



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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 26, 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.

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said to Speaker Pete that the recorder is on.

Speaker Pete thanked Acting Recorder Guenthardt. Pete said welcome to their Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Tribal Council Meeting. Pete asked who is going to.....

Councilor Lewis said Dave Corey.

Speaker Pete said Dave Corey is going to be saying the Opening Prayer.

I. Opening Prayer

Dave Corey, Tribal Councilor, offered the Opening Prayer.

Great Spirit, thank you for today.
Bless all of our friends, families and loved ones at home and away.
Help us prepare this meeting in a good way.
Help us to do business for our people.
Ahaaw.

Speaker Pete thanked Dave Corey.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Speaker Pete asked Acting Recorder Guenthardt to do a roll call please.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said eight here and one absent quorum established.

Speaker Pete said just for information Gary Di Piazza, Councilor Di Piazza, is attending the CORA Meetings in Lansing.

Others Present: Kelly Maser, Lyle Dorr, Andrew Gentile, Brad Pringle, Jason Cross, Jennifer Crampton.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Officer Patrick Gilles, Rebecca Liebing, Alan Tyler.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she makes a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2020 WITH NO CHANGES; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

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

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said eight in favor and one absent motion to approve.....the agenda is approved.

Speaker Pete thanked Acting Recorder Guenthardt.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 2/19/20

Speaker Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE TO APPROVE FOR ACCEPTANCE TRIBAL COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR 2/19/20; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Acting Recorder Guenthardt to do a roll call please.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said eight in favor and one absent Tribal Council Minutes approved for 2/19/20.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Pete said there is nothing here.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Service and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-__ in the amount of \$1,728,541**
The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2020 Self-Governance Compact.

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

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said yes and thanked Speaker Pete. Willis said this item represents Modification #2 to the 2020 Self-Governance Compact with IHS. Willis said year to date this brings them up to \$2,812,008. Willis said they projected to receive \$2,935,000 so they are well on their way. Willis said this represents about 96% of what they estimated they would receive so. Willis said they are confident they will receive, they know, the \$2.9 million and potentially more.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis. Pete said that is what he was going to say because they.....when some of the.....this is some of the earliest they received that much money.....

Bill Willis said yes.

Speaker Pete continued.....from the Federal Government and that is a good sign. Pete thanked Bill Willis. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said if there is no questions she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0226-069;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2020-12 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,728,541; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.**

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

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said eight in favor and one absent Resolution #20-0226-069 has been approved.

Speaker Pete thanked Acting Recorder Guenthardt.

2. Acceptance of grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development-ROSS Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-__ in the amount of \$72,000

The Tribe received this grant last year for a total funding amount of \$216,000 and is a 3-year grant.

Jason Cross, Family Services Director, represented this agenda item. Cross said yeah, good morning. Cross said this is a resolution approving year two of a three year grant funding for their Resident Opportunity Self-Sufficiency Program. Cross said this is a grant from HUD that supports their residents who live in public housing or NAHASDA Housing helping them with self-sufficiency.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked they know what he asks the same question every time that this is grant funds, right.

Jason Cross said this is a grant, year two.

Speaker Pete said absolutely. Pete thanked Jason Cross. Pete asked is there any.....can he get a resolution or any further discussion. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #20-0226-070;
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT
OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT-ROSS PROGRAM
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING
BUDGET MB-2020-13 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,000; by Lewis;
supported by Lonn.**

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

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said Resolution #20-0226-070 passed eight to one.

Speaker Pete thanked Acting Recorder Guenthardt.

Jason Cross thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Jason Cross.

**3. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2020-__; Authorizing a
modification to the Elders Complex Budget in the amount of
\$10,875**

The Tribal Council must approve any change in the scope of a
program such as the elimination of program activities.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked Speaker Pete. Willis said he did confirm with the Housing Director, Tara Bailey, who is here in the audience that this modification is in it's entirety designed to provide funds to renovate one of the existing bathrooms in the Elders Complex to install a commercial washer and a commercial dryer for the use by the residents. Willis said should they have any further questions Tara Bailey is available to answer those.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked is there anyone that has further questions. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn asked Bill Willis this is just for one washer and one dryer right.

Bill Willis said he believed so.

Councilor Lonn said the complex holds how many people.....how many units are in that complex.

Bill Willis answered there is ten units currently.

Tara Bailey, Housing Director, said it is just for a large size commercial size washer and dryer so that the residents have the availability to wash like comforters or sheets. Bailey said large items like that they cannot currently wash and dry in their units.

Councilor Lonn asked if they needed to add is there room to add in that bathroom they are making.....

Tara Bailey said she believed um-hum.

Councilor Lonn said 30.....okay. Lonn thanked Tara Bailey.

Speaker Pete recognized Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said no, he is good.

Speaker Pete asked he is good.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah.

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

Councilor Lonn said she makes a motion:

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0226-071;
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2020-14,
AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE ELDERS
COMPLEX BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,875; by Lonn;
supported by Wittenberg.**

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

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said eight in favor and one absent motion 20-0226-071 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Acting Recorder Guenthardt.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

Monthly Reports that are due: January 2020

Reports received:

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| A. Operations Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| B. Financial Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| C. Enrollment Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| D. Health Commission | |
| December 2019 & January 2020 | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| E. Natural Resource Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Pete said the Operations Report he has none submitted, Financial Report none submitted, Enrollment Commission none submitted, Health Department none submitted, and Natural Resource Commission is none submitted.

V. New Business

A. Authorizing the Donation of \$1,000 to Kent County Community Action's Walk for Warmth

The KCCA has been holding the Walk for Warmth Annual Event to obtain donations since 1986 and has spent more than \$136,000 assisting families. KCCA has lost 87% of its federal and state funding over the last three years and the donations are critical for households in need of assistance.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion or anyone here to represent this. Pete said he knows the Ogema is out of town so he is not here to represent this so. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she would like to do.....make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0226-072; by Lonn.

Councilor Lewis said it is not a resolution.

Councilor Wittenberg said it is just a motion.

Councilor Lonn said she makes a motion, she is sorry and apologizes.

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$500 FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL AND \$500 MATCH FROM THE TRIBAL OGEMA TO KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,000; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete said just a minute he is calling time out here. Pete asked is this a resolution or.....

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said it says resolution on the Agenda Request.

Councilor Lonn said that is what she thought.

Councilor Lewis said she thought donations were.....

Councilor Lonn said ask Grace Hendler.....

Councilor Wittenberg said here comes Grace Hendler.

Tribal Council conferred with Grace Hendler on this agenda item.

Councilor Lonn said that is what she thought.

Speaker Pete said it is a resolution. Pete said let's start this again, huh.

Councilor Lonn said sorry people they are a little confused here.

Grace Hendler said she said to read the resolution from the packet because it is different than the title.

Councilor Lonn said that is why she was thinking that. Lonn said the resolution is the same right.

Grace Hendler said right.

Councilor Lonn said that is what she thought, okay. Lonn said she is redoing it again.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0226-072;
AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$500 FROM TRIBAL
COUNCIL AND \$500 MATCH FROM THE TRIBAL OGEMA TO
KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION IN THE TOTAL
AMOUNT OF \$1,000; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.**

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

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said eight in favor and one absent Resolution #20-0226-072 is passed.

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, March 4, 2020**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Speaker Pete said the Ogema is not here.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said over the weekend the Stock Market _____. Crampton said it looks like it is coming back a little bit but he wouldn't be too surprised if it stays where it is at.

Tribal Council members were talking in the background in side bar conversations.

Councilor Crampton said recently they got a request to build a Contingency Plan for the Coronavirus.

Speaker Pete said they had a.....they had an e-mail..... sent to all of them.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete said he thinks he got that yesterday and he believed the Ogema answered back.....

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete said.....in one and he thought it was maybe a.....maybe it was Cindy Champagne and maybe there was one other one that did but that request went to Gary Di Piazza also and he is going to request a work session.....

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Other comments were being made but they were not picked up on the tape recording and were too low to be made out clearly.

Speaker Pete said where it stands right now is he is gone but he is going to request a work session on it.

Councilor Crampton said what he was going to point out was that one if they look at the CDC's Report and their outline of what they are suggesting. Crampton said one of the things they are suggesting is the possibility of segregation of huge events where people congregate and also talking about going to where....where they are employed at.....where they work at. Crampton said where people can possibly can work from home during a.....the advent of a computer.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Councilor Crampton said he was just reporting the fact that they are already on way ahead of that right now with the opening up of their meetings and everything.

Speaker Pete said yes they are. Pete reiterated they are. Pete said he is going to be interested in having that work session also because when he first thought of.....he is not pressing some panic button here.....that is not what they do. Pete said they do have the Spring Membership Meeting coming up.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said between spouses and family there is probably 500 people involved in that.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said so he would like to.....he is certainly not advocating for anything. Pete said it just made him think that they.....a word of caution should be involved and at some point he is going to address that with the Ogema on how they want to either.....maybe there isn't anything they can do right now so.....but he thinks that a work session to have some kind of Contingency Plan.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete said that is the most important.

Councilor Crampton said yup.

Speaker Pete asked okay. Pete asked anything else for Legislative Affairs Update.

Councilor Crampton said not at the moment.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked anyone else.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Pete said okay he is not seeing any hands for Public Comment. Pete said that will bring them to:

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

Speaker Pete said the work session agenda scheduled.....normally scheduled for Monday at 1:00 is being postponed until Tuesday at 1:00. Pete said there is going to be quite a number of them.....people here that are going to be attending the funeral for Phillip.....or yeah, Phillip Thomas, Mary Thomas' husband so....but they are cancelling that meeting for the day. Pete asked can he get a move them out of the First Closed. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF THE FIRST CLOSED; by Lonn;
supported by Wittenberg.

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

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said eight in favor and one absent Motion to Close First Open Session. The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

Speaker Pete said he needs a motion to.....

MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said eight in favor and one absent they are back into Open.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Pete asked Mr. Speaker do they have anything to move from Closed into Open.

Acting Recorder Guenthardt replied yes they do.

Speaker Pete said okay.

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #20-0226-073, MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY; #20-0226-074, 075, 076 AND 077, RESOLUTION, MOTION AND ROLL CALL; by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Councilor Champagne said yes twice.

Councilor Wittenberg said maybe there is two Cindys.

Councilor Champagne asked Sandy Lewis he didn't ask for her did he.

Speaker Pete said they keep.....

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said Sandy Lewis, he is sorry.

Speaker Pete said Cindy Champagne voted twice so.

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said sorry, Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said he got her, yes.

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said sorry.

Speaker Pete said that is all right.

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said eight in favor and one absent.

Councilor Lewis said Sandy at first.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0226-073,
GRANTING LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY OF
A SPECIALLY DESIGNATED MERCHANT RETAIL LICENSE
FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FOR THE LITTLE RIVER
CASINO RESORT TO BE USED IN THE LITTLE RIVER
TRADING POST; by Lonn; supported by Corey.**

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0226-074,
RATIFICATION OF J.L. WARD ASSOCIATES AGREEMENT,
BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT AND DEMONSTRATION
AGREEMENT CONTRACT TO IMPLEMENT THE SCREENDOX
HEALTH SCREENING TOOL; by Lonn; supported by Corey.**

Roll Call #C-4

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Absent
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne – Yes

T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes
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Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0226-075,
RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO THE
TELEPSYCHIATRIC CONSULTATION SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH PINE REST;** by Lonn; supported by Corey.

Roll Call #C-5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0226-076,
RATIFICATION OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO MASTER
SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MACHIN ENGINEERING FOR
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DESIGN WORK AND
REPAIRS TO THE GAMING COMMISSION ENTRYWAY;** by
Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.

Roll Call #C-6

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0226-077,
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH GLI UNIVERSITY TO
PROVIDE SPORTS BETTING AND IGAMING TRAINING;** by
Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C-7

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

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

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

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

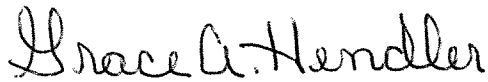
Roll Call #10

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

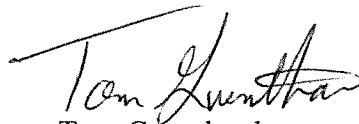
Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said eight in favor and one absent motion to adjourn at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Tom Guenthardt,
Acting Council Recorder