete said if there is no other further discussion he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1213-425;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATION
BUDGET MB-2017-88; by Pete; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley said he was sorry but what was the amount on that.

Councilor Pete said \$3,212.

Speaker Riley asked Councilor Friedel if he still supports that.

Councilor Friedel said support.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1213-425;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING
BUDGET MB-2017-88 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,212; by Pete;
supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley thanked them.

Councilor Pete apologized.

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

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1213-425 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis and Bill Willis.

3. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017-___-4th QTR to fund Meeting Stipends and Professional Fees for the Election Board in the amount of \$4,725

Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2017-029 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said he helped assist in doing the resolution and stuff for this. Willis said it is basically the Election Board has an existing deficit in Professional Fees that needs to be covered. Willis said they estimated out through the end of the year additional meetings that they are going to have to have as part of the Special Election. Willis said there are two Election Board members in the crowd that are here to answer questions.

Speaker Riley asked does anybody have any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #17-1213-426; APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2017-26-4th QTR TO FUND MEETING STIPENDS AND PROFESSIONAL FEES FOR THE ELECTION BOARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,725; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any further discussion or questions. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1213-426 has been approved.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

1. **Operations Report** **None Submitted**

2. Financial Report

None Submitted

Speaker Riley said he thinks they just got the Operations Report but it just didn't make it on this agenda.

Grace Hendler said it is under Old Business.

Speaker Riley oh, it is under Old Business, okay. Riley said so nothing under here.

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

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| A. Binojeeuk Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> November 2017 |
| B. Enrollment Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> No Meeting-November 2017 |
| C. Gaming Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> November 2017 |
| D. Health Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| E. Housing Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> November 2017 |
| F. Natural Resource Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| G. Commerce Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Riley said it would appear they have the Binojeeuk for November, the Enrollment had no meeting in November, Gaming for November, Health for November and Housing for November. Riley asked is there any discussion on these Commission Reports.

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

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| A. Elders Committee Minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> November 2017 |
| B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report | <input type="checkbox"/> November 2017 |

Speaker Riley said they have the Elders Committee Minutes for November 2017 and the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for November 2017. Riley asked is there any discussion on those. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said NRC they had a problem with the laptop. Di Piazza said they should have them all caught up first of the year so.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Councilor Di Piazza went on to say a new Secretary also.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said the same with the Binojeeuk Commission. Friedel said they had one of the Commissioners step aside for a few because she has some family issues and there is only one person there and they are working together to

get the Commission Meeting Minutes ready to go. Friedel said to have them ready it should be the first of the year as well.

Speaker Riley said okay.

VII. Old Business

Reports that are due:

- A. Operations Report
- B. Financial Report-October Due
- C. Binojeeuk Commission
- D. Enrollment Commission
- E. Health Commission
- F. Housing Commission

- G. Natural Resource Commission
August/September/October Due
- H. Commerce Commission-August & October Due

Reports received:

- October 2017
- None Submitted
- October 2017
- October 2017
- October 2017
- 1. September 2017
- 2. October 2017
- None Submitted

Speaker Riley said under Old Business they have the October's Operations Report, October for Binojeeuk, October for Enrollment, October for Health, September and October for Housing. Riley asked is there any other discussion on those ones.

I. Selection of Tribal Council Members to sit on the Little River Holdings, LLC Board

Two Tribal Council Members will be chosen to sit on the Board.

Speaker Riley explained the way they decided to do this is to take nominations and draw names.....he apologized vote for names. Riley recognized Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli asked the Speaker if he could repeat what was just said.

Speaker Riley said what they are doing with this is they are doing.....they had everybody that was interested put their names in and everyone has taken a look at their resumes and everything. Riley said what they are going to do is do like they do with Officer Elections then take a vote up there then move forward.

Ogema Romanelli asked for the EDC Board.

Speaker Riley said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said they were first.

Speaker Riley said oh and apologized. Riley said go ahead.

Councilor Lonn said she supports Ron Pete for the EDC Board. Lonn said she nominates, then apologized.

Councilor Wittenberg said he would like to nominate Frank Medacco.

Recorder Lewis said she nominates Diane Lonn.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said he nominates Gary Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is going to do his own.

Councilor Lonn asked this is for two positions, right.

Speaker Riley said right two positions. Riley said top two getters then they will do the motions to appoint after they get the lots drawn.

Councilor Pete said Mr. Speaker. Pete said when they are doing this and they get their papers they are going to write two names down.

Speaker Riley said yes.

Councilor Pete said first and second who they vote and that is how they would do it. Pete said okay he wasn't aware.

Councilor Lonn asked should they do it individually.

Speaker Riley said just put two names down. Riley reiterated select two. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was going to say he submitted his resume back when this was first discussed and if anybody wanted to see it, he has it. Di Piazza said he sent it around to everybody and guessed the biggest criteria he had was being selected from General Motors to open the first in the Nation GM Good Wrench in Grand Rapids where he overseen and trained ten employees. Di Piazza said he also received the award from General Motors, a Bronze Award for Outstanding Service in the Nation. Di Piazza said whatever that may have critered or whatever.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he was wondering are they supposed to sit up there and tell all why they feel they should sit on the Board.

Speaker Riley said if they would like to, yes. Riley said they all know what each other's backgrounds are and everything but if he feels it necessary.

Councilor Pete said he really doesn't feel necessary. Pete said he sat on the.....he has been a Director to General Manager at the Resort and before that for 18 years he was a GM at very large restaurant chain. Pete said he is not really going to get into all that because most of the people here know and knows what he has done so. Pete said he will leave it at that and thanked Speaker Riley.

Speaker Riley thanked him. Riley said let them.....are there any other nominations. Riley said no, okay they are good.

Councilor Medacco said so just two names on here.

Councilor Friedel said two names. Friedel said he has a nomination to.....did Sandy Lewis get nominated.

Speaker Riley said no Sandy Lewis did not.

Recorder Lewis said it is Frank Medacco, Gary Di Piazza, Diane Lonn and Ron Pete.

Councilor Friedel asked can he make a late nomination.

Speaker Riley said no, they have already.....he had asked several times so. Riley said sorry.

Councilor Pete said write two names on this.

Speaker Riley said yes.

Councilor Pete said okay.

Councilor Lonn asked Speaker Riley since they have a slight delay. Lonn said she just wanted to remind everybody that tomorrow they have a Bake Sale going on for Merri Medawis down in the common area and then Friday for an employee they are going to have an auction for Terri Tyler. Lonn said both of these women have worked here for a very long time and they are both very ill.

Recorder Lewis asked Councilor Lonn what time is the Bake Sale.

Councilor Lonn responded tomorrow from.....she doesn't know 10-12.

Councilor Di Piazza said 10:30.

Councilor Lonn said so they will need baked stuff as well as bring money not credit cards.

Rebecca Liebing asked do they know if they can donate anything for the auction and who do they give it to.

Councilor Lonn said Rebecca Groh. Lonn said she took some things over there this morning. Lonn said they are going to have other things after the first of the year for these two ladies, dinners for them and other things.

Kathleen Bowers said she had tallied the votes. Bowers said she has five for Ron Pete who is the top. Bowers said Frank Medacco received four, Diane Lonn received three and Moe received one and Larry received one.

Councilor Pete asked Moe.

Kathleen Bowers said Larry, Moe and Curly she is guessing.

Councilor Pete asked is she serious. Pete asked really.

Kathleen Bowers said so their top two are Ron Pete and Frank Medacco.

Speaker Riley said okay so does anybody want to make that motion.

Councilor Friedel said he will make the motion to support it.

Speaker Riley asked is there any support for that motion.

Councilor Lonn said she supports it.

**MOTION TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS OF COUNCILORS
PETE AND MEDACCO TO THE LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS,
LLC BOARD OF DIRECTORS; by Friedel; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley said this motion is to appoint Ron Pete and Frank Medacco to the seats for the.....Tribal Council Seats to the Little River Holdings, LLC just to clarify.

Kathleen Bowers said oh she dropped one on the floor and hold on one moment. Bowers said she has one more for.....so she actually has a.....that one was Diane Lonn and one for Gary Di Piazza so she has a tie between Diane Lonn and Frankie Medacco.

Speaker Riley said oh, okay.

Recorder Lewis said so do they have to revote on that.

Councilor Lonn asked why they can't just have three on there. Lonn asked does it say that they can't have three on there.

Kathleen Bowers said vote one more time between Frankie Medacco and Diane Lonn.

Speaker Riley said yeah, yeah. Riley said alright so they have Ron Pete for sure then they are going to do a tie-breaker with Diane Lonn and Frankie Medacco.

Recorder Lewis said Larry and Moe is not included in this one.

Councilor Lonn said please don't do that.

Councilor Pete said or Curly, please don't vote for Curly either.

Councilor Di Piazza said he just wanted to say "thank you" because they untied his hands from what he needed to do.

Kathleen said she has five for Frankie Medacco and three for Diane Lonn.

Councilor Friedel said he still supports that motion.

Councilor Lonn said her too.

Speaker Riley said somebody needs to make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPOINT RON PETE AND FRANKIE MEDACCO
TO THE EDC BOARD;** by Friedel; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked is there any discussion on this one or anything further. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said is this something that he should abstain from.

Councilor Medacco said there is no monetary gain.

Councilor Pete said so he can vote on it.

Speaker Riley said yes.

Councilor Medacco said let's make that.....there is no monetary gain for Ron Pete or himself that sits on this Board.

Speaker Riley said in fact they are going to work them like a slave. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Recorder Lewis noted the motion has been carried approval for Ron Pete and Frank Medacco to the EDC Board.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

VIII. New Business

A. Amending the Schedule of Regular Meetings for the Tribal Council for Calendar Year 2017 by the Cancellation of the Wednesday, December 20, 2017 Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council wishes to cancel the meeting scheduled due to lack of quorum.

Speaker Riley explained this would have been their last meeting of the year but now this is their last meeting of the year. Riley said there is a lot of vacations between Council Members and staff and it just wasn't.....they didn't think it would be possible to have a productive meeting with the amount of people that are going to be out. Riley said they will be back he thinks on January 10th is their next scheduled meeting. Riley asked is there any discussion or a motion on this item.

Councilor Pete said he is going to start this and Recorder Lewis can tell him if he is not doing it.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1213-427;
AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR
THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017 BY THE
CANCELLATION OF THE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING; by Pete; supported by Lewis.**

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

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1213-427 has been approved.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis if she missed somebody on there because it seemed like it was short.

Councilor Medacco said it seemed like somebody was.....

Speaker Riley said alright. Riley said it didn't seem like she called enough names off.

Councilor Medacco said it didn't seem like he heard all of Ron Wittenberg's voice is what he thinks it was.

B. Establishing the Schedule of Regular Meetings for the Tribal Council for Calendar Year 2018

The Constitution provides that the schedule of meetings for regular sessions of Tribal Council for each succeeding Calendar Year shall be set by resolution at the last regular session of each calendar year and such schedule shall be published and made available to the General Membership.

Speaker Riley said he is looking for discussion or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1213-428;
ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS
FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018;** by
Pete; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked is there any further discussion on this one. Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said now this would include two Saturday Meetings.

Councilor Medacco said yes.

Councilor Lonn said they should have somewhere where they make up like.....they missed quite a few this year with not having a quorum, at least three. Lonn asked shouldn't they have another one if someone.....if they have to cancel a meeting then they have a day open to put in there like a Saturday for another one.

Speaker Riley said they can do that but the issue they would have if they cancel one of the Saturday Meetings is.....

Councilor Lonn said not cancel the Saturday she means when they have to cancel.....because she knows they cancelled three Wednesday Meetings they should put somewhere within Saturday make that meeting up. Lonn said have a.....do they know what she means.

Speaker Riley said they don't know if they are going to cancel a meeting right now or not so they.....

Councilor Lonn said they can always have a date maybe to fill in.

Speaker Riley said they can always add a meeting. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said that could also be determined by business also too if there is a lot of stuff that is pressing and business needs to be done they can always call a meeting also too.

Speaker Riley said he just wanted to say that the Saturday Meeting that did get cancelled was their fault for not communicating as well as they should have with the Ogema's Office on the Budget Meeting or the Budget Presentation that the Ogema does because they usually align it with the same date but he thinks this year they took it for granted and didn't communicate properly and they ended up on different dates and it got mixed up. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1213-428 has been approved.

C. Tribal Council Support for legal actions to protect Bear's Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument Status

The Presidential Proclamation of December 4, 2017 unlawfully revoked monument status and protection for lands sacred to Native People in the region and an important natural resource for all people. Several Nations along with conservation groups have initiated law suits in opposition and Tribal Council wishes to express their support of those efforts by a Resolution of Support.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said if there are no questions he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1213-429;
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGAL ACTIONS TO PROTECT
BEARS EARS AND GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE
NATIONAL MONUMENT STATUS THE PRESIDENTIAL
PROCLAMATION OF DECEMBER 4, 2017 UNLAWFULLY
REVOKED MONUMENT STATUS AND PROTECTION FOR
LANDS SACRED TO NATIVE PEOPLE IN THE REGION AND AN
IMPORTANT NATURAL RESOURCE FOR ALL PEOPLE,
SEVERAL NATIONS ALONG WITH CONSERVATION GROUPS
HAVE INITIATED LAW SUITS IN OPPOSITION AND TRIBAL
COUNCIL WISHES TO EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT OF THOSE
EFFORTS BY A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT;** by Pete; supported by
Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley said the motion ended at the National Monument Status and the rest was just a description of the item. Riley asked is that correct.

Councilor Pete said that is correct.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-1213-429;
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGAL ACTIONS TO PROTECT
BEARS EARS AND GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE
NATIONAL MONUMENT STATUS;** by Pete; supported by
Wittenberg.

Recorder Lewis said Resolution #17-1213-429 has been approved.

Speaker Riley said they didn't vote on it yet did they. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Recorder Lewis said she was just trying to get on with this meeting.

Roll Call #9

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	Yes
S. Crampton -	Absent	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes

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

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-1213-429 has been approved.

D. Authorizing Setting Economic Development Board Member's Compensation

This item was postponed during approval of the agenda.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, January 10, 2018

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

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

Ogema Romanelli said he only has one thing to report and that was the meeting that was held in Washington, D.C. Romanelli said he wasn't here last Wednesday but from all indications it was very successful. Romanelli said the timing is right and they are trying to move their Muskegon Project forward. Romanelli said he thinks that is it for this week unless anybody has any questions for him.

Speaker Riley said it doesn't look like it.

Ogema Romanelli said okay and thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked the Ogema and said short and sweet.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Riley asked does anybody have anything for Legislative Affairs. Riley said he guessed he just wanted to say that he was present at the meeting also last week and he also attended a Holiday Reception which is put on with the U.S. Chamber. Riley said they have been working with the U.S. Chamber to help lobby some of their issues like the TLSA and some other issues. Riley said he actually.....it was nice to be able to sit down and get a chance to speak face to face with some of the people that were on conference calls constantly and things like that. Riley said he just wanted to update everybody on that. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said when he had his hand up he was going to also say that he along with the Speaker and the Ogema attended that meeting with the BIA last week in Washington. Pete said with everything they presented there he never felt so good about working with the project when he left the BIA Office so they think they are on a positive track. Pete said they think they got a lot of support from the BIA while they were there. Pete said they are not done but they made significant

progress through that meeting. Pete said he just wanted to thank the Speaker and Ogema for having his involvement in that and he appreciates it. Pete said hopefully they will get his done for the Tribe and their citizens very, very soon. Pete thanked them.

Speaker Riley asked anything else for Legislative Updates. Riley said actually he does have a couple of other things. Riley said he thinks it is today when they are going to do the vote on neutrality. Riley said if they are concerned about that they should definitely contact their Representative and make sure that doesn't come to an end. Riley said there is.....he really doesn't have the time up here to explain the whole issue but definitely look it up, read up on it, what they are looking at is the potential for internet services to be set up a la carte like cable tv services in the future. Riley said not saying that will happen but the potential is there if not neutrality is revoked. Riley said also in Washington Legislative Affairs Senator Franken announced that he will be resigning within the next couple of months. Riley said also the Tax Reform Bill or a version of the Tax Reform Bill has passed both the House and the Senate now and they are going to be working together to come up with a final product. Riley said to keep their eyes peeled because depending on how this whole thing shakes out it may actually hurt them so just read up and everything and if they have any concerns make sure to contact their Legislators. Riley said for the State of Michigan that would be Senator Gary Peters or Senator Debbie Stabenow. Riley recognized Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said he just has one question. Romanelli said he sees in the closed session they have Delta Dental Contract but what about the vision. Romanelli asked has that already been done or approved.

Rebecca Liebing said last year it was a two year agreement so they won't have to do it until next year.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Rebecca Liebing made more comments from the audience but they were not picked up on the tape recording.

Speaker Riley said if there is nothing else for Legislative Affairs they will move onto Public Comment.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley said at this time if they have any Public Comments. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he does. Medacco said his comment is just to say thank you for all three branches of the government, the Executive side, the Legislative and their Judicial, to all the employees and the hard work and dedication that all

the employees have shown this year to move them forward in a positive way. Medacco said when they have the Appreciation Breakfast Friday so he just wanted to say thank you to all the employees and all the staff and work in all the departments and move those departments forward in a positive way. Medacco said they always think of the Tribe first before they think of themselves so he just wanted to say thank you for that.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he would just like to reiterate just for a moment what Frank Medacco just said about appreciating and thank you to all the staff that are here and everything that they do for this Tribe and for the citizens of this Tribe but also this is to him the most peaceful if he can say time of the year. Pete said he believes that what he has always done and always wanted to do is wish all of the people that are involved with this Tribe and all the people around them actually too the peace of the season and let them not forget the people where they can that are less fortunate; the parents and the children that have fallen on hard times. Pete said they know sometimes it just takes a smile and they don't always have to contribute but if they can contribute of themselves. Pete said those of them that more fortunate and not worrying about where their next food is going to come from or how they are going to pay the rent or the light bill. Pete said they cannot forget them because he knows that there is a Creator up above that remembers them every day and they expect them to.....they are their brother's keeper and please try to remember them at least in their thoughts and prayers. Pete thanked them.

Speaker Riley recognized Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said now he feels like he should come back up and echo that since the majority of the employees are under the Executive Branch but it does take all three branches working together. Romanelli said he wanted to say that he thinks they are making progress in that area where they are all working together trying to accomplish some things. Romanelli said he thinks they got a lot of good things done in this last.....2017. Romanelli said he thinks 2018 will be trying to finalize and make sure they are on track because they started a few things; a few major projects. Romanelli said hopefully they can expand on that. Romanelli said know this all comes from their employees and he is always lax in saying "thank you" enough. Romanelli said if he can't say it enough because they have really hard workers that do a good job and it is a lot of work putting a government together and making it run. Romanelli said it looks easy sometimes but it is absolutely a difficult thing.

Speaker Riley said oh he just makes it look easy.

Ogema Romanelli said alright they all make it look easy. Romanelli said it is tough and they go through changes and they lose a few along the way and they

gain a few but all and all they have a really, really good staff and they work hard so that is why they are going to have the breakfast on Friday to say thanks. Romanelli said thank you and hopefully they have a good new year and hopefully they get a lot of things done next year. Romanelli said he hopes there is a lot of peacefulness toward not only them and their employees but the families too because they deserve it. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley said okay so if there is no further Public Comments.

The purpose of closed session is to discuss business matters considered privileged or confidential involving consideration of bids/contracts, pending legal issues, and/or personnel matters.

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to end first open at 10:42.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:42; by Lewis; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

XI. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:54 a.m.

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to go into second open at 11:54.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 11:54; by Lonn; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call at 11:54.

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said okay they are in open.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Riley asked do they have anything to move to open.

Recorder Lewis responded yes.

MOTION TO MOVE ROLL CALL, MOTION AND VOTE ON RESOLUTION #17-1213-431, 434 AND 433, 435, 436, 437 AND 438;
by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

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

Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said Resolution #17-1213-431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437 and 438 has been moved into open. Lewis said roll call, motion and vote.

Councilor Medacco said 432 or 433 was not supposed to be moved.

Speaker Riley said 433 or 432 was not supposed to be moved because that was the one they said not to move.

Recorder Lewis agreed don't move 432.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-1213-431, APPROVING REALLOCATION TO 2018 APPROVED CAPITAL FUNDING AND CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND ARISTOCRAT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.; by Pete; supported by Friedel.

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

Roll Call #C-4

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

J. Friedel -	Yes	R. Pete -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes
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Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-1213-433,
RATIFICATION OF TELE-RAD SERVICE AGREEMENT
CONTRACT; by Medacco; supported by Friedel.**

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

Roll Call #C-6

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-1213-434,
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE THE CASE
AGREEMENT WITH TRANSPERFECT LEGAL SOLUTIONS; by
Pete; supported by Lonn.**

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

Roll Call #C-7

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-1213-435,
RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH DELTA DENTAL FOR
EMPLOYEE INSURANCE CONTRACT/COVERAGE
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018;
by Medacco; supported by Friedel.**

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

Roll Call #C-8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-1213-436,
ADOPTING THE DOCUMENTS FOR THE TRIBAL**

GOVERNMENT FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT PLAN FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 AND AUTHORIZING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS; by Pete; supported by Lonn.

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

Roll Call #C-9

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-1213-437, APPROVING THE TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH KDP RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES FOR PLANS EFFECTIVE AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2017; by Pete; supported by Lewis.

Roll Call #C-10

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

MOTION WILL BE AMENDED WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: TAKING OUT THE “NOT TO EXCEED \$7,200” AND REPLACING IT WITH JUST “\$7,300” AND THEN CHANGE THE LAST WHERE FROM \$7,200 TO \$7,300 AND TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-1213-438, APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH AUTOMATED ELECTION SERVICES TO PROVIDE ELECTION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION ON JANUARY 5, 2018; by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

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

Roll Call #C-11

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

XII. Adjourn

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to end the meeting at 11:57.

MOTION TO END THE MEETING; by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Di Piazza that is not abstain that is a recusal.

Councilor Di Piazza said yeah that is abstain.

Speaker Riley said he doesn't have a conflict in the meeting ending.

Councilor Lonn said support.

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

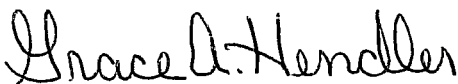
Roll Call #13

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder