

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 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 7, 2018. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Speaker Riley said welcome to their February 7, 2018 meeting. Riley said they are going to start off with their Opening Prayer and Grace Hendler will honor them with that today.

I. Opening Prayer

Grace Hendler, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

Lord, thank you for the many things you have provided for us.
Help us to be grateful for the things that we have and not dwell on the things that we don't.
Please watch over our Council and Ogema as they complete their travels.
I ask all of this in your precious son's name. Amen.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to please do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Lewis said they have a quorum.

Others Present: Alan Tyler, Val McDonnell, Terri Burmeister, Jennifer Crampton, Jason Cross, Janice Grant, Don Mac Donald, Gina Dahlke, Gary Lewis, Darleen Martin, Margaret Scott.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Officer Umlauf.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2018 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF II D. IS AN ADD AND V E. IS AN ADD; by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Riley asked if there were any discussion on the agenda today. 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 - Absent
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis noted the agenda for February 7, 2018 has been approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 1/31/18

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 1/31/18 FOR FILING; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked if there were any discussion on the minutes. 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 - Absent
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis noted approval for Tribal Council Minutes for 1/31/18 has been accepted for filing.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis. Riley said before they go onto Continuing Business he would just like to make a note that Councilor Pete and the Ogema are at United Tribes of Michigan today and they will have two more

Councilors that will be joining them after the meeting today. Riley said that is Councilor Di Piazza and Councilor Lonn.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

B. Budget Modifications

1. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2018-__-1st QTR to fund cost of Special Election in the amount of \$7,200

Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2018-004 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.

Speaker Riley explained this is to fund the cost of the run-off Election because they had a tie in their Special Election for Election Board. Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0207-042;
 APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2018-05-1st
 QTR TO FUND COST OF SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE
 AMOUNT OF \$7,200; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Riley asked if there were any abstentions. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he wasn't here.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley asked are there any questions on the supplemental appropriation for the Special Election. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0207-042 has been approved.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Riley said they have nothing under C. Budgeted Expenditures.

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due:

- A. Financial Report
December Due**
- B. Binojeeuk Commission
December Due**
- C. Enrollment Commission
December Due**
- D. Natural Resource Commission
August & September Due**
- E. Commerce Commission-August/October &
November/December Due**

Reports received:

- November 2017**
- None Submitted**
- None Submitted**
- None Submitted**
- None Submitted**
- None Submitted**

Speaker Riley said they received their Financial Report for 2017 November. Riley said it looks like they still have some due for December; Financial, Binojeeuk, Enrollment, the Natural Resource Commission is due for August and September. Riley said he believes those have to be recreated because the recordings were lost.

Councilor Di Piazza responded yes. Di Piazza said they will have them done Monday. Di Piazza said they will have to do them in this session.

Speaker Riley said then the Commerce Commission for August, October, November and December are due. Riley asked are there any questions on the reports.

V. New Business

A. Approval of Donation of \$500 to St. Joseph's Indian School for Lakota Sioux Children

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Leadership recognize the importance of the St. Joseph's Indian School and the positive impact it has on the Lakota Children and supports a donation to those children with a combined effort of \$250 each.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she knows this donation was \$250 from the Ogema and Council matched to equal \$500 and if there are no questions she would like to make a motion.

Speaker Riley said that Recorder Lewis had the floor.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0207-043;
 APPROVAL OF DONATION OF \$500 TO THE ST. JOSEPH'S
 INDIAN SCHOOL;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked if there were any abstentions or any further discussion on the donation. 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 - Absent
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0207-043 has been approved.

B. Approval to Post 2018 Utility Rates for 30 Day Public Comment Period

The Annual Rates have been revised and need to be posted for 30 Day Comment Period and to hold an Open Meeting.

Speaker Riley said their Utilities Director, Gary Lewis, is here to represent this.

Gary Lewis, Utility Department Director, represented this agenda item. Lewis said good morning everybody if they can hear him.

Speaker Riley said they can hear him.

Gary Lewis said yeah, this request is just to approve for 30 day posting for the 2018 Rate Structure.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

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

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO POST 2018 UTILITY RATES FOR
 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD;** by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked if there were any abstentions and any further questions or comments. 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 - Absent
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis noted motion has been approved for the post of the 2018 Utility Rates for 30 day Public Comment Period.

Speaker Riley thanked Gary Lewis.

C. Approval to include the Tribal Pharmacy as Direct Services offered by Tribal Health Services and create a Service Area for Implementation of Changes to Administration of Little River's Purchase and Referred Care Program

The Tribal Council would like to change the current Purchase and Referred Care Program to include the direct services of the Pharmacy to maximize the use of Tribal Funds.

Speaker Riley said they have the Clinic Staff here to represent this and the Health Director, Donald Mac Donald. Riley asked does anybody have any questions.

Don Mac Donald, Health Services Director, represented this agenda item. Mac Donald said good morning.

Speaker Riley said good morning.

Don Mac Donald said they are seeking their approval to.....as they all well know they have been working on the Pharmacy piece for a long time so they are seeking approval for support to move ahead with that and make that a direct service. Mac Donald said they worked on a letter that has been reviewed and there has been some alterations in that but they are just looking to move ahead on that and seeking their support for that. Mac Donald asked any questions.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0207-044;
APPROVAL TO INCLUDE THE TRIBAL PHARMACY AS
DIRECT SERVICES OFFERED BY TRIBAL HEALTH SERVICES
AND CREATE A SERVICE AREA FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATION OF LITTLE RIVER'S
PURCHASE AND REFERRED CARE PROGRAM;** by Di Piazza;
supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked if there were any abstentions and any further discussion on this one. 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 - Absent
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0207-044 has been approved.

Don Mac Donald thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Don Mac Donald.

- D. Approval to Amend Family Services Organizational Structure**
The Family Services Department is requesting a modification to the Organizational Structure of the Department.

Speaker Riley said Family Service Director, Jason Cross, is representing this.

Jason Cross, Family Services Director, represented this agenda item. Cross said good morning. Cross said they are asking approval to change the Organizational Chart for the Next Generation Learning Center specifically they would like to reduce the number of Cooks by one and increase the number of Teacher's Aides by one. Cross said it is a net change of zero, both of them are of the same pay grade so it won't affect the Budget in any way.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0207-045;
AMENDMENT TO THE FAMILY SERVICES
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART;** by Medacco; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Riley asked is anybody abstaining or any further discussion on the Org Chart change. 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 - Absent
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0207-045 has been approved.

- E. Authorizing the Donation of \$2,000 for the Polar Plunge at Little River Casino Resort to benefit Special Olympics Michigan**
The Tribal Leadership has determined that donations to organizations which contribute to the community are appropriate for the purposes established by the Revenue Allocation plan and the restrictions imposed by IGRA. The donation will go toward providing year-round sport training, competition and health screenings for the athletes of Manistee County.

Speaker Riley said Jo from the casino is here to represent this item.

Jo said they are having a Polar Plunge for the Special Olympics on March 17th which is St. Patty's Day and they are requesting a donation from Tribal Council to help sponsor that. Jo said it goes to worthy causes. Jo said they have two employees at the Resort that are Special Olympics Athletes and they have two Tribal members that are also Special Athletes as well.

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Crampton that the answer is no. Riley asked is there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley said just to note that this is a \$1,000 from Council and a \$1,000 from the Ogema's Office. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said if there is no discussion he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0207-046;
AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$2,000 FOR THE POLAR
PLUNGE AT LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT TO BENEFIT
SPECIAL OLYMPICS MICHIGAN;** by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked is anybody going to abstain. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza asked did they clarify the logo alteration.

Speaker Riley and Recorder Lewis both said yes. Riley said yes that has been taken care of.

Councilor Di Piazza thanked them.

Speaker Riley asked any other discussion on the donation to the Special Olympics. Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel asked who is jumping.

Speaker Riley said he is jumping.

Councilor Di Piazza said that would be him.

Councilor Medacco said the Ogema also.

Speaker Riley said so maybe they will have to add that to the livestream for people to watch them all jump into the extremely cold water.

Councilor Crampton said he is not doing that.

Councilor Friedel said maybe Council and the Ogema can get the Police Department to jump as well.

Jennifer Crampton was talking from the audience and her comments were not picked up on the recording.

Jo said they are going to bring a pool that will sit outside the River Rock Sports Bar so..... Jo said the Fire Truck is going to fill it up so it is supposed to be pretty cold. Jo said there is an After Splash Bash in the Event Center afterwards so they are going to have a really nice day. Jo said they are going to have a Silent Auction as well.

Speaker Riley said he is hoping for a 70 degree St. Patty's Day. Riley said if there are no further comments and 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 - Absent
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0207-046 has been approved.

Jo thanked Council and Council thanked her.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, February 14, 2018

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Riley said the Ogema is at the United Tribes as previously mentioned.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Riley asked does anybody have anything for Legislative Affairs at this time. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said just one thing. Crampton said he is watching the lawsuits from Native American Tribes stacked up on the door of Ryan Zinke, the head of the Department of Interior. Crampton said he is not moving land and he is not answering ____ Requests and his travel is under suspect. Crampton said he is not serving them any good so when they get up there to D.C. they need to talk to the department because they need a new head.

Speaker Riley said so what Councilor Crampton is saying is.....never mind. Riley asked anybody else for Legislative Affairs.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley said at this point they will open it up for public comments.

No public comments were offered.

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 Riley said he will entertain a motion to end first open at 10:17.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:17; by Friedel; supported by Lewis.

Speaker 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 - Absent
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:04 a.m.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 11:04; by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker 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 - Absent
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said they are in second open.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis do they have anything to move from closed to open.

Recorder Lewis said yes they have.

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #18-0207-048, RESOLUTION #18-0207-050 AND ALSO RESOLUTION #18-0207-051, MOTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE INTO OPEN; by Lewis; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Riley asked is there any discussion. 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 - Absent
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said Resolution #18-0207-048, 050 and 051 have been moved to open; roll call, motion and vote.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0207-048, APPROVING EXECUTION OF SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM WITH MICHIGAN IRISH MUSIC FESTIVAL; by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg.

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. Lonm - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes	J. Riley - Yes
J. Friedel - Yes	R. Pete - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0207-050,
 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH AUTOMATED ELECTION
 SERVICES TO PROVIDE ELECTION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR
 THE SPECIAL ELECTION RUN-OFF ON MARCH 16, 2018, NOT
 TO EXCEED \$7,300;** by Medacco; supported by Lonm.

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

Roll Call #C-6

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0207-051,
 APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF
 REPLACEMENT CONTRACT WITH WEST PUBLISHING
 CORPORATION;** by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

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. Lonm - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes	J. Riley - Yes
J. Friedel - Yes	R. Pete - Absent	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

This concludes the items moved from closed to open session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Riley asked motion to adjourn at 11:05, anyone.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:05; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

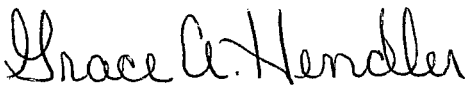
Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder