



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018  
LITTLE RIVER BAND  
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on February 21, 2018. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Lewis said to Speaker Riley that the recorder is on.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis. Riley said he would like to welcome everybody today to their Council Meeting for the 21<sup>st</sup> of February. Riley said they are going to get started as usual with their Opening Prayer and Gary Di Piazza has volunteered to do that for them this morning.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Councilor Di Piazza offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin.

I pray to all Creation that all of my relatives show me a good trail.  
Show me a good job.  
For us to work together, bring us all together and give us a good way of life.  
Miigwech, Miigwech, Miigwech.

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Di Piazza Miigwech for your words.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

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

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**B. Roll Call**

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Ken LaHaye, Kelly Maser, Michelle Lucas, Robert Medacco, Jennifer Crampton.

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

**C. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2018 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF III C.2. IS REVISED RESOLUTION, VI B. IS AN ADD, VIII B. IS AN ADD, VIII C. IS AN ADD AND REVISED RESOLUTION, VIII D. IS AN ADD AND ALSO X C.5. IS AN ADD;** by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Riley said he just wanted to let everybody.....the reason that there is so many adds this time is because it just.....it got posted before they were actually finished with it so. Riley said it got posted on Thursday instead of Friday. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #1**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - 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 Lewis said okay the agenda has been approved for February 21, 2018.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes  2/14/18**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 2/14/18;** by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if there were any discussion on the minutes for 2/14/18. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #2**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - 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 Lewis said the Tribal Council Minutes has been approved for 2/14/18.

**III. Continuing Business**  
**A. Grants & Contracts**

Speaker Riley said this week they have nothing under Grants & Contracts.

**B. Budget Modifications**

**1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Food Distribution Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-\_\_ in the amount of \$32,402**

The Tribe has received additional funds from USDA with a 25% Cash Match of \$10,800 for a total of \$43,202 to purchase a refrigerated delivery van.

Speaker Riley said Bill Willis is representing this for them. Riley said to Bill Willis that he had the floor.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning and thanked them. Willis said Ken LaHaye is here as well. Willis said the Tribe Food Distribution Program made an application to USDA to apply for money to get a refrigerated delivery van for Food Commodities. Willis said the proposal was approved and awarded in the amount of \$32,402. Willis said the Tribe has agreed to match \$10,800 to the purchase so they would get more consideration in their application. Willis said Council had already approved a 25% match to the existing program. Willis said they had some excess funds in Employee Insurance due to change in personnel and so the money is available for the match as well. Willis said they just need to accept the money and approve.....amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said if there is no discussion which they had the discussion he would.....prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0221-065;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-2018 FOOD DISTRIBUTION  
PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE  
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-14 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$32,402; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

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

**Roll Call #3**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0221-065 has been approved.

Bill Willis thanked Council.

Speaker Riley thanked Bill Willis.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

**1. Approval for Ron Wittenberg and Sandy Lewis to attend the 2018 Tribal Self-Governance Annual Consultation Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico April 22-27, 2018**

The Annual Consultation Conference is being held at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque.

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she just wanted to say that it was brought to their attention that it is very important regarding their Contract Support Costs to be well informed on that item.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said if there isn't any further discussion he is prepared to make a motion.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said he would like to add onto that. Wittenberg said the government is cutting many things and this is one of the ways of these gatherings that they can turn around and have their voice be heard. Wittenberg said it is not only with Little River but with all the Nations, Indian Nations, throughout \_\_\_\_ here. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Pete said he is prepared to make a motion. Pete said he will add, this is a very important conference.

Tribal Council said this is a motion only.

Councilor Pete asked motion only? Pete apologized.

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR RON WITTENBERG AND SANDY LEWIS TO ATTEND THE 2018 TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE ANNUAL CONSULTATION CONFERENCE IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO APRIL 22-27, 2018;** by Pete; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked if there were any abstentions.

Recorder Lewis said she is abstaining.

Speaker Riley said Sandy Lewis is abstaining and Ron Wittenberg is abstaining. Riley asked is there any further discussion on this. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #4**

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

Motion carried (7-0-2-0)

Recorder Lewis said the motion has been approved for Ron Wittenberg and Sandy Lewis to attend 2018 Self-Governance Annual Consultation Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico April 22-27, 2018.

- 2. Approval of Expenditure to Purchase a 2018 2500 Cargo Van**  
Van will used to transport foods by Commodities Department to Tribal Elders.

Speaker Riley said he believed Ken LaHaye is representing this one.

Ken LaHaye, Commodity Department Director, represented this agenda item. LaHaye said they are looking for approval to purchase the van so that they can make deliveries to their Elders in their Outlying Communities. LaHaye said he doesn't know if they have any questions.

Speaker Riley said he has one. Riley said just for the record what are the exact criteria that they would have to meet to have the commodities delivered to them rather than having to pick them up.

Ken LaHaye replied it would be an Elder or a Disabled Member that had no transportation come pick them up.

Speaker Riley asked how they make the determination if somebody's disabled. Riley asked do they have to have like being receiving Social Security Disability, State Disability or do they make the determination on their own as to whether their disabled.

Ken LaHaye said he would rather they just make their determination on their own for that.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he just wanted to clarify because he knows they talked.....so they would able to.....Elders that couldn't come this far would be eligible to deliver in the southern counties also.

Ken LaHaye said correct.

Councilor Pete said like Muskegon or Ottawa.....

Ken LaHaye said there are over 13 counties. LaHaye said they will deliver to any Tribal Elder that was in those counties.

Councilor Pete said okay.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she would like to see after a month or two a report of how many they had serviced and everything else. Lonn said also how many they had picked up during that time period.

Ken LaHaye said yes they are tracking that.

Councilor Lonn said okay and thanked Ken LaHaye.

Speaker Riley apologized and recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

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

Speaker Riley said Councilor Friedel actually had his hand up he believed before.

Councilor Friedel said he just wanted to add that they really appreciate all the effort that Ken LaHaye put into this. Friedel said he knows for a fact just last week he had three new.....three new people signing up that he heard. Friedel said he has heard that he had more signing up in the last several weeks than everything.....than anything that has been happening so the more the better. Friedel said the more people helps and serve the better they are. Friedel thanked Ken LaHaye for his.....

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said if there are no more comments or questions he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0221-066;  
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR PURCHASE OF A 2018 2500  
CARGO VAN; by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel.**

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

**Roll Call #5**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - 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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0221-066 has been approved.

**IV. Acceptance of Reports**

**A. Report of the Tribal Ogema**

- 1. **Operations Report**  None Submitted
- 2. **Financial Report**  None Submitted

Speaker Riley said onto the Acceptance of Reports. Riley said they have nothing submitted for Operations or Financial at this time.

**V. Acceptance of Commission Reports**

- A. **Binojeeuk Commission**  None Submitted
- B. **Gaming Commission**  January 2018
- C. **Health Commission**  January 2018
- D. **Housing Commission**  None Submitted
- E. **Natural Resource Commission**  None Submitted
- F. **Commerce Commission**  None Submitted

Speaker Riley said Acceptance of Commission Reports; they have nothing submitted for Binojeeuk, they have Gaming for January 2018, and Health for January 2018. Riley asked is there any discussion on those reports.

Councilor Lonn said there is more on the second page.

Speaker Riley said yeah there is nothing submitted for Housing, Natural Resource or Commerce.

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

- A. Elders Committee Minutes**  **None Submitted**
- B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report**  **January 2018**

Speaker Riley said moving onto Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities; Elders Committee Minutes, none submitted at this time and the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for January 2018 has been received. Riley asked is there any discussion on the Preference Report or the Elders Committee Minutes.

**VII. Old Business**

**Reports that are due:**

**Reports received:**

- A. Financial Report  
December Due**  **None Submitted**
- B. Binojeeuk Commission  
December Due**  **None Submitted**
- C. Commerce Commission-August/October &  
November/December Due**  **None Submitted**

Speaker Riley said moving on, they got reports that are due still. Riley said they have the Financial Report for December Due, Binojeeuk Commission for December Due and Commerce Commission for August/October and November/December. Riley said he believed they didn't even have meetings some of those months and they just needed something submitted saying they didn't meet those months.

Councilor Di Piazza said e-mail to Grace Hendler stating that they did not have a meeting.

Speaker Riley asked could the Liaison reach out to whoever the.....

Councilor Di Piazza said he did that last week.

Speaker Riley said okay, great.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will do it again.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. Approving Adoption of Amendment to the Budget & Appropriations Regulation, Chapter 1-Purchasing and Procurement Regulation**  
In response to a request made by Tribal Council to increase their Authorization Level, the level is increased and all Procurement Regulations merged into one regulation.



Speaker Riley said they have Michelle Lucas here to represent this item. Riley said to Michelle Lucas that she had the floor.

Michelle Lucas, Purchasing Department, represented this agenda item. Lucas said good morning. Lucas said the revision to the chapter includes incorporating the chapter for Tribal Council, the chapter for the court into Chapter 1. Lucas said therefore they would end up with one chapter rather than three. Lucas said the revision also includes increasing the levels for Tribal Council so that it matches the Branch of the Ogema. Lucas said so Tribal Council's Authorization Level would be \$25,000. Lucas said the last revision would be the Election Board. Lucas said the Election Board has kind of been out there with really no authority. Lucas said they have incorporated the Election for.....the Election Board so that it matches the Prosecuting Attorney's Office therefore they would have independency and they would be able to carry out their duties without any influence from any branch of the government. Lucas said that is it.

Speaker Riley asked any questions or a motion. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said with that being said if there are no further questions he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0221-067  
APPROVING ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET  
AND APPROPRIATIONS REGULATION, CHAPTER 1-  
PURCHASING AND PROCUREMENT REGULATION; by Di  
Piazza; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked if there were any abstentions. Riley asked is there any discussion on this topic. Riley recognized Michelle Lucas.

Michelle Lucas said they have had two work sessions plus the Agenda Review and she would just like to thank Tribal Council because having one regulation rather than thumbing through three constantly really makes their job easier in their office. Lucas thanked them again.

Speaker Riley thanked Michelle Lucas. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #6**

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0221-067 has been approved.

Michelle Lucas thanked them again.

Councilor Friedel thanked Michelle Lucas for her work.

**B. Repealing Gaming Commission Regulation Chapter 3-Hours of Operation**

The Gaming Commission has requested that Tribal Council accept for filing the Repeal of the Gaming Commission Regulation.

Speaker Riley said Kelly Maser their Gaming Commission's Executive Director is here to represent this item.

Kelly Maser, Gaming Director, represented this agenda item. Maser said good morning. Maser said the current Chapter 3 Gaming Commission Regulation is.....consist of a definition and a paragraph. Maser said for many years they have been going to rescind this regulation and incorporate the paragraph into their Notification and Report Regulation because basically what it is is a report that the Gaming Enterprises required to supply the Gaming Commission so with her work and Rebecca Liebing's work they have asked the commission and they approved repealing the current one adding that language into their Chapter 4 then they can better utilize Chapter 3.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0221-068;  
REPEALING GAMING COMMISSION REGULATION  
CHAPTER 3-HOURS OF OPERATION; by Pete; supported by Di  
Piazza.**

Speaker Riley asked if there were any abstentions on this. Riley asked any further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #7**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - 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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0221-068 has been approved.

**C. Revising Authorized Designated Purchasing Authority for the Gaming Commission**

The action amount that the Gaming Commission has authority to sign off on has been modified increasing it up to \$25,000 to keep in line with the Budget & Appropriations Regulation #R100-01:AC-01-Chapter 1-Section 3-2.

Speaker Riley said Kelly Maser is going to represent this one as well.

Kelly Maser, Gaming Director, represented this agenda item. Maser said correct. Maser said this one kind of goes along with the one.....Item A where there were revisions to the Purchasing and Procurement Regulation. Maser said Michelle Lucas and whomever assisted her with that project added the Gaming Commission in there which actually she doesn't believe was actually in there so she always had them revert back something that.....another regulation or something that the commission had put in writing. Maser said so basically what the commission did is just changed or modified the spending authority amounts to match what is in Chapter 1. Maser said she thinks that is under Tribal Council revision in the regulation.

Speaker Riley said that is correct. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said okay if there is no discussion on that he is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0221-069; REVISING AUTHORIZED DESIGNATED PURCHASING AUTHORITY FOR THE GAMING COMMISSION;** by Pete; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Riley asked if there were any abstentions. Riley asked any further debate on this. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he just has one clarifying statement. Crampton said he just wanted to know if they looked out and see all the people this is going to effect this is Executive Director and Gaming Commission so that would be the Executive Director.

Speaker Riley said Kelly Maser is the Executive Director.

Kelly Maser said that is the Gaming Commission Chairperson though right and not the whole commission she thinks.

Councilor Medacco said it says "*and Gaming Commission.*"

Councilor Crampton said "*and Gaming Commission.*"

Kelly Maser said yeah so it takes two signatures for that, no it's, yeah it is "and".

Speaker Riley said that is the one.....the third one does take two signatures.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Speaker Riley asked any further comments or questions. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #8**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - 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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0221-069 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked both Kelly Maser and Recorder Lewis.

**D. Repeal of the Commerce Commission Ordinance #05-150-05 and Dissolving the Commerce Commission**

Tribal Council by motion approved on 1/17/18 the Notice of Intent to Repeal the Commerce Commission Ordinance and this resolution completes that action.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0221-070;  
APPROVAL OF REPEAL OF COMMERCE COMMISSION  
ORDINANCE #05-150-05 AND DISSOLVING THE COMMERCE  
COMMISSION; by Pete; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Riley asked if there were any abstentions or any further discussion on this one. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #9**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - 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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0221-070 has been approved.

**IX. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

**B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

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

Ogema Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said he only has two items this morning. Romanelli said first they held their second EDC Meeting last Wednesday and it turned out good with a lot of good information going around. Romanelli said he thinks they met until about 7:30 but it was good. Romanelli said he thinks they are getting things together and thinks the group has a lot of good backgrounds that kind of plays off of each other so that is good. Romanelli said the second thing is Friday he met with the.....he went to speak with the Chamber of Commerce in Muskegon. Romanelli said Ron Pete came along and they had a person from the MRG there, their Marketing Group. Romanelli said they are just updating the Chamber of Commerce what the Tribe is doing in and around the Muskegon area. Romanelli said so that is it.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she just wanted to update on the Key Biscayne.

Speaker Riley interrupted and said they will get to that on the next portion. Riley said these are questions for the Ogema then they will move onto Legislative Affairs.

**C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis thanked Speaker Riley. Lewis said Key Biscayne that they went to was a gathering for the NRCC and she really wanted to say "*thank you*" to Councilor Friedel and Councilor Di Piazza. Lewis said she knows they attended the last NRCC Meeting which kind of opened the door for them. Lewis said to her surprise she was really glad to see that when she got there that Paul Ryan approached her in the crowd and introduced himself even though he needed no introduction. Lewis said she introduced herself. Lewis said he did state "*oh, Little River Band I know you folks*" and he said "*you guys are my neighbors*" so she thought that was very nice. Lewis said during their weekend venture they did speak with Paul Ryan, Steve Scalias, Tom Evert-Emmers, Virginia Fox, Glenn Grothman, Robert Mitchell, Bill Johnson, Mike Turner and Steve Stiver and that is just to name a few of the Congress People that they spoke with. Lewis said her.....the points that she stayed on in talks with them because there was a lot of side-bar discussion was their funding and how important their funding is to them.

Lewis said she did like explain to them what they did with their Water Plant, the infrastructure, how it is in Michigan that it getting very old and the State Water System so that funding did help them but it also helped their local townships that are linking onto them. Lewis said Education and how important that is. Lewis said so their funding and the things that it does for them, they know, how they put up their Housing and that they are putting two houses up every year. Lewis said she did discuss that they put up the 281 houses in Fruitport. Lewis said so yeah she kept mostly to their funding and how it helps them. Lewis said not only how it helps them but the local community. Lewis said Monday they did have a brief meeting and stated that the next meeting is March 19-20<sup>th</sup> in Washington D.C. Lewis said things that they did talk about was healthcare and how they want to lower the costs, cutting taxes to the Middle Class, gun control that is a major issue on the table and they really want to get more Mental Health involved in that, Welfare Reform that they are going to be looking at more Welfare Reform and getting more people back to work, and Opioids was also another discussion that was on the table. Lewis said she did have a real good side-bar discussion with Virginia Fox regarding Opioids and a lot of it that she sees, herself, is just her thought, she sees that it is education. Lewis said if their people were educated they wouldn't have a lot these where people have low self-esteem and think they have to go to Opioids, drugs, alcohol, etc. Lewis said it is really about putting education out there and they have all these tools here that somehow some kind of way they really have to push education for their people and get them educated as long as they have been open they should have more people with Masters Degrees, etc. Lewis said once they bring one person up that brings their whole family up and this has an effect on everybody. Lewis said one last thing is Immigration they did touch base on that. Lewis said for some reason when Steve Scalias talked about immigration her and Councilor Friedel were sitting right up front.....for some reason he kept looking right at her. Lewis said so yeah they are all for the wall. Lewis said that is the update on that and she just wanted to say that Councilor Friedel he did a very excellent job representing Little River Band and she is thankful that she was by his side with that.

Speaker Riley said he thinks it was because he was speaking directly to her who was one of the only people in the room that is not an immigrant.

Recorder Lewis said yeah she did have a little chuckle inside when he was looking at her saying that and she was like.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said he will add just a couple of things to that. Friedel said they know it was a great time to interact with all of them.....all the Congressmen. Friedel said Glenn Grothman is from.....it was his first NRCC event that he has ever attended and he is from Wisconsin, kind of a neighbor, he is from straight across the.....what is it.....the.....

Speaker Riley said the lake.

Councilor Friedel said straight across.....he actually called it straight across the pond and he had to kind of chuckle and said *"I haven't heard that statement in a while."* Friedel said this was his first event and that was pretty cool to see interaction with him and interaction with Paul Ryan that was a great thing being able to walk up to Paul Ryan and him knowing exactly who they are is saying something. Friedel said he is understanding who they are. Friedel said yeah the Opioids was a big thing on Monday's discussion, Opioids and Mental Health because of the shooting that happened in Florida that happened at that time. Friedel said Steve and he can't think of his last name he is a Congressmen from that part of the district where that shooting had happened. Friedel said he actually had two of his legs taken off in the war and for some reason he kept coming around him and even asked him to breakfast with him and his family. Friedel said that was kind of fun but it is things like that people.....they are getting themselves out there and getting the Tribe out there. Friedel said *"thank you"* Councilor Lewis for being there also. Friedel said one last thing is they were the only Indian Tribe represented out there and that says a lot right there. Friedel said it says that they do care and being the only Indian Tribe that decided to go.....they put a lot of Tribal Information into Congressmen's ears. Friedel said a couple of them didn't even know.....Roger Mitchell.....Congressmen Roger Mitchell from Kansas he has no Indian Tribes in his district and they kind of put a little of the Tribe in his ear of what they do and what they are responsible for here in Michigan and he said *"they know that is pretty great."* Friedel said they kind of talked about the TLSA Bill too as well and he said *"I think I remember something about a Tribe coming through on my desk about a couple of months ago"* and he said that probably would have been the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act and he said *"yeah, that was probably it and I had no idea what that was all about"* so they know it's.....and they are right it is a lot of information to let them know what is going on with them and how they are. Friedel thanked them.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said this week the President unveiled his 2019 Budget which would drastically hit Indian Tribes. Crampton said the Budget cut the Bureau of Indian Affairs by about 15%, would reduce the Social Services by 30%, Indian Child Welfare by more than 25%, plus eliminate the Community Development Block Grant and Housing Grants would be drastically reduced. Crampton said the message they need to get out to these guys is that their Budget constraints don't predicate their Treaty Obligations. Crampton said these are two separate issues, they are obligated. Crampton said when they sit down and watch cowboy and Indian movies which they all probably did when they were young how did it end. Crampton said how did these wars end. Crampton said they always exclude that. Crampton said after the Battle of Little Big Horn they had a big problem with recruitment so they settled for treaties. Crampton said that is how it ended. Crampton said these are Treaty Obligations and are not tied to their Budget.

Crampton said they need to learn that these are two separate issues and should be set aside and not continued in their Budget Process.

Recorder Lewis said she was really amazed at how many of Congress don't know that they even exist. Lewis said some of them are like slightly familiar with them and didn't have a lot of understanding of all the good things they do in their community so it was really nice to get that out. Lewis said they did have discussions and Steve Scalias mentioned they mentioned to him that they do have them down as discretionary but with their Treaty Rights that it should be mandatory. Lewis said it was really good and amazing how many people came up to them and talked to them about being Native because it is something they are so unfamiliar with and it is something that they don't hear about in their daily lives. Lewis said they came up to them asking them questions and were just amazed by it so it was really good to get out there, they know, because their Band here at Little River she wished other Bands in Michigan would mimic them. Lewis said there is so much they can do with that funding in helping all the communities. Lewis said it was really nice to get the word out individually, personally with them standing right there and she knows at times they do have meetings with them but it is such a strict meeting where this they just had an open forum with them and just talked about anything, everything and just bonded those relations with Congress. Lewis said she is done.

Speaker Riley asked anybody else for Legislative Affairs.

Councilor Crampton said oh, he just wanted to add one thing.

Speaker Riley said alright what is that.

Councilor Crampton said he is just saying that when people speak he tries to follow the logic train and he is listening to Sandy Lewis talk this morning and he is thinking she is right. Crampton said this is a Tribe in a unique position right now because they have Betsie De Vos heading up the Education Department and she is right down the road. Crampton said his Grandson started out his school life in a Tribal Community and when he came to the door everybody knew his name, they greeted him, they welcomed him and he turned around and did the rest for the same kids or the other kids coming through the door. Crampton said he noticed a drastic difference when he went to Public School and the kids weren't getting this. Crampton said they weren't knowing one another or being greeted and came in with apprehension or they didn't know who this person was or that person was. Crampton said they were left to sort it out for themselves. Crampton said he thinks she is hitting on something very important here.

Speaker Riley said okay onto Public Comment.

#### **D. Public Comment Period**



Speaker Riley said at this point does anybody have anything for Public Comment. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he just wanted to say they had the Round Dance Saturday and it went well. Di Piazza said they had good attendance at about 320 to 350 roughly. Di Piazza said it was hard to gauge by the size of the room because people were every place. Di Piazza said the head count that he came up with was about 320 and people were just coming and going all night long. Di Piazza said a lot of people had a lot of fun.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said okay and thanked the Speaker. Pete said he just wanted to say yesterday afternoon, late afternoon over at the Resort he attended the.....he has been attending the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. Pete said he is on there and asked the Speaker if it would be okay to do that for Council. Pete said at any rate there is something they might know and something they might not know is Charmaine Stone sits on the Board of Directors for the State for Special Olympics and that is going to be held once again in Mt. Pleasant. Pete said at any rate on March the 17<sup>th</sup> on a Friday, St. Patrick's Day, they are doing.....or Saturday St. Patrick's Day they are doing Polar Plunge at the Resort and he knows some from Council had said they are going to plunge and he said he would pledge some stuff to them if they would plunge. Pete said at any rate today they are having their employees sign up over in their EDR and he is going to go over there later this afternoon because they are doing their sign up. Pete said at any rate the Resort next Tuesday, February the 27<sup>th</sup> in their cafeteria downstairs from 11 to 1 they are going to be over here also doing a sign up and the Resort had donated a Chili Lunch at the time and they are going to get something out to all LRBOI this afternoon to have their employees come down and either sign up to plunge or to pledge for this worthwhile event. Pete said he absolutely love it because it is right at Mt. Pleasant at Central Michigan, right at Soaring Eagle's backyard and they don't donate nothing. Pete said LRBOI is a sponsor and they have a huge banner for the last two years up thanking Little River it makes them.....well the Chair of the Board is Juliet Dragus from Channel 13 so it hits all of Grand Rapids and Muskegon and all of the southern counties in everything they do. Pete said there is an Anchor's Tom.....Charmaine Stone told him her too from Channel 9 & 10. Pete said they are going to be down here \_\_\_ and she is going to be plunging so he is just hoping whatever they can get for this worthwhile cause, it is for Special Olympics so he just wanted to let everyone know that next Tuesday they are going to be serving a Chili Lunch downstairs and to help the handicapped children in their State. Pete thanked them.

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis. Riley said no? Riley said Recorder Lewis is good and recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said one last thing from him. Friedel said he wanted to thank Gary Di Piazza and Diane Lonn along with everybody that worked on the Round Dance. Friedel said he did get a couple of texts saying they were enjoying themselves and that everything was going great. Friedel said that is the good thing, they know, when they get good feedback. Friedel said when they are not there and they get good feedback but he just wanted to thank everybody that worked on that, De-Ahna and the committee.....the Culture Committee. Friedel said those are the ones working hard for this. Friedel thanked them.

Speaker Riley said alright then.

*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.*

**MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED;** by Friedel; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley said at 10:39. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #10**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - 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 Lewis said okay they end first closed.....first open.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

**VIII. Open Session**

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:33 a.m.

Recorder Lewis said to Speaker Riley that the recorder is on.

Speaker Riley said see if they get a motion to go into second open at 11:33.

**MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 11:33;** by Pete; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #11**

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

R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes
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Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said they are in second open at 11:33.

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

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis do they have anything to move. Riley said C.1. don't move because that is a Resort one. Riley said Resort ones stay in closed.

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #18-0221-072, ALSO 073, 074 075; MOTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE;** by Lewis; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #12**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	F. Medacco - 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 Lewis said motion, roll call and vote has been moved into open for Resolution #18-0221-072, also 073, 074 and 075.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0221-072, RATIFICATION OF BILLBOARD SIGNAGE CONTRACT WITH LAMAR COMPANIES;** by Lewis; supported by Friedel.

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

**Roll Call #C-4**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0221-073, AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH LAMAR ADVERTISING COMPANY;** by Friedel; supported by Lewis.

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

**Roll Call #C-5**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0221-074,  
RATIFICATION OF NO COST CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH  
CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY FOR THE WILD RICE  
GENETICS PROJECT;** by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

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

**Roll Call #C-6**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0221-075,  
RATIFICATION OF COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN & FINANCIAL PLAN BETWEEN  
LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AND THE USDA  
FOREST SERVICE HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS;**  
by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

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

**Roll Call #C-7**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

*This concludes the items moved from closed to open session.*

**IX. Adjourn**

Speaker Riley said it looks like they need a motion to adjourn at 11:35 and asked does anybody want to.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:35;** by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

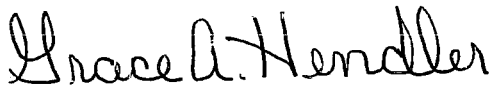
**Roll Call #13**

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler  
Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,  
Tribal Council Recorder