



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 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 19, 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 Ron Wittenberg, Councilor Wittenberg, is going to do their Opening Prayer.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Ron Wittenberg, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shagnaash.

We thank you for this day.

We thank you for all we have.

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

We ask that you guide us and watch over us.

Help us for all of our relations.

Ahaaw. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

Speaker Pete thanked Councilor Wittenberg.

**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.

Others Present: Brad Pringle, Jason Cross, Jennifer Crampton, Boo Battice, Archie Martell, Frank Beaver, Nikki Nelson, Kelly Maser, Lyle Dorr, Steve Wheeler.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Alex Colopy, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Umlauf, Rebecca Liebing, Julia Nickelson, Alan Tyler, Bruce Tyler.

### C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS; UNDER NEW BUSINESS A IS REMOVED AND X C.8. IS AN ADD; THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020; by Di Piazza; 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 #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 19, 2020 has been approved.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

### D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 2/12/20

Speaker Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 2/12/20;**  
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 2/12/20 have been accepted.

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

Speaker Pete said there is nothing under Grants & Contracts.

**B. Budget Modifications**

**1. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2020-\_\_ ; Authorizing a modification to the Department of Justice-Office of Violence Against Women Grant in the amount of \$46,161**

The Tribe has received approval from the DOJ to move some of the budgeted dollars around within the grant to meet the needs of the program.

Speaker Pete said Jason Cross is here to represent this please.

Jason Cross, Director of Family Services, represented this agenda item. Cross said yes, the Family Services Department would like to make this Budget reallocation of the money within the grant to make sure they utilize the funds before the ending of the grant and also to accommodate the increase in the needs for the actual services provided to those accessing the program.

Speaker Pete thanked Jason Cross. Pete said he thinks Shanaviah Canales did a good job in explaining that on Monday too at Agenda Review. Pete asked are there any.....he just wanted to make sure and they had a little debate on this. Pete said these are all grant funds. Pete asked is that correct.

Jason Cross said yeah, this is the OVW Grant from the Federal Government.

Speaker Pete thanked Jason Cross again. Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete said first of all....he is sorry....he needs a motion. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #20-0219-056;  
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2020-11,  
AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
JUSTICE-OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GRANT IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$46,161; 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 please.

**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 #20-0219-056 has been approved.

Speaker Pete thanked Jason Cross.

Jason Cross thanked them.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

- 1. Approval of Expenditure for Cedar and Whitefish River PIT Detection Arrays for \$56, 978.00**  
Great Lakes Fisheries Trust Grant Expenditure for the monitoring of streamside reared Lake Sturgeon.

Speaker Pete asked Frank Beaver if someone....oh.

Archie Martell, Natural Resource Department, represented this agenda item. Martel said this is a purchase out of the grant funding that they got from the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust. Martell said this is a Cooperative Grant Application that they did with the State of Michigan and the State of Wisconsin's DNR to put tag readers in the rivers. Martell said they are doing the Streamside Rearing for the Sturgeon so that they can collect information on the returning fish that these facilities have been producing within these river systems. Martell said to look at their long-term goal of rehabilitation for these populations and evaluating how

well the streamside facilities are increasing the population within these river systems.

Speaker Pete thanked Archie Martell. Pete said from his understanding in the Agenda Review this is the same system which is compatible to the systems that they have on their boats to scan this. Pete asked is that correct.

Archie Martell said um yes, this system is compatible with the tags they have been using since early 2000 and throughout the lake.

Speaker Pete said okay and one more thing. Pete asked is this all grant funded.

Archie Martell said yes it is.

Speaker Pete thanked Archie Martell. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said so all the fish has to do is swim by the reader once they have the tag in them and it counts them....calculates them.

Archie Martell said yeah, once the tags are in the fish they will just pass or swim by these readers and these go on the bottom of the river. Martell said they are unobtrusive on the river systems, they swim by it, and it pings that number. Martell said then they know to look into the database to figure out what fish that was, where it was and the information specific to that individual.

Speaker Pete said okay, yes. Pete asked is there any further comments. Pete asked can he get a motion. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0219-057;  
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR CEDAR AND WHITEFISH  
RIVER PIT DETECTION ARRAYS FOR \$56,978.00; by Lonn;  
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 #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 #20-0219-057 has passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Archie Martell.

Archie Martell thanked them.

**2. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure from 2020 Commerce Department for Little River Holdings, LLC.**

The approved 2020 Commerce Department Operating Budget included funding in the amount of \$1,336,183 for the purpose to provide funding to Little River Holdings, LLC.

Speaker Pete asked is anyone here to represent this. Pete said okay....this was.....he is just going to say this was a budgeted expense approval from the Budget for 2020 for the Commerce Department. Pete said so he doesn't see anyone else. Pete asked does anybody else have any.....is there any further discussion. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0219-058;  
APPROVAL OF BUDGETED EXPENDITURE FROM 2020  
COMMERCE DEPARTMENT FOR LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS,  
LLC; by Lewis; 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. Pete said oh, he is sorry.

Councilor Crampton said nope there is nobody here to answer the questions so he was wondering. Crampton said this is going to land totally on the.....under the EDC right.

Speaker Pete said he believed this is transferred to the Commerce Department.....

Councilor Crampton said the Commerce.....

Speaker Pete said.....then it goes to the EDC.

Councilor Crampton said that Commerce Department Budget.....it was put into the Budget there.

Speaker Pete said correct, okay.

Councilor Crampton said.....which is one of the reasons he voted no against the Budget because it looked just like a resting spot for it. Crampton said they really don't have no Commerce Department. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete said well he, he, he.....maybe in reality but he looked at the Commerce Department was no longer there. Pete said he just.....from what he read.

Grace Hendler asked Recorder Di Piazza if he wanted her to go get somebody.

Recorder Di Piazza said no, they are pretty much ready to vote on it.

Speaker Pete said okay, so where was he at.

*Councilor Wittenberg was making comments in the background.*

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

Recorder Di Piazza asked Speaker Pete if he asked if anybody was going to abstain.

Speaker Pete said he did ask if anybody was going to abstain.

Recorder Di Piazza apologized. Di Piazza said he wasn't paying attention.

Speaker Pete said he thought he did.

**Roll Call #5**

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

Motion failed (4-5-0-0)

Councilor Champagne asked during her turn to vote that this is in the Budget right.

Speaker Pete said it is in the Budget.

Recorder Di Piazza said four in favor and five against Resolution #20-0219-058 has failed.

**IV. Acceptance of Reports**

**A. Report of the Tribal Ogema**

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| 1. Operations Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| 2. Financial Report  | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Pete said Operations Report and Financial Report are none submitted.

**V. Acceptance of Commission Reports**

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>A. Binojeeuk Commission</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> January 2020   |
| <b>B. Enrollment Commission</b>       | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| <b>C. Gaming Commission</b>           | <input type="checkbox"/> January 2020   |
| <b>D. Health Commission</b>           | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| <b>E. Housing Commission</b>          | <input type="checkbox"/> January 2020   |
| <b>F. Natural Resource Commission</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Pete said Binojeeuk Commission Report for January 2020 submitted, Enrollment is none submitted, Gaming Commission January 2020 submitted, none submitted for the Health Commission, Housing Commission January 2020 submitted and Natural Resource Commission is none submitted.

**VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities**

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| <b>A. Elders Committee Minutes (Amended 2-14-20)</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> January 2020 |
| <b>B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> January 2020 |

Speaker Pete said Elders Committee Minutes were submitted for January 2020 and Little River Casino Preference Report was submitted for January 2020.

**VII. Old Business**

**Monthly Reports that are due: December 2019**

**Reports received:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>A. Health Commission</b>                               | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| <b>B. Natural Resource Commission<br/>Amended Minutes</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> December 2019  |

Speaker Pete said Health Commission is none submitted and Natural Resource Commission's December of 2019 was submitted. Pete asked any questions on that.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. Approving the Compensation for the Election Board Members**  
Each member of the Election Board shall be compensated \$175.00 per meeting during election periods and \$150.00 for regular meetings.

Speaker Pete said Item A was removed.

- B. Approve Posting Amendments to the Tribal Council Procedures Ordinance #06-100-02 for a 30-Day Public Comment Period**  
The Tribal Council has drafted amendments to this ordinance and seeks public comment on amendments.

Speaker Pete said this is just a posting for a 30-day public comment period. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.



Recorder Di Piazza said he will make that motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE POSTING AMENDMENTS TO THE TRIBAL COUNCIL PROCEDURES ORDINANCE #06-100-02 FOR A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD;** by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete recognized Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said just for clarification purposes the only changes that happened within this are underlined and the omissions are stricken by a line through them. Romanelli asked that is basically the changes correct.

Rebecca Liebing, Unified Legal Department Attorney, said from the audience. Liebing said that is all to be posted yes.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, okay. Romanelli said for anybody that is looking at it on the 30-day comment they would have a little more clarification. Romanelli said that was the only thing.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked is there any other further comments. Pete asked did he do a motion.

Councilor Lewis said yes Gary Di Piazza and Diane Lonn.

Speaker 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 the amendments to the Tribal Council Procedure Ordinance have been approved for a 30-day comment period.

**C. Approval of Changes to the Natural Resources Department Organizational Chart**

Funds have been secured for two additional positions so that NRD can perform additional work. These positions will better allow NRD to

accomplish its mission of protecting Tribal Citizen's rights to hunt, fish and gather.

Frank Beaver, Director of Natural Resource Department, represented this agenda item. Beaver said good morning and thanked them.

Speaker Pete said good morning.

Frank Beaver said today they have the draft Org Chart a couple of minor changes but the major changes they are proposing to add two additional technicians, one in Wildlife and one Fisheries Technician. Beaver said they are using external funding from their Rights Protection money that comes down from Congress through CORA for Natural Resource Department Assessment or Enforcement Activities.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Frank Beaver said the other one the Wildlife Technician is approved in the Tribal Council Budget for 2020 and so they proposing to use Tribal Support Dollars for that but that is already in the approved Budget that the Council approved earlier. Beaver said those are the two additional positions that they are proposing so that they can do additional work.

Speaker Pete thanked Frank Beaver for explaining that. Pete said he was going to ask him to find that and how they were going to be paid for and he did a great job of doing it. Pete thanked Frank Beaver.

Frank Beaver said certainly.

Speaker Pete said okay, is there any other discussion. Pete recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said to Frank Beaver just to clarify. Champagne asked did he say that when....that that support money would go away and that position will also go away.

Frank Beaver said yes. Beaver said they would certainly look for....if there were additional or commit to anybody that their position extends beyond that point. Beaver said....very long term like he said they have been allocated by Congress to the CORA Tribes for these types of activities so yes, they would be under no obligation to continue that. Beaver said that position would end. Beaver said of course they would, they know, look and see if there was other funding opportunities and other work for that person to do but sometimes especially in Natural Resources' field sometimes funding runs out. Beaver said it is the sad truth. Beaver thanked them.

Speaker Pete said Frank.....okay go ahead.

Councilor Champagne said she just wants to finish. Champagne asked Frank Beaver if he was able to check to see on those job descriptions whether the positions that are currently filled whether they are degreed positions and if the ones being posted are they being posted for degree or non-degreed positions. Champagne asked if he was able to check that out.

Frank Beaver said to Cindy Champagne that he is sorry he was not. Beaver said he was at a Fish Trust Board Meeting yesterday and he has been out of town. Beaver said so he apologizes there was no research that he was able to do on the job descriptions but he can say that the job descriptions won't be changed without them on the Executive Branch following through with their due diligence in having those approvals and the signatures on the job descriptions. Beaver said he is not proposing any changes to the job descriptions with this Org Chart update.

Councilor Champagne thanked Frank Beaver.

Speaker Pete said the position....that position will not go away, right because it is funded. Pete said the one position that is federally funded and he indicated yesterday that would more than likely not go away. Pete said that would be the one that would be split off but the one position that they are funded for.....

Frank Beaver said as long as Tribal Council continues to keep that position in the Budget at that funding level absolutely, yes.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0219-059;  
APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES  
DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART; by Di Piazza;  
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 #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 Resolution #20-0219-059 is passed.

Frank Beaver thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Frank Beaver.

- D. Authorizing Unified Legal Department to include the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as Signatory of the Brief of Amicus Curiae in Support of the Swinomish Indian Community in Swinomish v. Azar**  
Tribal Council is committed to the protection of Tribal Funds and the furtherance of the programs available to Members through the Tribe's Self-Governance Compacts. The Swinomish v. Azar case represents a significant issue for Tribes and the success of the Swinomish Tribe will help secure appropriate funding for Contract Support Costs.

Councilor Lewis said if there are no questions, she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #20-0219-060; AUTHORIZING UNIFIED LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO INCLUDE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AS SIGNATORY OF THE BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF THE SWINOMISH INDIAN COMMUNITY IN SWINOMISH V. AZAR, CURRENTLY PENDING IN THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE D.C. CIRCUIT; 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 #8**

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 #20-0219-060 is passed.

**IX. Concluding Business**

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, February 26, 2020**  
**B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Pete very much. Romanelli said again, there is not a lot this week. Romanelli said his understanding is that the IT has completed all the work necessary to make these meetings happen the way Council was requesting them to be done.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said it does require that there are at least two or three staff of the IT Department to handle the computers. Romanelli said he thinks it takes three computers and three operators during the meetings so a bit of work for the IT Department. Romanelli said he thinks they have done a good job handling it.

Speaker Pete said absolutely.

Ogema Romanelli said he thinks they put in over 300 hours to date but this will be an on-going issue. Romanelli said this is the first of its kind for them to be able to do this to transmit the information back and forth by way of video. Romanelli said so hopefully this works out very well. Romanelli said the only other thing he would like to say is that he would like to suggest that the 30-Day Comment site that they do have for the Meeting Procedures or whatever was on the agenda earlier. Romanelli said yeah, posting the amendments to Tribal Council Procedures that those comments be posted on the website. Romanelli said he thinks that is important when the Tribal members are posting comments during the 30-Day period that they be posted on the website, just his opinion. Romanelli said he sent them in and when he did on the last item from last week he had a problem getting onto comments. Romanelli said when he hit the comments know how to get on comments by going on the e-mail website and just typing it in. Romanelli said he is not sure their average Tribal member would know how to do that but there is a little problem that he had doing so. Romanelli reiterated he would suggest that those comments be open and posted on their website. Romanelli said it just makes sense because they are responding back the Council has actually asking the Tribal members to give them 30-Days to respond to whatever item or action they are taking and it would just seem like it would make sense to post those. Romanelli said just his suggestion.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said that is it for this week.

Speaker Pete said then he might add that from what the research that.....the little research that they have done that this is the first government ever, ever in the country to be an interactive meeting with its members.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said so, they know, he probably would think Washington would probably want to do this because they would be inundated with comments from its citizens. Pete said some kind of.....he is proud of that and he is proud of this Council and proud of Cindy Champagne for bringing this up. Pete said he is also proud of the IT Department who has diligently worked on it. Pete thanked IT. Pete said for putting in the hours they needed to get this thing up and running and

what they are doing to maintain. Pete asked they can't put them on the website, right now is that the.....

Ogema Romanelli said no he thinks they can put them on the website. Romanelli said he thinks it just isn't happening. Romanelli said yup.

Speaker Pete said he will.....

Ogema Romanelli said it is doable.

Speaker Pete said he will see what they can do, okay. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he is going to expand on what Mr. Romanelli and Mr. Pete were also saying this is the first of a kind. Crampton said he thinks they are exercising their government like they should be. Crampton said they shouldn't only be an example to other Tribal Entities they should be an example to other governmental entities too. Crampton said so he would like to try to put this forth in any outlets that they can to let people know that this is another first of a kind coming from Little River. Crampton said he believed they are also the first in the Nation, Tribal Nation, to also adopt their own Fair Employment Practices Code.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Councilor Crampton said so that was a first of a kind.....the first of a kind for Little River too and this would be a second so he thinks they should promote this. Crampton said now back to the Legislative Updates.

### **C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Councilor Crampton said last night Trisha Zonker won the Democratic Nomination for Wisconsin Special Congressional Seat.

Speaker Pete said yes, he saw that.

Councilor Crampton said she is a Ho Chunk member.

Speaker Pete said oh.

Councilor Crampton said so that.....

Speaker Pete said they did say.....they didn't report that.

Councilor Crampton said they didn't report that but she is a Ho Chunk member so she won with 80%.....88% of the vote.

Speaker Pete said hum.

Councilor Crampton said so she wins that district that will be the fourth member going to Congress.

Speaker Pete said nice. Pete said okay anything else. Pete said okay now it's time he believed.

**D. Public Comment Period**

Speaker Pete recognized Nikki Nelson.

Nikki Nelson, Tribal #0421, said in the last couple of months she has been advocating hard for more accessible, comprehensive and effective Language Program. Nelson said she thought she had accomplished her goal when Saturday Classes began. Nelson said imagine her disappointment when the teacher quit ten minutes into the second class because there was not enough people to be worth his time in spite of a higher attendance than the existing class. Nelson said the Language Department doesn't have a constitutional obligation to maintain and foster her culture, her Elected Officials do. Nelson said along with advocacy comes learning so she gathered language and they are operating about ten percent in regards to Language Classes, workshops and materials since programs are grant funded. Nelson said so this is not a budgetary issue this is a motivation issue.

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum.

Nikki Nelson said they as Tribal members deserve more than a ten percent chance to revitalize their language. Nelson said as a Tribal citizen, a mother of three Tribal citizens she begs that they all will fix that.

Speaker Pete said to Nikki Nelson okay, he is going to respond to her. Pete said for....he, he, he.....she wrote him a very detailed message and an e-mail. Pete said it also was a very nice message he really appreciated that. Pete said so it reminded them also of their obligations to help endeavor with their language. Pete said there were some times when he was in essence out of order with Tribal Council and saying he should get this thing done and he just went ahead and did it. Pete said on some occasions like the....like the one she is speaking of specifically on language he was also reminded that he shouldn't speak to something of this nature that they should be sent to departments and not here. Pete said that is a true sta.....that is just what happened. Pete said he did he thinks in response sent her an e-mail to please see what she can get from the um.....

*A Council member in the background was saying Jay Sam's Department.*

Councilor Lewis said Historic Preservation.

Speaker Pete said from the Historic Preservation Department and see what they could do for this issue and he thinks he also added to please keep him informed about what was done. Pete said so he has gone out on the one end and then as she knows he believed he has been kind of admonished for doing something like that for a specific Tribal member. Pete said so he tried to do this the right way as.....but he does understand that when she wrote him this very detailed e-mail that they also have an obligation to their language and to their culture that the Elected Officials have that obligation too. Pete said sometimes he is here he is kind between a little rock and a hard place sometimes for this so to speak. Pete said he would.....please.....try to get with these things fail for her he thinks that is when they would have an obligation to go and see what they can get this thing done for her. Pete said he is just trying to.....

Nikki Nelson said yeah, and she will.

Speaker Pete said he is not trying to be political because he doesn't care about politics so.

Nikki Nelson said yeah. Nelson said she will continue to try to contact Historic Preservation.....

Speaker Pete thanked Nikki Nelson.

Nikki Nelson said.....they don't e-mail her back and they don't return phone calls or voice-mails so. Nelson said she did mention in that e-mail that there are other Tribal Councils that have made legis.....acts of legislation that have required culture and language to be implemented in many different facets of the Tribal Government. Nelson said that is an option that they have without Historic Preservation or the Ogema's, they know.....need.....

Speaker Pete said okay that.....

Nikki Nelson said that is something that Council can do. Nelson said Council can say they want this for their people and they can make an act of legislation requiring different things and then that isn't an HR issue anymore. Nelson said that is a rule that they have to follow it is an ordinance then.

Speaker Pete said he want to say that she made that very clear with him too. Pete said what he is trying to do is get.....he personally is going to say to her that at this point he is not letting this go.....

Nikki Nelson said neither is she.

Speaker Pete said look it he knows her well enough that she is not either so that is fine but all he is trying to do is respond to her because he.....because she did respond in very good detail to him. Pete asked okay.



Nikki Nelson thanked Speaker Pete.

Speaker Pete recognized Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah and thanked Speaker Pete. Romanelli said he wanted to weigh in on that as well. Romanelli said he is not aware of the e-mails going back and forth between the two of them or the phone calls but they know there are three different areas that could address this. Romanelli said they have the grants writer back here regarding the grants and it just takes a nudge to go in that area and ask for grants that can assist them with their language. Romanelli said the other issue is with the department itself with Historic Preservation. Romanelli said his understanding is that those classes that were held on Saturday they didn't come from a directive from the Ogema it was from a work session, a work session held with the Tribal Council.

Speaker Pete said absolutely.

Ogema Romanelli said it was almost a directive from the Tribal Council to have the Historic Preservation language person hold these classes on a Saturday. Romanelli said he did have some conversations back and forth. Romanelli said to Nikki Nelson to go ahead.

Nikki Nelson said that isn't what happened she was in the meeting. Nelson said she asked could there be another class Friday at 10:00 no children can attend that class they have to go to school so that right there knocks out any Tribal children learning their language.

Ogema Romanelli said sure.

Nikki Nelson said most of Tribal members besides retired people can't go somewhere on a Friday morning they have to be at work. Nelson said she means he has to be at work she is sure on a Friday morning, they know. Nelson said so it is not possible and all that was asked if there was a class that could be held in the evening on the weekend or any time that is more accessible for a child or someone that works could attend. Nelson said Mr.....the teacher picked the date, the time, when he wanted to start and what building he wanted to have the class in. Nelson asked how is that.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Nikki Nelson said.....in the newsletter so that there is attendance and he said no he is starting on January.....and she went like all right there might not be attendance but there was. Nelson said fine don't utilize the language department then get a different teacher in here that is willing to teach people at program is sad and honestly she is not sure if it holds water in what her Tribe is supposed to

provide. Nelson said them guys are supposed to maintain and foster language and culture and neither of those things are being done.

Ogema Romanelli said going back to that. Romanelli said then could either her or Ron Pete submit the e-mail exchanges at least.

Nikki Nelson said yeah.

Ogema Romanelli said he is not aware of the phone calls but at least those e-mail exchanges.....

Nikki Nelson said absolutely because she actually requested that that e-mail was actually in regards because she requested a work session with him and Historic Preservation with Jay Sam and Kenny Pheasant and everybody. Nelson said so everybody could sit down and see what could they do to do this but the work session did not get scheduled.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli said if she could do that that would.....

Nikki Nelson said she is not sure if Mr. Pete actually got the request so she doesn't know.

Speaker Pete said for the work session he didn't but.....

Nikki Nelson said so that really was what the e-mail was about the work session like because it was never scheduled so she was like where are they at now.

Ogema Romanelli said sure. Romanelli said she is absolutely correct.....

Nikki Nelson said as far as grants go there was actually just a grant and every Tribe that applied for it in Michigan was granted it through Michigan State. Nelson said probably about three months leading up to apply for the grant and she can show them the e-mails and the Face Book messages both. Nelson said she tried contacting the Language Department, Historical Preservation to say hey this grant is coming out and it is a huge amount and they can basically do anything Anishinaabemowin, anything they want. Nelson said there is not really a whole lot of things they have to stick to nobody wanted to apply for it. Nelson said when it went down to a month she said can them guys give it to the Grants Department, she will help them with it, can they do something and they didn't want to do it. Nelson said their department seems to not want to do anything.

Ogema Romanelli asked can she also forward him those.

Nikki Nelson said yeah, no problem.

Ogema Romanelli said that would be very helpful.

Nikki Nelson said yes, no problem.

Ogema Romanelli said if it goes on for three months, each one, that would be very helpful to him.

Nikki Nelson said no problem.

Ogema Romanelli said the legislative changes she is very correct that the Council can take action in that area too so maybe between the three areas they can make this thing work somehow. Romanelli said grants, the department, and the Tribal Council legislation.

Nikki Nelson thanked him.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Nikki Nelson.

Speaker Pete said okay then he is also.....he just wants her to know.....he really wants her to know on the one when she sent that a couple of weeks ago to him is when they fail to do something he failed to.....he failed in his duties is to remember to report that or to forward that e-mail onto the Ogema. Pete said he can say he was busy or he can everything else but there is no excuse. Pete said he is standing up here in front of her and saying.....he is standing because his back in front of her saying he is the one that failed to forward that to the Ogema. Pete said to Larry Romanelli for that he apologizes. Pete said their last meeting here today he will forward that to them.

Nikki Nelson thanked Speaker Pete from the audience.

Speaker Pete thanked Nikki Nelson. Pete said okay anyone else. Pete recognized Boo Battice.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he is going to say he is very grateful for the internet stuff that he has done because he learned anytime he wants when he goes look at.....he wished he could push out more from their language on the internet that way people can do that on their own. Battice said time that is what this whole world is about. Battice said can nobody find time to go to these classes. Battice said yes, he thinks they should have more classes because they can't learn online like they can learn from person to person and actually holding conversations in the language. Battice said he would hold caution to one of the people that is really knowledgeable in the language to be pushing him out the door after so much work he has done for them. Battice said he would like to say maybe they get someone to be....have him be a mentor to them that way somebody can teach and take after that not just push him out. Battice said then they are going to get in someone let's give the man some respect, yeah, he is a person but he is doing a pretty good job for him he has learned a lot from him.

Speaker Pete thanked Boo Battice. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said oh, he would just like to say he is going back....he thinks that the....he doesn't think they cancelled language classes. Crampton said he thinks the Constitution.....they met the constitutional obligation to keep the languages going. Crampton said granted it is probably not the best it is the most immersive language class that they could have but that bridges that obligation so they haven't shirked their obligations. Crampton said now what Boo Battice is saying he thinks there is a lot of value in that he had put on his website at least four or five sites of language classes. Crampton said members have benefited from them because they don't have to go into the classroom, they don't have to catch up, they can go back and reverse the tape they can sound it out or they can slow it down. Crampton said he thinks that they really need to start looking at that instead of making expenditures where only a few people could attend classes and they got to get it right the first time or if they looked at something more along the lines of interactive online.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked is there anyone else. Pete asked who.

Councilor Lonn said Mr. Tyler.

Speaker Pete said Mr. Tyler, he is sorry, his mind just slips.

*Councilor Crampton whispered Ron Pete and made comments but they were not picked up on the tape recording.*

Bruce Tyler, Tribal #0405, said coming up here on a complaint and he is not happy with the Clinic. Tyler said \_\_\_\_ after that meeting he talked to Shannon Crampton and Sandy Lewis when he had a problem and they had a meeting down in Muskegon it was over this Clinic. Tyler said he has had problems again. Tyler said he was up here and had an appointment with.....on February 5<sup>th</sup> with Ron Grassier. Tyler said he was up and of course, they want 15 minutes ahead of time so he came up. Tyler said he was here at ten after eight and went in at 8:30 and signed in and everything. Tyler said they took him in his room but ten minutes to nine.....at quarter to ten he had to walk out.....nobody....they did his vitals and everything right off the bat. Tyler said he ended up walking and going back to Muskegon. Tyler said he wasted his whole day coming all the way up here and didn't see a doctor. Tyler said every time he comes there is a different doctor anyways and by the time he got back home on the recorder was a Mrs.....Doctor what.....Doctor.....

*Director Daryl Wever said from the audience Wilkerson.*

Bruce Tyler said Wilkerson... not only was she \_\_\_\_ up when he talked to....he doesn't know if he was on vacation at that time but anyways every time he came

he has seen a different doctor. Tyler said nobody is addressing his issue that his main doctor used to address was the blood clots in his leg. Tyler said they saved his leg because they wanted to amputate it and he only seen a vascular one time back in September....September 3<sup>rd</sup> is the only time and he got poor treatment. Tyler said he was down in Muskegon and he didn't get a good result and he was not happy with them because they didn't do a thorough like Dr. Smith who retired. Tyler said his original doctor they kept on it every quarter they did \_\_\_\_ on his leg so he wouldn't get more blood clots so they were checking it. Tyler said every time he comes up here, they know he questioned before, do they look at their history to see what their health history but evidentially they don't have to he already knows the answer it is no because nobody has addressed his issue he got since he.....basically them guys forced him to switch over. Tyler said it has been a disaster every since he switched. Tyler said he is not getting the care he was getting down in Muskegon. Tyler said every time he calls there is another question on.....when they call up here the only time he ever gets anybody is at the beginning is like.....they call to get an appointment for anything but then they won't call them back and say they will call back within 24 hours. Tyler said most times it a few hours later that they call but isn't there somebody at that phone supposed to be answering for people making appointments and stuff like that.

Speaker Pete said he would certainly like to think so.

Bruce Tyler said well try calling one time there is nobody there. Tyler said they call up here and there is nobody. Tyler said he calls and he talks to Shannon Crampton and he called him back. Tyler said Sandy Lewis she didn't have a recorder.....he called on hers and she didn't.....her phone didn't.....there is no recording on that so she wouldn't know if he called or he didn't. Tyler said he is not getting any answers on it and he is very disappointed. Tyler said he still hasn't seen a doctor.....she said to call and make an appointment but how can he make an appointment with different doctors. Tyler said he wants somebody that will treat his situations that he has got. Tyler said right now um.....A1C is about the only thing they are controlling.....every month he has.....for a while there was three times a week.....*the rest of his comments were cut off the tape recording where it skipped.* Tyler said he has Factor E.....Factor 5 Blood where his system thickens itself so they have a hard time regulating and up here he is not getting none of the proton. Tyler said he just did it but he hasn't heard.....didn't never hear the results. Tyler said his doctor used to send.....he used to get a report within a couple of hours after he did it at the Clinic down there.....at the Med Stop and they do the blood work and they send it in. Tyler said since he switched to them guys he doesn't know nothing. Tyler said them guys ain't doing.....he is not getting treated like he is supposed to and he is afraid he is going to get more blood clots that they don't know about. Tyler said they know they can't.....before they corrected it and caught it in time but originally he went down and he brought his own because they wanted to amputate it in Muskegon. Tyler said he wouldn't he wanted a second opinion on it.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Bruce Tyler said so right now, they know, he is getting nervous because it hadn't been done like he said in Muskegon when they did that Alterman on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and he wasn't happy with it. Tyler said it was a quick job in and out and he didn't like that. Tyler said that was the same.... Tyler the next question that he has too is it has been over a year and he was supposed to be getting fitted for Diabetic Shoes. Tyler said he still hasn't got in and he just called them yesterday. Tyler said when he went down to that doctor, and he doesn't remember what his name was, if it was Halback, he doesn't remember if that was him that they had up here for.....that temporary that they had sitting in. Tyler said he went down to Watkins to get fitted and he wasn't licensed for the State of Michigan he was licensed for Ohio so he still hasn't gotten it now and so he called up here. Tyler said he thinks he talked with Amy Doering that was....what he got then was the prescription was expired and they got to get in within 30 days or they won't take them so he came up here.....he called up here and he faxed another one. Tyler said they faxed the same copy to the doctor so they still didn't accept that. Tyler said then they sent another one it was supposed to have \_\_\_\_ with the doctor....

Recorder Di Piazza said oops.

Bruce Tyler said.....he just called there yesterday and they are waiting on Little River to send some more paperwork to them so they can do the fitting so he doesn't.....he is getting poor service, they know, coming up to this Clinic and he wants to know if there is a chance that he can switch back to his doctor where he can treated right.

Speaker Pete said okay he thinks there is always that chance unfortunately right here the Director down there is sitting in the office and Dr. Wever..... Pete asked Dr. Wever if he could please come up and answer this young man here.

*Dr. Wever said from the audience "you bet."*

Dr. Wever said he came up here recently they did have a little issue with he guessed the phones because they switched between AT & T to Verizon. Dr. Wever said that took a good 6-8 weeks to kind of get that number and that line opened up down in the Clinic area. Dr. Wever said he knows IT has been working on it and that is all taken care of currently. Dr. Wever said so there was an issue with that for the longest time. Dr. Wever said recently he thinks in the last two or three weeks someone mentioned that they....he guessed that when they would call it would ring like 12-15 times and it would go to the next one, next one, so Janice Grant the Clinic Supervisor actually spoke with George Le Vasseur, the Director of IT, and they shorten that down to he thinks four rings or four and a half rings then it will go from the Receptionist to Julie Duncil which is the Administrative Assistant and then the last one would be Janice Grant would pick up on that. Dr. Wever said she always has a headset so they have shorten

those rings so they are not waiting and it will go to the next person in line. Dr. Wever said with the Clinic right now they do have an actually permanent physician that is on board, Dr. Grassier, is....he is a D.O. Dr. Wever said he is actually....ah, staffed at Little River he has been here a few months but now starting this....first of the year he is an older gentleman and has been in practice for a while he basically just wanted an hourly rate which is great because he is always here, always dedicated and super nice guy. Dr. Wever said he actually sees the bulk of the patients. Dr. Wever said he is up to 15 they were 6-8 in the past and he will see the 12-15 so he is great. Dr. Wever said he really is.....he is a local.....he is from Muskegon so they signed him as a staff through Little River starting in January starting the first of the year so he gets an hourly rate and then he has a couple of nights over at the Resort which saved them a ton because the benefits here.....and that's.....they have been interviewing and that is the other thing. Dr. Wever said they have been interviewing but these physicians now when they come on board they want \$310-350,000 plus Little River is great they give benefits here to kill a horse. Dr. Wever said they get their medical, their dental, their vision, their 401k and they get the....nights off, weekends off.....

Speaker Pete said okay he is.....Dr. Wever.....Dr. Wever.....

Dr. Wever said he knows.....he knows but he will try to stay on track here but he wanted to make sure that he wants them to know that they have hired a permanent doctor on board, he is staffed, he is a little bit more reasonable than the other ones.

Councilor Crampton said they know that.

Dr. Wever said they have Dr. Wilkerson with this gentleman has with.....

Speaker Pete said okay wait a minute, time out.....

Dr. Wever said correct.

Speaker Pete said they have to just time out a minute, okay. Pete said Mr. Tyler discussing with him actually really out in public here his medical condition.....

Dr. Wever said correct.

Speaker Pete said.....and that really cannot be allowed to be out here and really so what he would like him to do here is discuss this with him. Pete said this is being broadcast everywhere that people are going out on there.....

Dr. Wever said correct.

Speaker Pete said.....this is not what this is for about his specific medical condition.....protect Mr. Tyler.

Dr. Wever said it is a HIPPA violation they cannot discuss this.

Speaker Pete said he doesn't want this to be discussed and he is hoping Mr. Tyler that he understands this. Pete said he would like him to get with Mr. Tyler after....if he can right after this and he would highly recommend it. Pete said then the two of them discuss what his issues and things are personally.....

*Dr. Wever was making comments during Speaker Pete talking but they were not picked up on the tape recording and couldn't be heard clearly.*

Speaker Pete continued.....and not be that so he ends this.

Dr. Wever said well, if he doesn't mind, he would like to.....he would like to finish because if this is open.....if this is the question in open session and so.....if he doesn't mind he would just like to address what he mentioned about trying to get in and seeing different doctors that he.....if he doesn't mind he thinks its.....they are not at lunch time yet so it is 10:51 so if he doesn't mind. Dr. Wever said he knows they had a work session last week Thursday at 2:00 he thinks there was about five of them that were on board to hear this and then he met with actually Larry Romanelli and Mary Thomas and the Leads three weeks ago. Dr. Wever said he knows a couple of members were out last week because of the flu discussing this but he has issues with....they know....seeing a different doctor and he is worried about his pathology and his diagnosis....they bet.....they have a great foot doctor that will help him out for.....to prevent.....

Speaker Pete said he is getting dangerously close.....

Dr. Wever said nope, he knows he is just saying they have a foot doctor, they have a M.D. and they have a D.O. so that is down in the Clinic. Dr. Wever said so Dr. Grassier is actually the permanent doctor that is on board here with Little River. Dr. Wever said he checks in and checks out.....checks in for lunch checks out. Dr. Wever said Dr. Wilkerson is a female M.D. physician that is here currently that is willing to jump on board with Little River and will be an hourly wage as well. Dr. Wever said she doesn't want the benefits so they will have a male D.O. like he does manipulation, massage.....*the rest of Dr. Wever's comments regarding Dr. Grassier were cut off the tape recording and skipped to Dr. Wilkerson.....* Dr. Wever said Dr. Wilkerson very nice lady, a female M.D, so he gets it some like the male some like the females. Dr. Wever said then they will have foot and ankle doctor as well. Dr. Wever said so all this in the past and he gets it....they will always do and they met with the Leads and have an open position for a physician....always. Dr. Wever said so they are going to recruit....they have been recruiting at the univer.....they are going to be out starting in March.....the first week of March Julie Duncil and Janice Grant and he are going to sit down and they are going to formulate a nice letter that they will present each week ah in Face Book and on Rivers to make sure the



organization....the members know that they have a permanent male physician D.O and a permanent female physician and M.D. Dr. Wever said so they will be here Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.....one will be here Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and he will be here Monday through Thursday in the Clinic as well. Dr. Wever said they.....they have the two nurses now currently and actually posting the position for a medical assistant lab tech so that will be posted here within the next week after the Ogema and everybody signs off on it. Dr. Wever said they had a great deal of interest for that.....they can go to West Shore for four weeks and there is a six weeks course for Lobotomy Course so he wanted to make sure that they.....

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Dr. Wever.

Dr. Wever said he is just letting them know that they will have a Lab Tech and they are converting it over so they can do labs in the Clinic as well but they will have two permanent positions here starting May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Speaker Pete said all right and thanked Dr. Wever again. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Bruce Tyler asked for how long a month or two then they quit.

Dr. Wever said these will be permanent so it is up to them....so if they choose to leave Little River it will be up to them but they will be considered their two permanent physicians and a permanent foot and ankle position.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Dr. Wever. Pete thanked them again. Pete thanked Dr. Wever.

Dr. Wever said but they will discuss this of course he will make sure.

Speaker Pete said please and thanked Dr. Wever again. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

*Both Dr. Wever and Bruce Tyler can be heard in the background speaking to each other but their comments were not picked up on the tape recording or heard clearly.*

Speaker Pete apologized to Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said that is okay. Crampton said to address the question more directly he thinks that Council kind of adopted legislation that they didn't need to that directed their members to basically in a 90-mile radius that they had to come to the Clinic he doesn't think that was ever really mandated by the Federal Legislation or any backing or anything. Crampton said so he thinks they should take a look at that to allow people to actually if they are getting this satisfactory service here that they can go back to their own doctor.

Speaker Pete asked was he a part of that Council that adopted that 90-thing because he doesn't remember. Pete said all right.

Councilor Crampton said he thinks what the problem is they mandated them within a certain radius that they had to come here.....

Speaker Pete said right.

Councilor Crampton said.....to get service. Crampton said he thinks they should go back and review that legislation if it is not actually mandated make an exclusivity if they are getting better service from their own physician.....

Bruce Tyler interrupted Councilor Crampton. Tyler said yeah, because it is 73 miles from his house to here.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Councilor Crampton said he knew it was something like that.

Speaker Pete said okay so they will.....he is not familiar with that legislation so let's go take a look at it okay.

Councilor Crampton said yeah.

Speaker Pete thanked Councilor Crampton. Pete said yes, Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said no he thinks the Ogema was....everybody.....

Speaker Pete said oh, he is sorry.

Ogema Romanelli said he just wanted to say, yeah, that was what was mandated was a 90-mile radius and if Bruce Tyler lived 73 obviously, he has to come this way. Romanelli said he thinks they can look at it in several different ways. Romanelli said either change the distance or because of the severity of the issue that is being addressed or allow them to go back to their other doctor.

Bruce Tyler said well the biggest.....

Ogema Romanelli said one of the three could work.

Bruce Tyler said he comes all the way up here and like he said he is sitting here he is not getting treated right they are not.....he means its.....

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Bruce Tyler said they are not taking care of his issue up here and there are too many different doctors he has been seeing since he has been here. Tyler said he has never seen the same one twice.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, and as the doctor was.....

Bruce Tyler said it is making him nervous because none of them are looking his record over to see what.....how to treat him. Tyler said they are going by his original doctor for prescription wise.....

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Bruce Tyler said he ain't been tested or gotten straighten around to see if he needs his medicines changed at all.

*Councilor Lonn said they got to stop him.*

Ogema Romanelli said right, so, okay.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said it is her understanding according to IHS rules he has to be referred by one of their doctors and they have to be referred out. Lewis said that is something that they have to do. Lewis said she wants to thank Dr. Wever, they know, for taking Mr. Tyler and getting him situated. Lewis said just let them know that everything has been situated for him because it has been on going so. Lewis said she.....yeah.....

Bruce Tyler said actually it is making him nervous by the time they see.....

Councilor Lewis said yeah.

Bruce Tyler said doctors don't stay here for some reason.

Councilor Lewis said okay but he.....

Bruce Tyler said they don't see the same one and he knows they ain't got time to sit there and look at all his reports he has 20-some years of.....well he has been with this bad leg.

Councilor Lewis said Dr. Wever will sit with him today and get all that situated so. Lewis thanked them.

Bruce Tyler said all right.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Bruce Tyler. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said if he is not mistaken the 90 mile was implemented when the Clin.....the Pharmacy was opened up to actually get people to utilize the Pharmacy.

Speaker Pete said it is all right.

Recorder Di Piazza asked Speaker Pete if he was done.

Speaker Pete said yes, go ahead.

Recorder Di Piazza said for the Pharmacy because that is where they are making money and if his scripts are expensive, there is no cost to him. Di Piazza said that was why the 90 mile was implemented to get people to utilize because they have to be a patient of record to utilize that Pharmacy. Di Piazza said so he will have to still make a trip out here to utilize the Pharmacy, which that helps them all, the Pharmacy that helps everybody.

Bruce Tyler asked what would that be for like once a year.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Bruce Tyler said that they would have to come up here well then he wanted to start all that.....*the rest of his comments were not picked up by the tape recording because he was speaking from the audience and Councilor Wittenberg was talking in the background so they could not be heard clearly.*

Councilor Lewis said according.....

Recorder Di Piazza said anyway Doc Wever will get with him and them two can sit down and talk okay because they are probably skinny doing on the HIPPA portion here.

Speaker Pete said yes they are.

Councilor Lonn said they do.....

Speaker Pete said okay Sandy Lewis and then Larry Romanelli.

Councilor Lewis said just so a reminder for everybody the National Indian Health Board did make the statement in fact that in order for them to receive their funding they want to be seen twice a year in their Clinic. Lewis reiterated that is how they receive their funding so just to remind people so.....she is sure.....

Bruce Tyler asked why, the service isn't worth a darn.

Councilor Lewis said yeah, they know what, she is very sorry that he bumped into anything like that but Dr. Wever he will get him situated today but just a reminder to people that they, they know, that is how they get their grant funding is if they are seen twice in their Clinic each year. Lewis said so all right.

Speaker Pete said Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said he just wanted to thank Dr. Wever for addressing the problem and again it is not over yet obviously, there could be more conversations that happen. Romanelli said he thinks Dr. Wever and he will have some more conversations to the timing of appointments and etc. but that is also why they are trying to work out of Muskegon because a large part...portion of their clients come out of the Muskegon/Grand Rapids area as they know so they are trying to make \_\_\_ makes it easier for their patients who live in....down that direction. Romanelli said the other thing is with HIPPA they all understand HIPPA he thinks the doctor understands it more than most of them but it is like personnel yeah, the person that brings it up if it is the patient or it is the employee if they bring it up they are well aware that they are getting into that area and they might want to make the statement that they understand by saying certain things they are allowing this to go forward because they can't allow one to speak out then silence the other areas. Romanelli said he understands where he was going and he understands where they need to be but he thinks the doctor is well aware of HIPPA violations or not.

Speaker Pete said okay, so has he been through the queue.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked everyone. Pete said okay they are moving on. Pete read the following:

***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.***

Councilor Guenthardt said to Speaker Pete that Diane Lonn had something.

Speaker Pete said Diane Lonn he didn't know she had her hand up.

Councilor Lonn said she did but that is okay. Lonn said Saturday was fantastic. Lonn said she gives a lot of credit to Gary Di Piazza and there is ones missed that volunteered and helped. Lonn said it was enjoyable. Lonn said she took her husband later and he was just amazed at the dancing and the drumming with all

the fun that was going on. Lonn said all the vendors she was really surprised so. Lonn said kudos to all the volunteers. Lonn thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay then. Pete recognized Boo Battice.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he is just making the same statement that he made many times, still pursuing fishing. Battice said he is hoping it works out for the best this is what he wants to be when he grows up, still, it's a dream. Battice said it is never going away and it is what he is going to continue to pursue. Battice said he is going to continue to pursue also his culture to the best understanding of his abilities, which is hard to understand with what the ways are today. Battice said he does believe he was on this road and path in is unique to ask them for the help, he means, there is so many variables like he can only ask so much. Battice it is about to be a new season, new shipping season, they are about to start shipping where he might have to move his boat. Battice said he asked for Safety Equipment and batteries probably two years....he has always asked.....a long time. Battice said when the shipping starts coming in and he can't move his boat it is going to be kind of like the railroad in Canada. Battice said there is nothing he can do without these Safety Equipment and just the basic necessities to move this boat out of way of progress. Battice said he would like to get it out of the way so they can at least progress. Battice said any assistance please. Battice said as a Native until he dies he believes.....*the rest of the comments were cut off the tape recording and not picked up.*

Speaker Pete thanked Boo Battice. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well, just for the people watching and he wanted to make this clear for the membership. Crampton said Sandy Lewis did put together a program for him a couple of years ago and he rejected that program so there was that help up there.

Speaker Pete recognized Boo Battice.

Boo Battice said which program are they talking about.

Councilor Crampton said the money for his fishing, his Safety Equipment, his gas, and his repairs and everything.

Boo Battice asked are they talking about the loan.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Boo Battice said the loan that had a covenant that had life insurance that he knows it is a sticky situation but it is also a terrorist.....how.....he is in fear. Battice said the police sank his nets, the judge charged him \$20,000, and out of nine nets which they can't even catch 50 pounds. Battice said somehow they caught 5,000

on a 36 little boat. Battice said he can't even fit 50 boxes of fish on that. Battice said he is scared of the system. Battice said he is trying because he understands they all make mistakes. Battice said he is not trying to.....he just wants to fish. Battice said yes, when he seen a contract for a loan with him having to get life insurance he understands they want to make their money and don't want to lose because it is a life risking job so he understands that but what..... Battice said it scares him because he is the fisher.....it was going back to the Tribe it is not going to his kid. Battice said he already risked 20 years of his life or more pursuing the same things and yes, them guys have helped him out a lot as they got recognized otherwise he wouldn't be out there.....pursued it. Battice said well, he would be but more on the fishing pole than things with his dad through the river and dealing with those DNR instead of out on the big lake. Battice said they went and got a loan out on their house and bought him a boat when he was 18 years old. Battice said that was his dream. Battice said they had police coming and do this. Battice said his own people, yeah; he is willing to sign it. Battice said he is willing to sign it for, they know, to pay back a payback will never make sense to him. Battice said it will never make sense and he has said this many times before. Battice said a loan on something that was.....they dug up his forefathers in that power hill. Battice said that power was there before 73. Battice said that power has been there a long time and they could see Baldwin from there.

*The five-minute alarm was going off.*

Speaker Pete thanked Boo Battice.

Councilor Crampton said he thinks they went a little off topic.

Speaker Pete asked is there any more comments. Pete asked can he get a motion to Close First Open Session. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she makes a motion.

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE FIRST OPEN SESSION;** by Lonn;  
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 #9**

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 First Open Session at 11:05 a.m.

## **XI. Open Session**

Speaker Pete asked can he get a motion to go into Second Open.

**MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN;** by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.

*This is where the tape began Second Open Session with Speaker Pete saying who supported the motion. The tape recording skipped the first part of the meeting.*

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- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor they are in Second Open at 11:58 a.m.

### **A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza do they have anything to move into the Second Open.

Recorder Di Piazza responded yes they do.

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #20-0219-061, 062, 063, 064, 065 AND 068, MOTION, RESOLUTION AND ROLL CALL; RESOLUTION #20-0219-066 AND 067, MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY;** by Di Piazza; 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 #11**

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 them items have been moved.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

*The following motions and roll calls only were moved from Closed to Open Session.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0219-066,  
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE THE SECOND  
AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH HOBBS STRAUS  
FOR LEGAL SERVICES; by Lonn; supported by DiPiazza.**

**Roll Call #C-9**

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)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0219-067,  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO CONTRACTS  
FOR STATE LOBBYING SERVICES WITH SCOFES  
ASSOCIATES CONSULTING, INC.; by Lonn; supported by  
Wittenberg.**

**Roll Call #C-10**

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0219-061,  
RATIFICATION OF TELE-RAD SERVICE CONTRACT; by  
Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.**

**Roll Call #C-4**

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)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0219-062,  
RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH THRIVE POP FOR WEB  
SITE HOSTING; by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.**

**Roll Call #C-5**

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)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0219-063,  
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EVERY  
WOMAN'S PLACE; by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.**

**Roll Call #C-6**

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)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0219-064,  
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH RESILIENCE; by  
Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.**

**Roll Call #C-7**

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)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0219-065,  
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COMMUNITIES  
OVERCOMING VIOLENT ENCOUNTER (COVE); by Guenthardt;  
supported by Lonn.**

**Roll Call #C-8**

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)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0219-068,  
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH WOMEN'S  
INFORMATION SERVICE, INC. (WISE); by Lonn; supported by  
DiPiazza.**

**Roll Call #C-11**

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)

*This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.*

**XII. Adjourn**

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

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF SECOND OPEN;** by Champagne;  
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.

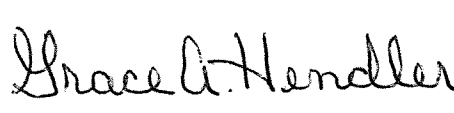

**Roll Call #12**

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 Second Open at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace A. Hendler  
Transcribing Assistant

Gary Di Piazza,  
Tribal Council Recorder