



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020
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 February 12, 2020. Following are the minutes of that meeting. The tape recording was skipping through the following minutes and some of the comments were not picked up and were taken from memory or the Roll Call Record.

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

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said this morning Gary, Councilor Gary, will do their Opening Prayer.

I. Opening Prayer

Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

Boo Zhoo.

Creator, look after us as we go through these days.

Let us make the best decisions we can for our membership so we can all strive and succeed as we move forward.

Keep our loved ones in your heart.

The stress in this world gets rougher and rougher as the ones we love walk on.

Keep them all in your prayers.

The ones in need keep them in your thoughts and prayers also.

Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

T. Guenthardt -Present	C. Champagne -Present	D. Corey -	Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	R. Pete -	Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	D. Lonn - Present	S. Lewis -	Present

Quorum established.

Recorder Di Piazza said nine present they have a quorum at 10:01.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

Others Present: Boo Battice, Brad Pringle, Detra Kelsey, Margaret Kowalkowski, Jennifer Crampton, Bill Willis.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Alex Colopy, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Patrick Gilles, Rebecca Liebing, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION; UNDER NEW BUSINESS B IS REMOVED; by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor the agenda for Wednesday, February 12, 2020 has been approved.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 1/29/20 2/5/20

Speaker Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FILING
FOR 1/29/20 AND 2/5/20; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Tribal Council Minutes for 1/29/20 and 2/5/20 have been accepted.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Pete noted there is nothing here.

B. Budget Modifications

1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-__ in the amount of \$343,911

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2020 Self-Governance Compact.

Speaker Pete asked Bill Willis if he was here to represent this.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said to Speaker Pete, yes. Willis said this item represents the first appropriation under the BIA Self-Governance Compact for 2020. Willis said it is about 11% of what they estimated they were to get. Willis said they need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Pete said to Bill Willis, okay, just one question for their citizens. Pete asked is this about where they should be at for this time of the year. Pete said he is not sure.

Bill Willis said yeah, it is really hard to say it he would have to go back and look but January and February typically pretty early to receive any money. Willis said in their experience anyway so.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Bill Willis said they do project they are going to receive about \$2.9 million total.

Speaker Pete said okay that is great. Pete asked is there....does he have a motion. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #20-0212-051;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING
BUDGET MB-2020-09 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$343,911; by Lewis;
supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-0212-051 has passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

2. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-__ in the amount of \$230,586

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2020 Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this represents Modification #1 for the 2020 Self-Governance Compact with Indian Health Services. Willis said year to date that brings them to \$1,083,467 which is about 37% of what they estimated they were going to receive from IHS so.

Speaker Pete said okay, great. Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked can he get a motion. Pete recognized Tom Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0212-052;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2020-10 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$230,586; by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-0212-052 is passed.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis and Recorder Di Piazza.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

Monthly Reports that are due: December 2019

Reports received:

- A. Financial Report**
- B. Health Commission**

- December 2019**
- None Submitted**

Speaker Pete said Financial Report from December 2019 they received and the Health Commission is none submitted. Pete asked is there any discussion on that.

V. New Business

A. Approval of Revised Gaming Commission By-Laws

The Gaming Commission reviewed the By-Laws and has made revisions deemed necessary, approved the revisions on January 28, 2020 by Resolution #GC-20-0128-02 and now is being forwarded for Tribal Council for approval.

Speaker Pete asked Bill Willis if he was here to represent this. Pete thanked Bill Willis.

Bill Willis, Gaming Commission Chairperson, represented this agenda item. Willis said .02 of the Commissions Ordinance as well as look at the By-Laws and determine whether or not there is any changes that are needed. Willis said the resolution to approve removing Section ___ the Employees and the Licensing of those employees that provisions ___ doesn't really belong in the By-Laws. Willis said the By-Laws is really kind of an outline of how the commission does its business ___ and into the By-Laws.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis. Pete said he would like to have a motion. Pete asked can he get a motion. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0212-053;
APPROVAL OF REVISED GAMING COMMISSION BY-LAWS;** by
Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete said he is sorry but they know what he doesn't want to fight over this or anything. Pete said by the Constitution he has got to ask why he is abstaining.

Councilor Crampton said it is not a Conflict of Interest he just wasn't here on Monday.

Speaker Pete said oh, okay and thanked Shannon Crampton. Pete said so he has asked if anybody was going to abstain. Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Abstain	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one abstention Resolution #20-0212-053 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis.

B. Motion to Confirm Appointment of Tonia Reinhard to the Health Commission

This appointment is for Seat #1 with a term ending 9/20/2021.

Speaker Pete said Item B has been removed.

C. Approve Posting Amendments to the Elected Officials Ethics Ordinance #14-100-10 for a 30-Day Public Comment Period

The Tribal Council has drafted amendments to this ordinance and seeks public comment on amendments.

Speaker Pete asked can he get a motion. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0212-054;
APPROVE POSTING AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTED
OFFICIALS ETHICS ORDINANCE #14-100-10 FOR A 30-DAY
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD;** by Lonn.

Speaker Pete said it is a motion and not a resolution.

Councilor Guenthardt said it is not a resolution.

Councilor Lonn said oh, she is sorry. Lonn said a motion.

Councilor Lewis said it is a 30 day.

Councilor Lonn said sorry.

Speaker Pete asked did she correct it efficiently.

Councilor Lonn said she said resolution she apologizes.

Speaker Pete said so.....

Councilor Corey said support.

**MOTION TO APPROVE POSTING AMENDMENTS TO THE
ELECTED OFFICIALS ETHICS ORDINANCE #14-100-10 FOR A
30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD;** by Lonn; supported by Corey.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Elected Officials Ethics Ordinance has been approved for a 30 day comment period.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, February 19, 2020

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Pete very much. Romanelli said he has really nothing today. Romanelli said he apologizes for the interruptions for the phone calls but that is business as usual. Romanelli said that is basically what they are working on all week is just the business within the government. Romanelli said the different departments etc. so nothing new on the outside. *The tape recording skipped to C during the Ogema's update.*

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said Enbridge won their court case. Crampton said Governor Witmer and....it will be appealed the Governor has already said Dana Nessel has already said she is going to appeal the decision. Crampton said what it was is they claimed that the Enbridge Deal was unconstitutional since Governor Snyder had cut it way before he was heading out of office.

Speaker Pete said he remembered when he did it.

Councilor Crampton said well okay it lacked a lot of specificity and the plan and it didn't give them a timeline for decommissioning it was kind of half-___ like they are going to build a tunnel and this is how it is going to fix. Crampton said even the judge admitted that it was a very narrow decision and it could be the one won on an overturn on appeal because it just dealt with the ___ with any other issues so.

Speaker Pete said okay he did.....he has been keeping up.....the Governor is appealing it right.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Shannon Crampton.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Pete said okay he is not seeing any hands up so. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said just a reminder Saturday is the Roundee.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Recorder Di Piazza said they will have a photo booth, come and get their picture. Di Piazza said have a meal and dance the night away. Di Piazza said he doesn't know.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Recorder Di Piazza said enjoy.

Speaker Pete said okay that is great. Pete thanked Gary Di Piazza.

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 Pete said can he get a motion to Close the First Open Session. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE FIRST OPEN SESSION; by Lonn;
supported by Guenthardt.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor they have adjourned Frist Open Session at 10:16 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

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

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said they are beginning their Second Open Session at 10:50. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to please do a roll call.

Recorder Di Piazza said they need a motion.

Councilor Guenthardt said he makes a motion.

Speaker Pete said they need a motion to move into their.....

Councilor Guenthardt said he makes a motion.

Councilor Lewis said Tom Guenthardt.

Speaker Pete said Tom Guenthardt makes a motion. Pete said Sandy Lewis seconds it.

Councilor Lewis said Diane Lonn.

Speaker Pete said Diane Lonn seconds it.

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

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Absent	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent they are in Second Open at 10:51 a.m.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza is there anything to be moved from Closed to Open.

Recorder Di Piazza said yes, they do.

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #20-0212-054, MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY; #20-0212-055, MOTION, RESOLUTION AND ROLL; by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Absent	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent them items have been moved.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0212-054, RATIFICATION OF DATAWORKS PLUS MAINTENANCE TWO YEAR UPLIFT CONTRACT; by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C-3

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza –	Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne –	Yes
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The following resolution, motion and roll call was moved from Closed to Open Session.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0212-055, APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA’S EXECUTION OF MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MARKETING RESOURCE GROUP ACQUISTION, LLC; by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.

Roll Call #C-4

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza –	Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne –	No
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Pete asked can he get a motion to move out of their Second Open.

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF SECOND OPEN; by Guenthardt;
supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

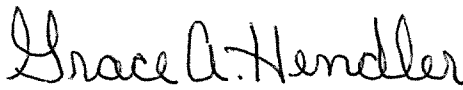
Roll Call #10

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Absent	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one absent they have adjourned
Second Open at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Gary Di Piazza,
Tribal Council Recorder