



Megwa Ezhiweback
(What's happening now)

Currents

Bashkakodini-Giizis
(Freezing Moon)
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Upcoming Events

Elders Meal
Aki Community
Center
Mon-Thur 12pm

Language Class
Every Friday
10:30am

Traditional Healer
Every Third Tuesday

Elected Official
Meet & Greet
February 10, 2017

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Principles of Entrepreneurship Class Prepares Students for Business



The premier class of Principles of Entrepreneurship, supported and coordinated through the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Commerce/Workforce Development Program, was held from August 15 to November 25, 2017. Class met twice weekly in the Grand River Room at Little River Casino Resort. This foundational

course was designed for students who were interested in entrepreneurship and small business management. Students investigated the role entrepreneurs take in the free market system. The course enabled students to acquire the knowledge and develop the skills needed to effectively organize, develop, create and manage

a business. They also learned how to negotiate, create return on investment, perform cost/benefit analysis, and keep track of income and expenses. Pictured above are several students holding their Certificates of Completion for Principles of Entrepreneurship. Left to right are instructor Matthew Chandler, John Grocholski,

Boo Battice, Tom Shepard, and Workforce Development Specialist David Hawley. Not pictured but completing the course were Chuck Fisher, Roger Shalifoe and Brian Gibson. More classes are being considered beginning Spring 2018.

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February Birthdays! Happy Birthday!

Michael Alberts	Barbara Gibbs	George Olson
Denis Anderson	Stella Gibson	Robert Petts
Richard Bailey	Mary Hammond	Bernadette Rivas
Ruth Bunthing	Susan Ingram	Virginia Rose
Larry Burmeister	Dennis Johnson	Virginia Salazar
Sandra Cantin	Rose Mary Johnson	David Schultz
Barbara Caswell	Celia Kohls	Therese Skinkle
Linda Chivis	Joseph LaPorte	Williamette Smith
Paul Comepeau	Karen Love	Louise Stone
Beverly Crampton	Robert Mandeville	Loretta Thomas
Douglas Crawford	Darleen Martin	Marva Tyrrell
Kenneth Dean	Patsy McPherson	Jimmie Vanas
Peggy Derouin	Elizabeth Medacco	Sherron VanSlyke
Richard Deverney	Karen Meyer	Martin Wabindato
Jo Emerson	Mary Meza	Charles Wahr
Larry Fox	Linda Morton	Ronald Wittenberg
Caroline Gardner	Ione Nida	

December Worksession Attendance

Date	Work Session Title	Jamie Friedel	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Diane Lonn	Frankie Medacco	Joe Riley, II	Sandra Lewis	Ron Pete	Total
12/04/17	Food Ordinance	x	x		x	x	x	*	x	*	6
12/04/17	Enrollment Ordinance	x	x	P	x	x	x	*	x	*	6
12/04/17	Newsletter Submission	x	x	P		x		*	x	*	4
12/04/17	Agenda Review	x	x		x	x	x	*	x	*	6
12/04/17	Election Board 2017 Bud	x	x			x	x	*	x	*	5
12/05/17	401K Contribution	x	V	x		x		*	x	*	4
12/05/17	Meeting Procedures Ord	x	V	x		x		*	x	*	4
12/05/17	C-Store Accountability	x	V	x		x		*	x	*	4
12/05/17	2017 Goals		V	x			x	*	x	*	3
12/07/17	Department Utilization		*		*		x	*	x		2
12/11/17	Manistee County Found	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	8
12/11/17	Agenda Review	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	7
12/11/17	Utilities to EDC	x				x	x	x			4
12/11/17	Irish Festival	x					x	x	x		4
12/12/17	Strategic Planning		x		x	x	x				4
12/12/17	Commissioners/Employee		x		x	x	x	x		P	5
	Total - 16	12	8	5	7	13	12	5	12	2	

*=Business Related V=Vacation B=Bereavement P=Participated by Phone



“These are my favorite type of presents and this painting by the children makes all the work I do, worth every minute of it. I will keep this painting in a place where others can see it. This painting reminds me of a VanGogh painting and worth as much to me. I will be visiting the children in the next month.”

Kichi Miigwetch

Ogema Larry Romanelli

The painting was done by the NGLC Cedar Children in Preschool raging in ages from 4-5. During the Holiday season their focus was family and gratitude. Each child in the class painted a bit of the canvas. We wanted to show our gratitude towards our LRBOI family and present the Ogema with a gift.

In addition to the Ogema's painting we had all children work on a gratitude gift for the Learning Center's continues supporters.

We also presented Jason Cross with a painting produced by the Beech (Infant) Room

Sandra DeVerney's painting was done by the Maple Preschool children

Lisa Morely's painting was completed by the Birch (Toddler) Classroom.

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Accepting bids for a General Maintenance Contractor

SERVICES/SCOPE OF WORK

The Tribe has a periodic need for General Maintenance Services. The Tribe intends to award a general service contract with a term of two years. Services under the agreement may include, but are not limited to finished carpentry, drywall, painting, roofing, and siding repair. Must have proof of liability insurance, auto insurance, as well as workers compensation.

The Tribe's intent is to contract with a contractor to ensure that a contractor is available when needed. Services shall not include major Electrical, HVAC, and Plumbing as the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has already established a Master Agreement for such services. Bid information can be obtained from contacting Michelle Lucas at mlucas@lrboi-nsn.gov.

PRC/EHAP NEWS

So, if you haven't heard, Contract Health Services (CHS) has changed to Purchased and Referred Care (PRC). The program remains the same, Indian Health Services believes the name fits better with the services we provide. Hopefully the name change has been getting around. It does take some time to get used to for everyone.

We do have 2 Patient Benefit Coordinators, Roberta Davis and Teresa Koone, available to assist you with applying for Medicaid and any Marketplace insurance (ACA). Please call the Clinic's main line and you will be transferred to their office. The main line for Health Services is 231-723-8299 or toll free at 1-888-382-8299.

There have been some staffing changes in PRC/EHAP. Janina Sprague has accepted a position at another Tribe, and Juli Duncil has been with PRC/EHAP since early December. Ronda Koon and Mark Plouhar are still here to assist you full-time, as well as our temporary employee, Connie Eno. The alphabet has been split a bit more with the open position, so please be sure to call the main line so you can be directed to the right person.

We ask that you ALWAYS call the

main Health line and NOT direct dial PRC/EHAP staff. If your worker had an emergency and was not in the office, you would not know this and possibly not receive a call back in a timely fashion. So please help us to assist you better by NOT direct dialing your PRC/EHAP staff.

When you receive a scheduled date for your appointments, please call your PRC/EHAP staff right away. DO NOT wait until 48 hours before the scheduled appointment. This does not leave a very big margin in case something goes wrong or we need additional information. Waiting until the last 48 hours could result in a delay of your approval. Thank you for your assistance getting your appointments logged in a timely manner.

If you call AFTER 4:30 PM, you will receive a call back on the NEXT business day. The PRC/EHAP staff need time to make sure all the prescription authorizations and purchase orders are faxed, and all the appointments are logged before we close at 5:00 PM.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the main line at 231-723-8299 or toll free at 1-888-382-8299.

LRBOI Phone Survey

This is an update on telephone survey being conducted as we are getting close to completion. We have 36 more surveys to complete. If contacted to participate, please consider taking the survey.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is conducting a personalized survey called the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) as part of the 2017 Native American BRFS Project. In the past, Native Americans, have been underrepresented in such surveys; this survey will give our tribe a more accurate and fair representation.

The benefits of your participation will be valuable to our Tribe. The data from the BRFSS will be very useful in applying for grants, requesting funds, starting new health programs, and to determine the effectiveness of existing programs. The BRFSS information will give our Tribe a better idea of the community smoking rates, diabetes rates, exercise, and nutrition habits and many other health risk behaviors.

This survey is sponsored by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Health Disparity Reduction and Minority Health and will be conducted

by Michigan State University. If you see a telephone number on your caller ID with a 517 area code, this may be the surveyor from Michigan State University. We hope that you will also help by agreeing to participate if you are called.

If the surveyor doesn't reach you, they may leave a voice message asking you to call them back. This is a legitimate call and we hope that you will call them back if you are selected. The Michigan State University Lab Hours in which you may call the number which is left on your voice mail are:

Sunday: 11am-9pm
Monday: 9am-9:30 pm
Tuesday: 9am-9:30 pm
Wednesday: 9am-9:30 pm
Thursday: 9am-9:30pm
Friday: 9am-9:30 pm
Saturday: 9am-7pm

If you have any questions, please contact the LRB Tribal BRFSS Coordinator, Dottie Batchelder, at 231-398-6741.

Miigwetch for your contribution to this exciting project!

*Dottie Batchelder,
Tribal BRFSS Coordinator
LRBOI Health Services/Be Da Bin*

Food Distribution

Food Distribution Program (FDPIR) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodity to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and Snap Program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification, in determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Commodity Program.

USDA Income Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Monthly Income Standards October 1, 2016 through September 31, 2017	
Household Size	Income Limits
1	\$ 1,165.00
2	\$ 1,514.00
3	\$ 1,862.00
4	\$ 2,220.00
5	\$ 2,598.00
6	\$ 2,975.00
7	\$ 3,323.00
8	\$ 3,672.00
For each additional member add \$349.00	

Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.

Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M
Lunch hour is 12:00 - 1:00

Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson
1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program
Office **231-398-6716** or **231-398-6715**

Council Meeting: December 6, 2017

General Business

1. Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes for 11/29/17 for Filing

Motion by Pete; Supported by Lonn

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

Grants & Contracts

1. Approval of Grant Application for FY 2017 & 2018 Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funding (TTPSF) to Construct a US- 31 Pedestrian Underpass

The Federal Highway Administration is soliciting Applications for Tribal TTPSF. They would like the Tribe to apply for funds to pay for the construction of a Pedestrian Walk-Way under US-31.

Motion by Medacco; supported by Pete.

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

Budget Modifications

1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-__ in the amount of \$51,511

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

Motion by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

2. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017-__4th QTR to fund purchase of appliances, window coverings, and mailboxes for 10 new homes at Aki in the amount of \$26,969

Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2017-028 from the Accounting

Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.
Motion by Friedel; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

Approval of Budgeted Expenditures

1. Approval for Councilors Lewis and Friedel to travel and attend the 2017 National Republican Congressional Committee Invitational Request

This meeting takes place at the New York Palace Hotel on December 8- 10, 2017 and gives Tribal Council a chance to discuss the Tribe's issues with Congressmen and women.

Motion by Crampton; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Motion Failed (4-4-0-1)

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said the motion fails.

Old Business

Acting Speaker Lewis said Operation Reports, Financial Report

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said none submitted.

Acting Speaker Lewis said okay, alright, yup none submitted.

New Business

1. 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.

Acting Speaker Lewis noted this item was postponed.

Items Moved from Closed to Open Session

Acting Speaker Lewis asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they had anything to move into open.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said yes.

1. Motion To Move Resolution #17-1206-421 And 422, Motion And Roll Call Only; Resolution #17-1206-423, Motion, Roll Call And Resolution;

Motion by DiPiazza; supported by Medacco.

Roll Call

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

2. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1206-421, Ratification Of Contract For 2018-2019 With The Law Office Of Richard G. Mcgee, LLC;

Motion by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

3. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1206-422, Approving Tribal Ogema To Execute The One Year Contract For Services By Salary.com;

Motion by DiPiazza; supported by Medacco.

Roll Call

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

Motion Carried (5-3-0-1)

4. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1206-423, Ratification Of Agreement With Johnson Controls For The Maintenance On The Aki Community Center's HVAC System Controls;

Motion by Medacco; supported by Friedel.

Roll Call

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

Roll Call Voting Key



Yes



Abstain



No



Absent

Council Meeting: December 13, 2017

General Business

1. Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes for 12/6/17 for Filing

Motion by Pete; Supported by Lonn

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

Grants & Contracts

Speaker Riley said they have nothing under Grants & Contracts.

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.

Motion by DiPiazza; supported by Friedel.

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

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.

Motion by Pete; supported by Friedel.

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

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.
Motion by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

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

Motion Carried (7-1-0-1)

Acceptance of Reports

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 there.

Acceptance of Commission Reports

- Binojeeuk Commission – November 2017
- Gaming Commission – November 2017
- Housing Commission – November 2017

Speaker Riley said it would appear they have the Binojeeuk for November, the Emollment 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.

Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

- Elders Committee Minutes – November 2017
- LRCR Preference Report – 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 DiPiazza 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.

Old Business

- Operations Report – October 2017
- Binojeeuk Commission – October 2017
- Enrollment Commission – October 2017
- Health Commission – October 2017
- Housing Commission – September 2017
- Housing Commission – October 2017

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.

1. 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.

Motion by Friedel; supported by Lonn.

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

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.

New Business

1. 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.

Motion by Pete; supported by Lewis.

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

Motion Carried (6-2-0-1)

2. 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.
Motion by Pete; supported by Friedel.

Roll Call

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

3. 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.
- Motion by Pete; supported by Wittenberg.

Roll Call

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

4. Authorizing Setting Economic Development Board Member's Compensation
- This item was postponed during approval of the agenda.

Items Moved from Closed to Open Session

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

Recorder Lewis responded yes.

1. Motion To Move Roll Call, Motion And Vote On Resolution #17-1213-431, 434 And 433,435,436,437 And 438;

Motion by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call

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

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.

2. 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.;

Motion by Pete; supported by Friedel.

Roll Call

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

3. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1213-433, Ratification Of Tele-Rad Service Agreement Contract;

Motion by Medacco; supported by Friedel.

Roll Call

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

4. 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;

Motion by Medacco; supported by Friedel.

Roll Call

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

5. 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;

Motion by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

6. 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;

Motion by Pete; supported by Lewis.

Roll Call

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

7. 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;

Motion by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call

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

Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)

Roll Call Voting Key



Yes



Abstain



No



Absent



Commerce Department



NEW HOME PROJECT AT AKI MAADIZIWIN

The first of ten new homes have been completed at Aki Maadiziwin. Pictured are the “key” players in the project as Ogema Larry Romanelli receives a set of keys from General Contractor Ron Stroup. Watching on left to right are Tribal Council Members Jamie Friedel, Gary DiPiazza, Speaker Joseph Riley II, Ogema Romanelli, Contractor Ron Stroup, and Tribal Council Members Sandy Lewis and Ron Wittenberg.

Training Opportunities Through LRBOI & Commerce/Workforce Development

It is the goal of the Commerce/Workforce Development Program to work in collaboration with each department of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to increase the productivity of each employee. We will work with any LRBOI department to determine training needs of an individual or a group through different resources available to us.

Job Readiness Training consists of resume and cover letter preparation, preparing for the interview, how to correctly fill out a job application, job searching strategy, and other training applications designed to prepare the individual for work and job retention. To make a one on one appointment, contact David Hawley, Workforce Development Specialist, at 231-398-6842 or dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov .

Development & Training: Various training and services as needed for LRBOI Citizens not limited to the following: preemployment drug testing, pre-employment physicals, purchase of bus passes, procurement of drivers record, job interviewing skills, unmet college/university course fees and miscellaneous fees. The maximum amount per applicant that will be paid on their behalf to third party vendors is \$300.00 per calendar year. Access to funding in the Development & Training component is limited to 3 times per tribal member within a 5 year period (up to \$300.00 per calendar year which is 365 days from date of last service).

We will coordinate LRBOI program services with outside agency services to allow for the maximum benefit to the Tribal Citizen.

- 1. Applicant must be an enrolled LRBOI Tribal Citizen and at least 18 years of age.
- 2. Applicant must be enrolled in the LRBOI Workforce

- Development Program.
- 3. Funds will be paid directly to third party vendors on behalf of the Tribal Citizen.
 - 4. Funds will only be released with proper documentation: invoices, bill, estimate, etc.
 - 5. By providing a receipt, Tribal Citizen may be reimbursed for fees paid out-of-pocket.
 - 6. Access to funding is limited to three (3) times within a five (5) year period.

Work Experience and Internships

- Adult Work Experience (18+) 320 hours of short-term employment @ \$10.00/hour.
- Youth Work Experience (16-17) 320 hours of short-term employment @ \$10.00/hour.
- Internship (college students) 240 hours of short-term employment @ \$10.00/hour. Academic requirements and open to descendants.

Lynda.com

Online courses FREE to Tribal Citizens and LRBOI Employees. 6,500 courses in business, technology and creative skills including government, design, web development, photography, marketing taught by industry experts. We can “seat” 50 people at a time so if there is a training you may be interested in through Lynda.com, please contact David Hawley in Commerce/Workforce Development, provide your full name, email address, and tribal ID number (if applicable). Browse the different online courses available at www.Lynda.com .

Need help? Have questions? Call David Hawley, Workforce Development Specialist, at 231-398-6842 or dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov .

Take Control of Your Future!

Commerce/Workforce Development Program
Benefits for Tribal Members*:

- Internship
..... 240 hours @ \$10.00 per hour
- Internship Hosting
.....\$150.00 Honorarium
- Development & Training
..... Up to \$300.00 per calendar year
- Career Assistance Voucher
..... \$200.00 per calendar year
- Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher
..... \$250.00 per calendar year
- GED/Adult Education Completion Voucher
.....\$250.00 one time
- Adult Work Experience/Employment Program
..... 320 hours @ \$10.00 per hour
- Youth Work Experience/Employment Program
..... 320 hours @ \$8.90 per hour
- Job Seeker & Career Related Activities Work Station
.....Upon Request
- GED Preparation Book
.....Upon Request
- Job Readiness Training
..... By Appointment
- Referral Services to Michigan Works!
..... Free

*Tribal Member/Workforce Development Program Applicant must meet eligibility requirements and component requirements. All programs subject to availability of funds. Applicants are served on a first come first served basis. Ask or see Program for details and eligibility requirements.

February
Depression is more common in the winter months. Socialization is proven to help with depression. Make an effort to spend time with friends, attend the Elders Meal Lunch and visit with other Elders. Pick up the phone and chit chat with someone you haven't talked to in a while.

Meals Served at Noon
Monday-Thursday
No Charge for Elders, Spouse and Handicapped/Disabled Individuals who reside with Elder
Guest meals are \$6.00

Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions
Phone: 231-398-6886
Email: ncross@lrboi-nsn.gov
Regularly Scheduled Activities
Mondays - Language Class
Wednesdays - Wii Bowling
Other Activities
Birthday of the Month, Prize Bingo, & Game Day!
Menu Subject to Change. without notice.
Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600-2000 Calorie Diet

Coffee, Milk & Water Available at Every Meal

Aki Community Center Elder Meals Menu 2018

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Hot Turkey Mashed Potato Winter Mix Veggie Dessert		Elder Committee Meeting At Noon
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Reuben Tator Tots Green Beans Dessert	Chicken Sandwich Onion Rings Brussel Sprouts & Dessert Language Class	Salisbury Steak Roasted Potato Corn & Dessert Wii Bowling	Belgian Waffles Eggs Turkey Bacon & an Orange BINGO	Muskegon Meal Please RSVP with Noelle 231.398.6886 Lunch served at noon	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Fish Fillet Potato Wedge Cole Slaw & Dessert	Beef Stroganoff Green Beans &Dessert Language Class	Special Lunch Valentine's Day	Chili Dogs Chips Veggies & Dessert		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Smothered Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Peas & Carrots Dessert	Chef's Choice & Special Activity Language Class	Burgers Potato Salad Cauliflower & Broccoli & Dessert Wii Bowling	Spaghetti & Meatballs Italian Veggie Mix Breadstick & Dessert	Muskegon Meal Please RSVP with Noelle 231.398.6886 Lunch served at noon	
25	26	27	28			
	Chicken Tenders Mac & Cheese Creamed Corn & Dessert	Vegetable Soup Grilled Cheese Fruit & Dessert Language Class	Blackened Chicken Alfredo Broccoli & Dessert Wii Bowling			

Tribal Member Discount Rules

Tribal member must be present and show their Tribal ID to receive any of the following discounts. Discounts may not be combined with other discounts or comps.

- 20% Daily Discount in food outlets
 - Available to all Tribal Members and one guest; additional guests will be charged full price.*
 - Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.*
- Thursday 2 for 1 meal discount (50% off if Tribal Member is alone).
 - Charge will be for meal of the highest price.*
 - Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.*
- 25% discount in the Gift Shop. Cigarettes, alcohol, consignment items, sundries and gift certificates are excluded from discounts.
- Hotel room rate \$79 plus tax and fees Suite rate \$129 plus tax and fees.
 - Tribal Member must identify themselves as a Tribal Member and provide Tribal Member number when booking the room.*
 - Tribal Member must present Tribal ID when Checking in and occupy the room.*
 - No hotel discounts will be provided on the Fourth of July weekend or on New Year's Eve.*
- In anticipation of the opening of the spa the Resort will not offer discounts for spa services.
- River Credits will be given to all LRBOI Tribal Members only (no spouses).
- Member must present their Tribal ID and provide a signature upon receipt of the voucher when registering at the meeting or event.
 - Spring and Fall membership meeting*
 - LRBOI Elders Conference*
 - Elders Christmas Party*
 - Tribal Members only*
- No Tribal Member private banquet functions will be discounted.
- Tribal Member discounts will not be provided on December 31st (New Year's Eve).

Any Tribal Member found trying to circumvent these rules may have their benefits suspended by Resort management.

Department	Location	Phone Number
Accounting	Government center -main entrance	231.398.6868
Be-Da-Bin	Government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6741
Commerce	Government center -main entrance	231.398.6866
Commodities	Little River Casino Warehouse	231.398.6716
Education	Government center- clinic entrance	231.398.3735
Enrollment	Government center-main entrance	231.398.6713
Family Services	Government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6734
Gaming Commission	Interim Casino	231.726.7755
Grants Department	Government center- main entrance	231.398.6843
Health Clinic	Government center - clinic entrance	231.723.8299
Historic Preservation	Government center-lower level	231.398.6893
Housing	Aki Maadiziwin -community center	231.398.6879
Human Resources	Government center- main entrance	231.398.6871
Members Legal Asst.	Justice center on M22	231.398.2234
Members Assistance	Government center-main entrance	231.398.6733
Natural Resources	9th street offices Manistee	231.398.2180
Peacemaking/Probation	Justice center on M22	231.398.2239
Planning Department	Government center -main entrance	231.398.6810
Prosecutor	Justice center on M22	231.398.2242
Public Affairs	Government center- main entrance	231.398.6872
Public Safety	Justice center on M22	231.398.2225
Tax Office	Government center -main entrance	231.398.6874
Utilities/Waste Water	Dontz Road (near Aki Maadiziwin)	231.398.2287
Work Force Development	Government center-main entrance	231.398.6842
Trading Post	2596 Loon Dr (Next to Government Center)	231.398.2274
Tribal Court	Justice center on M22	231.398.3406

Upcoming Events

Elders Meal
Aki Community
Center
Mon-Thur 12pm

Language Class
Every Friday
10:30am

Traditional Healer
Every Third Tuesday

Elected Officials
Meet & Greet
February 10, 2017

Call Little River Resort Hotel
US Toll Free: 1-888-568-2244
Local: 231-723-1535

NOTICE

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Pharmacy is open for business. The pharmacy is located in the Clinic portion of the Government Building at 2608 Government Center Drive. The pharmacy phone number is 231-398-6853. **Currently there are no changes in where you may have your prescriptions filled and the LRBOT pharmacy is just an additional option, although its use is strongly encouraged.** If changes to this arrangement are made by Tribal leadership we will be sure to give you advance notice in Currents or Rapid River News. The pharmacy is also reviewing the possibility of mailing prescriptions to patients' home addresses.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, Michigan 49660

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Or Current Resident

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Elected Officials

Meet & Greet

Saturday, February 10
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Potawatomi Hotel and Casino
1611 W. Canal Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

Lunch will be provided

Please RSVP to Grace Hendler at (231) 398-6847
All Tribal members are invited

January 2017 Court Docket

Key

AA: Adoption of Adult	EB: Election Board Appeal	JV: Juvenile
AM: Adoption of Minor	EM: Emancipation of Minor	LT: Landlord Tenant
CD: Charge of Discrimination	FJ: Foreign Judgment	NA: Neglect Abuse
CO: Cora Offense/Conservation	FSJ: Foreign Support Judgment	NC: Name Change
CS: Child Support	GA: Gaming Appeal	PF: Probate
CT: Civil Ticket	GC: General Civil	PPO: Personal Protection Order
DM: Divorce with children	GM: Guardianship of Minor	TA: Trust Access
DO: Divorce w/o children	GR: Employment Matter	TM: Tribal Misdemeanor
EA: Enrollment Appeal	JC: Judicial Complaint	WC: Workmen's Compensation

Friday, January 5, 2018

Judge Sherigan

10:30 a.m.	Neglect/Abuse	16040NA Review Hrg.
11:45 a.m.	Chick v. LRCR	15001GC Status Conf.
01:00 p.m.	LRB v. Green	17149TM PT Hrg.
01:45 p.m.	Neglect/Abuse	17271NA Trial

Monday, January 8, 2018

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	Cook v. Cook	17255DO Final Divorce
11:00 a.m.	Redner v. Redner	17267DO Pretrial Hrg.
01:15 p.m.	Irish v. Cass	15151DP Motion Hrg.

Monday, January 15, 2018

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	Show Cause Hearing for Jurors who have not returned their questionnaires	
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Friday, January 19, 2018

Judge Sherigan

11:00 a.m.	Hamilton Probate	17160PF Motion Hrg.
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Monday, January 22, 2018

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	Allen v. Blamer	17256CM Show Cause
11:00 a.m.	Torres v. Torres	17123DM Motion Hrg



EVERY THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Little River Band Tribal Member James "JD" Gibson

is a traditional practitioner that has been providing healing services to our community since 2009. If you are looking to help foster a connection with Creator, seeking the benefits of tradi-tional medicine for ailments, or looking for support to get through difficult life struggles, including alcohol or substance abuse. JD can reconnect you to holistic traditional teachings, practices, ceremonies and medicines that will harmonize your overall health and wellness.

JD also offers:

Naming Ceremonies • Clan Identification • Spirit Colors• Pipe Ceremonies

All tribal members and descendants are offered traditional healing, you do not need to be culturally familiar to receive medicines or healing from the Native practitioner.

Please call Krystal (231)398-6739 or Dottie (231)398-6741 to schedule appointments