



**Megwa Ezhiweback**  
(What's happening now)

# Currents

**Mndoo-Giizis**  
(Spirit Moon)  
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## Upcoming Events

Elders Meal  
Aki Community  
Center  
Mon-Thur 12pm

Language Class  
Every Friday  
10:30am

Holiday Closure  
Dec. 22, 2017 –  
Jan. 2, 2018

Wisconsin Meet &  
Greet  
February 10, 2018

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## Little River Band, casino make donation for Onekama class trip

**ONEKAMA** —Each school year, the eighth grade class at Onekama Consolidated Schools works diligently to fundraise in order to support a class trip to Chicago at the end of the school year.

This trip is more than a sight-seeing tour. For many students in the class, it will be their first time leaving the state. The class trip is an opportunity for students to broaden their experience and understanding of the world.

However, as prices for travel have gone up and the median family income of students in Manistee County has gone down, the cost of this trip has become nearly unobtainable. This year, the students turned to caring community members and organizations to help them realize their fundraising goals.

Fortunately, they found a great partner in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Thanks to a donation of \$2,500 by the Little River Casino Resort, and a \$1,500 donation by the Little River Band Tribal Council and the Tribal Ogema – for a combined donation of \$4,000 – the Onekama Schools eighth grade students are nearing the finish line in their fundraising efforts.

On Tuesday afternoon officials Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Ogema Larry Romanelli, tribal council members, Little River Casino Resort General Manager Andrew Gentile presented Onekama Consolidated Schools eighth grade class officers Mairin McCarthy (president) Elizabeth Sidor (vice president) Madison Antal (representative)

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council and Casino Resort donated \$4,000 to the Onekama Consolidated Schools eighth grade class for their trip to Chicago in the spring. The trip will allow the students to meet up with students from St. Sylvester School in Chicago who worked with their Onekama counterparts on a project titled "The Common Ground Project." In September, each class worked to create and share a video to describe their communities and daily lives. (Ken Grabowski/News Advocate)



with a check for \$4,000.

"This year, we have planned a more comprehensive visit to Chicago by connecting with an urban school in downtown Chicago," explains eighth grade class advisor (and Onekama teacher) Megan McCarthy. "This opportunity will allow our students to have meaningful interaction with students from backgrounds different from their own."

The partnership between Onekama School and St. Sylvester School in Chicago has been titled "The Common Ground Project." In September, each class worked to create and share a video to describe their communities and daily lives. In October, the classes participated in a live video

conference to meet one another, respond to the student-created videos, compare life experiences, and ask questions.

"During the course of the year, we will engage in meaningful academic exchanges to help the students learn more about one another," said McCarthy. "Students will read the same texts and share insights through FlipGrid, Google Hangouts, Padlet, and other digital applications."

"It has already been incredible to see these students interact. They ask thoughtful questions and give provoking responses. The students are incredibly respectful and open with one another. I couldn't be more pleased."

The culmination of the

Common Ground Project will be when the students meet their new friends face-to-face when the Onekama class travels to Chicago for a three-day trip in May. Together, the two classes will participate in a joint service project.

It is an adventure that students are anxiously awaiting – and one that is being made possible in part due to the generosity of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

"We are so grateful to the Little River Casino and to the Tribal Council and Tribal Ogema for supporting our students," said McCarthy.

"Their commitment to the

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January Birthdays! Happy Birthday!

Karen Alther	Garry Hale	Larry Romanelli
Charles Antoine Jr.	Phyllis Howell	Margaret Rose
Daniel Bailey	Virgil Johnson	Kathleen Ross
Ronald Barwacz	Robert Johnston	Virginia Schmittou
Peggy Boxer	Romaine Jonaitis	Rita Schurino
Stanley Bray	Nancy Kempton	Richard Shepard
Glen Burmeister	Carol Kerr	June Stanfield
Carol Burnett	John Koon	June Strobel
Lawrence Campeau	Mary McCauley	Augusta Stuck
John Cantu	Ann McClellan	Nancy Tolley
Donna Cogswell	Julia Nickleson	Asa Tompkins
Stewart Cogswell	Juanita O'Connor	Patsy Treanor
Donna Congleton	Janet Parker	Bettie Van Patten
Darlene Fraly	Darlene Pineda	Anita Wellman-Pence
Lee Frisbie	Donald Ray	Robert Whiteloon
Harriette Grantsynn	Gladys Romain	Kenneth Willard

November Worksession Attendance

Date	Work Session Title	Jamie Friedel	Ron Wittenberg	Shannon Crampton	Gary DiPiazza	Diane Lonn	Frankie Medacco	Joe Riley, II	Sandra Lewis	Ron Pete	Total
11/02/17	Enrollment Ordinance	x	x		x			x	x	x	6
11/03/17	Irish Music Festival	x	x					*	x	*	3
11/06/17	501C Charitable	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	7
11/06/17	Agenda Review	x	x	x				x	x	x	6
11/07/17	Housing Ord and Regs	x	x	P		x	x	x	x	V	6
11/07/17	BIA	x	x	P		x	x	x	x	V	6
11/07/17	Donation Presentation	x	x				x	x	x	V	5
11/07/17	2017 Goals	x	x					*	x	V	3
11/07/17	Government Financials	x	x					x	x	V	4
11/13/17	Agenda Review	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	7
11/14/17	Public Defender	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	8
11/20/17	Tribal Court Ordinance	x	x		x	V	x		V	V	4
11/20/17	FEPC	x	x		x	V	x		V	V	4
11/27/17	Government 2018 Budget	x		x	x	x	x	*	x	x	7
11/27/17	Agenda Review	x	x	x	x	x	x	V	x	x	8
11/28/17	Elder Meals & Grants	x	x		x	x	x	V	x	x	7
11/30/17	Housing Ordinance	x				x	x	x	x	x	6
Total - 17		17	15	4	8	8	11	10	15	9	

\*=Business Related    V=Vacation    B=Bereavement    P=Participated by Phone

Letter from the Ogema

Aanii,  
The Tribe has been very busy over the past few months as there is a lot going on. Not in any particular order, LRBOI has established an Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for the first time in its history. This board will oversee several of our enterprises/businesses with the exception of the Little River Casino Resort. The board of directors is put in place to begin the first of January 2018 and will include the Ogema, two tribal councilors, and four other positions. Our Muskegon casino project still inches along and we are putting on a push to keep it moving in the right direction. Recent actions and work on the project have been beneficial.

The Odeno, 282 homes to be built in Fruitport is moving along better than expected because of the unexpected warm weather in November. Basements have been started on several lots. It is exciting to see this project progress. Ayaa continues to make contacts and establish itself with new names and products coming out in recent months. The Little River Trading Post C-Store will now be placed and run under the LRCR starting January 1st 2018. We are in the process of making those adjustments and thank the Resort staff for their assistance. With a few hiccups to resolve, the Gathering Grounds area improvements are mostly completed. There are still some

issues with electrical services that need to be worked through and hopefully bath house improvements in the near future. The Next Generation Learning Center continues to grow its number of children served and adjust to the needs of our employees and the community. Our Pharmacy is now in service. Again, we are working through some details. It is important to know that at this time, there are no changes to your prescription services. There are some misconceptions that are simply not true. There will be a Work Session with Tribal Council sometime after the holidays to address the concerns. Our downtown Bank Building is now completely leased as are most of our other rental

properties thanks to the work within our Commerce Department. We are now working on changes to the Currents and the Rapid River News to make them easier to access for members. I am hoping to give a State of the Tribe report shortly after the first of the new year which could be put on the website. I know some members, including myself, have been having difficulties logging on to the website in which, when you try to log on, the system does not seem to remember your password making access almost impossible. I believe we are coming up with a better system in 2018. Prayers for those tribal members we've lost in 2017 and for their



families. Please pray for those who are going through some serious health issues. To everyone, please have a safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year.





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future of our county’s children along with support from individuals who have stepped forward to sponsor one or more students’ costs toward the trip is a signal to Onekama’s students that their community believes in them and is willing to support efforts designed to enrich their lives.”

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Ogema Larry Romanelli said they are always happy to support the children of this area.

“We appreciate being able to do that and of course the local community is part of our community,” said Romanelli. “If we can work together both ways it can work so well. Children of course are so important. To watch this happen where they are moving ahead and learning is so

important and we are always happy to help.”

Manistee Little River Casino Resort General Manager Andrew Gentile said after hearing the classes story they wanted to assist in making the students dream come true for a trip to Chicago.

“When we got the letter and they said they weren’t able to go last year we wanted to help,” he said. “We have a lot of our team members at the casino where their kids go to Onekama Schools, so it was really important to give back and help the school. It’s an important trip and they just told us how much they enjoy communicating with the peer school. The fact that a lot of them haven’t ever got out of their community before makes a trip like this important and it would be a big shame if they couldn’t make it.”

Kchi Miigwech (thanks) to the Positive Indian Parents and Children for Sharing their Little River Rolling Stones





# Odeno Homes



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Ron Stroup  
616-638-6447

Marketing & Sales: **DIRK STONE**  
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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

## Accepting bids for a General Maintenance Contractor

### SERVICES/SCOPE OF WORK

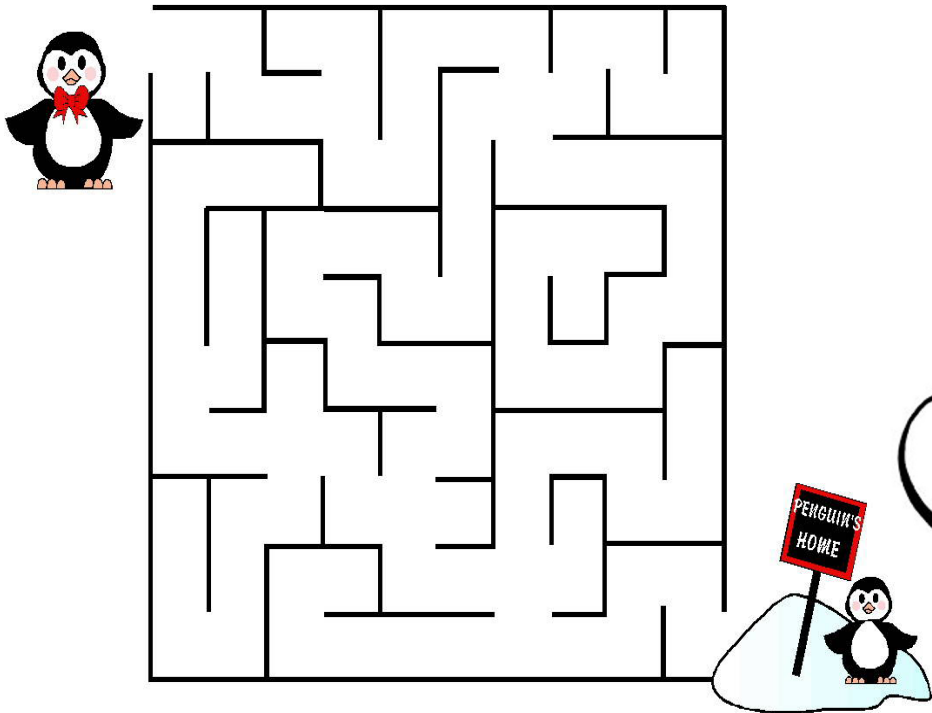
The Tribe has a periodic need for General Maintenance Services. The Tribe intends to award a general service contract with a term of two years. Services under the agreement may include, but are not limited to finished carpentry, drywall, painting, roofing, and siding repair. Must have proof of liability insurance, auto insurance, as well as workers compensation.

The Tribe's intent is to contract with a contractor to ensure that a contractor is available when needed. Services shall not include major Electrical, HVAC, and Plumbing as the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has already established a Master Agreement for such services. Bid information can be obtained from contacting Michelle Lucas at [mlucas@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:mlucas@lrboi-nsn.gov).

# Kid's Activities

## Penguin's Home

Help your penguin friend find his home.



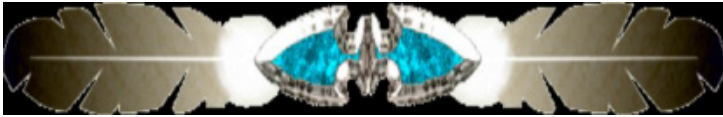
## Match the Words

Mzhaakwat nangwaa	It is a hot day today
Wiigmiwaan waabang	It is mild day today
Giiksinaamgat jiinaagwaa	It will be a windy day tomorrow
Wiiniimkiikaa waabang	It is snowing today
Mnagiizhgam nangwaa	It was a foggy day yesterday
Aabwa nangwa	It will rain tomorrow
Giiawaan jiinaagwaa	It was a cold day yesterday
Wiinoodin waabang	It will thunder tomorrow
Zookpo nangwaa	It is a good day today
Gizhaatemgam nangwaa	It is a clear day today

## Adjectives

	<u>Animate</u>	<u>Inanimate</u>
Big	Mdidaa	Michaa
Little	Gaachhiinhi	Gaachin
Black	Mkadewzi	Mkade'wa
White	Waabshkizi	Waabshkaa
Dirty	Wiinaagwazi	Wiinaagwat
Clean	Biinaagwazi	Biinaagwat
Dry	Baasa	Baate
Wet	Nisaabaawe	Nisaabaa'e





## Niishwaaswi Mishoomisag Gchitwaa – Kinoomaadwinan

### The Seven Grandfather Teachings

Bezhiik Nibwaakaawin

#### One: Wisdom

*Wii-nagdoowenmiing gaa-be-kinoomaagooyiing mii-maanda  
aabideg waakendamiing*

We must take care of our teachings, as they were taught to us  
Niizh Zaagidwein

#### Two: Love

*Wii-kendaamiing zaagidwin, mii maanda gezhi-kendamiing  
nibwaakaawin*

For us to know "Love" is to know wisdom  
Nswi Minaadwndmowin

#### Three: Respect

*Wii-kendimiing kina gaazhichigaadek kina etek maampii  
gidkamik ezhi-gchitoowendaagwak*

Here on this earth we must know the sacredness of Creation  
Niiwin Aakadewin

#### Four: Bravery

*Wii-kenmiing mii=aakadewiying zanagendmowin zhiwebak  
mii-maanda gaa-miingooyiing wii-nsasstamiing zhinda etek*

When life becomes difficult, the gift of Bravery gives us Strength  
Naanan Dibadendizwin

#### Five: Humility

*Wii-kenming kina enchiyyiing debendaagziyiing maampii  
gidkamik*

We are all part of Creation  
Ngodwaaswi Giwekwaadiziwin

#### Six: Honesty

*Wii-kenmiing pii gegoo zhiwebag gwek wii-wiindamaadziyiing*

When something good happens, we need to recognize it  
Niizhwaaswi Debwewin

#### Seven: Truth

*Debwewom kina wii-kenmiing*  
Truth is to live by the Seven Grandfather Teachings

### Three Sisters Legend

A long time ago 3 sisters lived together in a field. The sisters were very different in size, shape and appearance. The youngest wore velvet green with beautiful ribbons. She was only able to crawl but with the help of her two older sisters she was able to stand up. The second sister wore bright yellow and loved to run across the fields when the sun was shining. The third sister had silky hair and worn a green shawl. She stood very tall and straight and always guarded her two younger sisters. As different as these girls were they were very close and knew they could not survive apart. Native legend has it that they were known as the sustainers of life.

One day a little boy came and played in the field. The sisters were intrigued by him as he ran around, jumping and yelling. They watched him all day but as evening came on he wandered off. The sisters wondered where he might have gone. One day later in the summer the youngest girl who couldn't stand up disappeared. The two sisters watched and waited for her but she never returned. They began to mourn the loss of their beloved sister.

Once more the little boy returned to the sister's field. Again the two watched as he played and got reeds from the river's edge. That night the middle sister, the one who wore the bright yellow, disappeared. The oldest sister who stood tall, prayed and prayed that one day her and her sisters would be reunited.

As winter grew closer the oldest sister's hair grew dull and her green shawl began to fade. She loved her sisters and knew her survival depended on her

being together with her sisters.

One day late in the fall the boy returned to the field and heard the oldest sister crying. His heart ached because she sounded so sad. He picked her up and carried her to his home. There she found her missing two sisters!! Now that they were once again together they were able to sustain each other.

#### HOW TO GROW A "THREE SISTER" GARDEN:

1. Buy the seeds. Make sure you buy pole beans. You also want to make sure the squash seeds are the trailing variety.
2. When to plant: Best time is when the evening temperature stays above 50 degrees, usually late May or early June.
3. Preparing the garden: Chose area the will get the most daylight, usually 8 hours at least. Work some compost into the soil. First make a mound about 4 feet around and 10-12 inches high. Make 4 holes, about 12 inches apart, plant 4-6 kernels in each hole about an inch deep. Cover kernels and water.
4. When corn reaches 4 inches plant the pole beans. Plant beans 6 inches from the mound, plant them 1 inch deep. Cover the beans and water.
5. One week after the beans sprout plant 6 squash seeds 1 foot away from the squash plants. Plant them in a hole 1 inch deep. Cover them and water.
6. Remember to weed plants so they can grow. Keep soil moist, water often.

Marcella Leusby

## Answers to Match the Words on page 6

Mzhaakwat nangwaa  
Wiigmiwaan waabang  
Giiksinaamgat jiinaagwaa  
Wiiniimkiikaa waabang  
Mnagiizhgam nangwaa  
Aabwa nangwa  
Giiawaan jiinaagwaa  
Wiinoodin waabang  
Zookpo nangwaa  
Gizhaatemgat nangwaa

It is a hot day today  
It will rain tomorrow  
It was a cold day yesterday  
It will thunder tomorrow  
It is a good day today  
It is mild day today  
It was a foggy day yesterday  
It will be a windy day tomorrow  
It is snowing today  
It is a hot day today

## LITTLE RIVER HOLDINGS, LLC Board of Directors



Wednesday November 29th, the initial organizational meeting of the board of directors for Little River Holdings, LLC took place in the Lodge at the government building. Many Tribal Council Members, the Ogema, members of the Commerce department/commission, and partners attended this meeting. After reviewing some general historical information relating to the involvement of indigenous peoples in commerce-related activities, a general review of tribal investments and their risk/reward rankings was made. Specific organizational documents relating to the EDC were also presented for the board to review prior to their first official meeting. Finally, Gary and Sandy Lewis blessed the ceremony with song and Judge Bailey swore in members of the board.

## LRBOI Phone Survey

This is an update on telephone survey being conducted as we are getting close to completion. We have 36 more surveys to complete. If contacted to participate, please consider taking the survey.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is conducting a personalized survey called the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) as part of the 2017 Native American BRFS Project. In the past, Native Americans, have been underrepresented in such surveys; this survey will give our tribe a more accurate and fair representation.

The benefits of your participation will be valuable to our Tribe. The data from the BRFSS will be very useful in applying for grants, requesting funds, starting new health programs, and to determine the effectiveness of existing programs. The BRFSS information will give our Tribe a better idea of the community smoking rates, diabetes rates, exercise, and nutrition habits and many other health risk behaviors.

This survey is sponsored by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Health Disparity Reduction and Minority Health and will be conducted

by Michigan State University. If you see a telephone number on your caller ID with a 517 area code, this may be the surveyor from Michigan State University. We hope that you will also help by agreeing to participate if you are called.

If the surveyor doesn't reach you, they may leave a voice message asking you to call them back. This is a legitimate call and we hope that you will call them back if you are selected. The Michigan State University Lab Hours in which you may call the number which is left on your voice mail are:

Sunday: 11am-9pm  
Monday: 9am-9:30 pm  
Tuesday: 9am-9:30 pm  
Wednesday: 9am-9:30 pm  
Thursday: 9am-9:30pm  
Friday: 9am-9:30 pm  
Saturday: 9am-7pm

If you have any questions, please contact the LRB Tribal BRFSS Coordinator, Dottie Batchelder, at 231-398-6741.

Miigwetch for your contribution to this exciting project!

*Dottie Batchelder,  
Tribal BRFSS Coordinator  
LRBOI Health Services/Be Da Bin*

## Food Distribution

Food Distribution Program (FDPIR) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodity to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and Snap Program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification, in determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Commodity Program.

<b>USDA Income Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Monthly Income Standards October 1, 2016 through September 31, 2017</b>	
Household Size	Income Limits
1	\$ 1,165.00
2	\$ 1,514.00
3	\$ 1,862.00
4	\$ 2,220.00
5	\$ 2,598.00
6	\$ 2,975.00
7	\$ 3,323.00
8	\$ 3,672.00
<b>For each additional member add \$349.00</b>	

Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.

Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M  
Lunch hour is 12:00 - 1:00

Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson  
1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program  
Office 231-398-6716 or 231-398-6715



## Emergency Council Meeting: November 1, 2017

### Open Session

1. Adoption of the Revised FY 2018-2021

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP)

The Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) needs to be updated and submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Roads Program to identify projects that are scheduled for calendar years 2018-2021.

Motion by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel.

### Roll Call

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

*Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)*

2. Cancellation of Saturday, November 4, 2017 Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council wishes to cancel the meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2017 due to the Tribal Judge's availability or being conflicted for Mr. Ryan Champagne to be sworn in.

Motion by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg. Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said Councilor Medacco is abstaining. Councilor Medacco said he will abstain and he will explain the reason why. Medacco said the reason why he is abstaining is because pending the outcome of this it is a financial gain for him. Speaker Riley asked any further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

### Roll Call

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

*Motion Failed (2-4-1-2)*

### Roll Call Voting Key

 Yes	 Abstain
 No	 Absent

## Council Meeting: November 4, 2017

### General Business

1. Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes for 10/25/17 for Filing

Motion by Pete; supported by Friedel.

### Roll Call

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

*Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)*

Continuing Business.

### Old Business

Speaker Riley said they have nothing under Old Business. Riley said what they like to do is keep the agenda fairly open so they can have an extended public comment period so they can answer any questions that they have.

### New Business

1. Adoption of Amendments to Gaming Ordinance & Authorization for the Unified Legal Department to Submit to National Indian Gaming Commission for Review and Approval

Tribal Council is recommending revisions to Ordinance #10-400-10.

Motion by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

### Roll Call

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

*Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)*

### Concluding Business

- Next Meeting Date(s)  
Wednesday, November 8, 2017
- Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update
- Legislative Affairs Update
- Public Comment Period

### Grants & Contracts

### Budget Modifications

### Approval of Budgeted Expenditures

Speaker Riley said they have nothing under

## Council Meeting: November 8, 2017

### General Business

1. Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes for 11/1/17 for Filing

Motion by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg.

### Roll Call

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

*Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)*

### Budget Modifications

### Approval of Budgeted Expenditures

Acting Speaker Lewis said there is nothing under A, Grants & Contracts, B, Budget Modifications and C, Approval of Budgeted Expenditure.

### Old Business

- Financial Commission – September 2017
- Enrollment Commission – September 2017
- Enrollment Commission – November 2017

Acting Speaker Lewis said the reports that are due for August and September, 2017. Lewis said the Little River Band Tribal Government Preference Report and they are accepting reports under

financial Reports under A, September 2017, B, Enrollment Commission for September 2017 and November 2017. Lewis said that moves them down to New Business.

### New Business

1. Resolution to Repeal Resolution #16-1105-334- Authorization to Prohibit the Allowance of Paid Time Off "Cash Out" Policies at any Tribal Enterprise or Entity

Upon reviewing current policies and proposed changes presented by the Little River Casino Resort Tribal Council has determined it is in the best interests of the Tribe to repeal the resolution. Motion by Pete; supported by Lonn.

### Grants & Contracts

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)****Items Moved from Closed to Open Session**

Acting Speaker Lewis asked do they have any items to move from Closed to Open Session.

Acting Recorder Wittenberg said yes and that he would like to make a motion.

1. Motion To Move Motion And Roll Call Vote Only On Resolution #17-1108-378, 379,380,381 And 382;

Motion by Wittenberg; supported by Di Piazza.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)**

2. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1108-378, Approving 2018 Expenditure With Imagine This; Motion by Pete; supported by Medacco.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)**

3. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1108-379, Ratification Of Crossmatch CMT Maintenance Agreement;

Motion by Pete; supported by Medacco.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)**

4. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1108-380, Approving Tribal Ogema's Execution Of Contract With JMT Consulting;

Motion by Pete; supported by Lonn.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)**

5. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1108-381, Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding By And Between The Inter-Tribal Council Of Michigan, Inc. And Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians For Partnership In The Michigan Tribe Home Visiting Network;

Motion by Pete; supported by Lonn.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)**

6. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1108-382, Approval Of Little River Casino Resort 2018 Operating Budget;

Motion by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (7-0-0-2)****Council Meeting: November 15, 2017****General Business**

1. Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes for 11/4/17 and 11/8/17 for Filing

Motion by Lewis; supported by Pete.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)****Grants & Contracts**

Speaker Riley noted nothing under Grants & Contracts.

**Budget Modifications**

1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-

\_ in the amount of \$95,000

The Tribe has received a modification of additional funding.

Motion by Pete; supported by Lonn.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

2. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-2018 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-

\_ in the amount of \$152,870

The Tribe has received a new grant award.

Motion by Pete; supported by Lonn.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

3. Acceptance of grant funds from the Michigan Department of Education-Great Start Readiness Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-\_ in the amount of \$6,210

The Tribe has received a modification from Wexford-Missaukee & Manistee ISD.

Motion by Pete; supported by Lonn.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**



4. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017-\_-4th QTR to replenish the Housing Stock Reserve Fund in the amount of \$1,400,000  
Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #20 17-022 signed by the Tribal Controller.  
Motion by Lewis; supported by Friedel.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

5. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017-\_-4th QTR to fund Ogema's Legal Fees in the Ogema v. Tribal Council Case amount of \$15,000  
Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2017-023 signed by the Tribal Controller.  
Motion by Pete; supported by Lewis.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (8-1-0-0)**

6. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2017-\_-4th QTR for the replacement of existing range and oven set at the Aki Community Center Elder's Meal Program for an amount not to exceed \$6,000  
The existing range/oven set is of unknown age and frequently malfunctions and several attempts to have the equipment serviced has been unsuccessful.  
Motion by Pete; supported by Lewis.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

7. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2017-\_-; Authorizing the modification of the Great Start Readiness Budget in the amount of \$90,279  
Tribal Council must approve the re-allocation of funds within a Program Budget that exceeds 10% of the total original Program Budget.  
Motion by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

8. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2017-\_-; Authorizing the transfer of funding from the Unified Legal Department Budget to the Prosecutor Budget in the amount of \$23,000  
Tribal Council must approve any change in the scope of a program such as the elimination of program activities.  
Motion by Pete; supported by Wittenberg.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (7-2-0-0)****Approval of Budgeted Expenditures**

1. Approval of Expenditure for Emergency Repairs at 284 River Street; House of Flavors  
Immediate replacement of the furnace is required by Custom Sheet Metal in the amount of \$26,600.  
Motion by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)****Acceptance of Reports**

Speaker Riley said they have none submitted for this week for Operations and Financial Reports.

**Acceptance of Commission Reports**

- Gaming Commission – October 2017
- Speaker Riley said they have received the October 2017 Report from the Gaming Commission. Riley said at this time are there any questions or discussion on the reports.

**Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities**

- Elders Committee Minutes – October 2017
  - LRCR Preference Report – October 2017
- Speaker Riley said they have received the October 2017 Elders Committee Minutes and the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for October 2017. Riley asked are there any questions or discussion

on those.

**Old Business**

Speaker Riley said they still have August and/or September due from the Natural Resource and Commerce Commissions.

**New Business**

1. Approval by Resolution for Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Donation to the VFW Custer Gold Bar Post 5096 in the amount of \$4,000 that is sufficient for the purchase of a U.S. Flag and Flag Pole and its installation

Check Request will be generated based on the costs reflected in the supporting documentation provided by the Purchasing Department and arrangements will be made with the VFW for Presentation of the Check.

Motion by Pete; supported by Friedel.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

2. Approval to Post Proposed Amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance #04- 200-01 for 30 Day Public Comment Period

A work session was held on November 2, 2017 and the proposed amendments to change the position title of Enrollment Officer to Enrollment Coordinator were discussed and now needs to be posted for 30 days for public comment.

Motion by Pete; supported by Lonn.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

3. Approval to Rescind Resolution #12-0905-240 and Resolution #17-1011-349 to remit half of all Fair Market Housing Rental Income in Aki Maadiziwin to the Housing Stock Reserve  
Tribal Council has determined that all Fair Market Homes in Aki Maadiziwin should have half of their

**Roll Call Voting Key**

Yes



Abstain



No



Absent

revenues used to replenish the Housing Stock Reserve Account for the purpose of continued construction of Fair Market Homes.  
Motion by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

4. Approval of Great Lakes Policy and Procedure Manual for Commercial and Subsistence Fishing Permits

The Natural Resource Commission approved the manual by Resolution #17-1113- 005 at their 11/13/17 Meeting.

Motion by Di Piazza; supported by Friedel.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)****Items Moved from Closed to Open Session**

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis if they had anything to move from Closed to Open.

Recorder Lewis responded yes.

1. Motion To Move Resolution #17-1115-396, Also 397,398,399, 400, 401, And 402; Moving Into Open The Resolution, Roll Call And Vote;  
Motion by Lewis; supported by Medacco.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

2. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1115-396, Authorization Of Transfer Of Little River Trading Post From Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians Government To Little River Casino Resort;  
Motion by Friedel; supported by Pete.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (8-1-0-0)**

3. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1115-397, Little River Holdings, LLC, Economic Development Corporation Enabling Resolution;  
Motion by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

4. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1115-398, Ratification Of An Agreement With Grand Valley Automation For Prevention Maintenance On The Government Center Hv Ac Control System;

Motion by Medacco; supported by Friedel.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

5. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1115-399, Ratification Of An Agreement With Vandyken Mechanical For The Maintenance On The Government HVAC System;  
Motion by Medacco; supported by Friedel.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

6. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1115-400, Approving Tribal Ogema's Execution Of Contract With Rehmann Robson;  
Motion by Pete; supported by Medacco.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

7. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1115-401, Ratification Of Subscription And Technical Assistance Agreement & Web Site And

Maintenance Addendum With Red-E Set Grow, LLC;

Motion by Pete; supported by Lewis.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

8. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1115-402, Asset Management Plan Contract With Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc.;

Motion by Medacco; supported by Friedel.

**Roll Call**

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)****Roll Call Voting Key**

Yes



Abstain



No



Absent





## Council Meeting: November 29, 2017

### General Business

1. Acceptance of Tribal Council Minutes for 11/15/17 for Filing

Motion by Pete; Supported by Lonn

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

### Grants & Contracts

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

### Budget Modifications

1. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2017-\_; Authorizing the modification of the Child & Family Development Construction Budget in the amount of \$13,599.23

Tribal Council must approve the re-allocation of funds within a Program Budget that exceeds 10% of the total original Program Budget.

Motion by Pete; supported by Lonn.

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

### Approval of Budgeted Expenditures

1. Authorization for Speaker Riley to travel to Washington, D.C. on December 4-8, 2017

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has extended an invitation for the 2017 Holiday Reception on Capitol Hill. Speaker Riley, Ogema Romanelli and Councilor Pete will be meeting with the BIA on the Tribe's Two-Part Determination during this time as well.

Motion by Pete; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley said so Recorder Lewis still supports that. Riley said he is still abstaining and is there any discussion on this motion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-1-0)**

Recorder Lewis noted the motion has been approved for authorization for Speaker Riley to travel to Washington, D.C. on December 4-8, 2017.

### Old Business

- Commerce Commission – September 2017  
Speaker Riley said they have some reports due from August, September and October still. Riley said they did receive the Commerce Commission Report for September. Riley asked is there any discussion on the reports at this time. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said NRC will be meeting December so they should be caught up then. Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Di Piazza.

### New Business

1. Approval of Little River Casino Resort 2018 Liquor License

The On-Site and Off-Site Liquor License is required to sell alcoholic beverages at the Resort.

Motion by Lewis; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions.

Riley said he just actually have one question.

Riley asked that this includes the C-Store's Liquor License for next year as well.

Tribal Council replied yes.

Speaker Riley thanked them. Riley asked is there any further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

2. Approve Posting of Amendments to the Tribal Court Ordinance #12-300-01 for 30 Day Public Comment Period

The Tribal Council had drafted amendments to this ordinance in order to resolve any conflicts with the 2016 Constitutional Amendments.

Motion by Friedel; supported by Pete.

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

3. Approval for Permanent Adoption of the Emergency Amendments to the Fair

Employment Practices Code, Ordinance #05-600-03

Current Emergency Amendments address conflicts in Federal Law suspending the application of Section 16.08 in order to support repeal of the Gaming Regulation Chapter 13 R#400-04:GC-13, providing direction and compliance support to the Gaming Commission staff. Nothing has changed in the year this has been in effect.

Motion by Pete; supported by Lonn.

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

4. Postponing of Adoption the Fiscal Year 2018 Tribal Government Operations Budget Until Second Open

Tribal Council is authorized to approve the annual budget received on 11/21/17 presented by the Tribal Ogema.

Motion by Pete; supported by DiPiazza.

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

Recorder Lewis said it has been postponed for adopting the Fiscal Year 2018 Tribal Government Operations Budget.

### Items Moved from Closed to Open Session

1. Motion To Move Motion, Roll Call And Vote Of Resolution #17-1129-407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414 And 415;

Motion by Lewis; supported by Medacco.

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

2. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1129-407, Ratification Of 20Mb Internet Contract With AT&T For The NGLC;

Motion by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

3. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1129-408, Adoption Of Employee Training Loan And Payment Agreement And Approval For Tribal Ogema To Execute These Agreements;

Motion by Friedel; supported by Lonn.

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

4. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1129-409, Approval Of Master Agreement With Nichols For Janitorial Supplies;

Motion by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

5. Motion To Approve Resolution# 17-1129-410, Approving Of Master Agreement With C&I Electric To Provide The Tribe With Electric Maintenance And Rep Air Services;

Motion by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

6. Motion To Approve Resolution 17-1129-411, Approving Of Master Agreement With Continental Linen To Provide The Tribe With Mat & Linen Services;

Motion by Medacco; supported by Friedel.

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

7. Motion To Approve Resolution 17-1129-412, Approval Of Master Agreement With Johnson & Wood, LLC, To Provide The Tribe With HVAC Maintenance And Rep Air Services;

Motion by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

8. Motion To Approve Resolution 17-1129-413, Approval Of Master Agreement With Johnson & Wood, LLC To Provide The Tribe With Plumbing Maintenance And Rep Air Services;

Motion by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

9. Motion To Approve Resolution 17-1129-414, Approval Of Master Agreement With Rose Pest Management Solutions For Pest Control Services;

Motion by Medacco; supported by Friedel.

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

10. Motion To Approve Resolution 17-1129-415, Ratification Of Securemax And Pro-Vision Contract;

Motion by Medacco; supported by Friedel.

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

**Motion Carried (8-0-0-1)**

## Second Open

1. Adopting the Fiscal Year 2018 Tribal Government Operations Budget

Tribal Council is authorized to approve the annual budget received on 11/21/17 presented by the Tribal Ogema.

Motion by Medacco; supported by Friedel.

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**

2. Appropriating Funds for Expenditures During the First Quarter of FY2018 in Accordance with Section 5.07 of the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013

Tribal Council appropriates funds for expenditures for the following fiscal quarter by March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1.

Motion by Medacco; supported by Friedel.

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

**Motion Carried (9-0-0-0)**



# Elders Christmas Party

The Annual Tribal Elders Christmas Party was held in the Conference Center at the Little River Band Casino Resort.

A wonderful time was held by all. The Casino Staff outdid themselves with the decorations and the hospitality. The room sparkled with holiday cheer. The tables were decorated with Christmas centerpieces of different colors. There were twinkling lights all over the room and beautiful red poinsettias along the stage. They had Christmas music playing in the background throughout the party. It was a sight that made all happy as they entered.

Buffets were set up on each side of the room. Food was great and all had plenty to eat. The Tribal children, under the direction of Deb Davis from the Education Department, had children singing, some doing skits. The cutest thing was the 3 year olds and up, doing the four seasons skits, it was adorable. They finished with all singing a song. Thank you Deb Davis, it was so entertaining. The Elders had a gift exchange, if you did not want to participate you did not, but many did. I did and received perfume. It was fun. Near the end of the event, door prizes were drawn. Some of the prizes were turkeys, lap blankets, gift cards. Finally, thank you to the Casino for the gift everyone received from them, the cooler is neat.

This year some of the Elders decided to have an ugly sweatshirts contest, this was a riot. The table that really outdid themselves was Sally Jobe's group, mostly her relatives. You could see this group can party and have fun. Thank you Sally, for thinking of this activity. Hopefully we can spread the news around so others will participate.

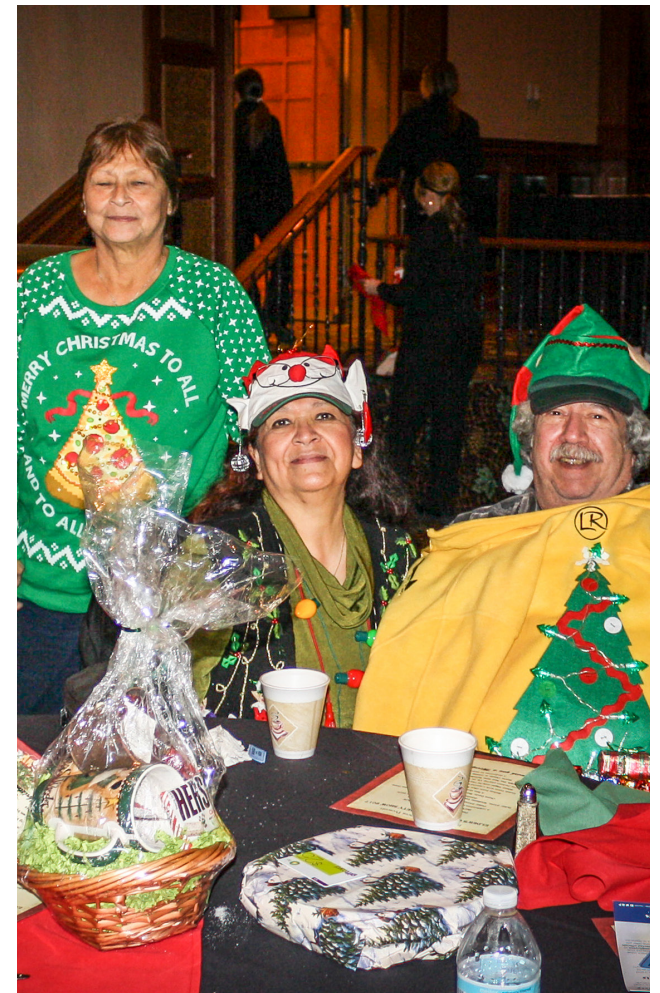
I know I went home with a smile on my face, I love when the Elders get together, they get to talk to friends or family they have not seen for a long time. There is always laughing, hugging, and just happiness in the air.

I want to thank the Casino Employees for the great job they did, in taking care of the Elders. We appreciated it. The back of the house, for the food that was fantastic. Thank you to the Elders Committee for the great job they did, especially Mary Thomas, who organized and got a lot of it done for the Elders.

*Diane Lonn*



The Ugly Christmas Sweaters







Dottie Batchelder, Be-Da-Bin SUD Counselor

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

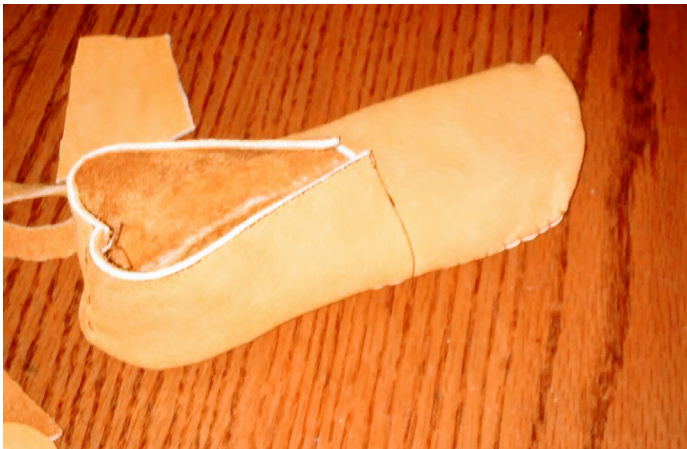
All,  
Please join me in congratulating Dottie Batchelder, Be-Da-Bin SUD Counselor on receiving a community recognition award from Centra Wellness for her work in helping not only the Tribal Community, but also the Manistee Community address issues of substance abuse, mental health and suicide prevention.  
Great job Dottie! The work that you, and all of Be-Da-Bin does, makes a difference!

Miigwetch,  
Don MacDonald  
Director of Health Services  
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

## Mkizinan Making Class



Maddie Jensen first pair of self-made Mkizian



During the months of October and November three Mkizinan making classes were held in Manistee and Muskegon. The classes were a great success, with 53 people attending classes, with most participants finishing at least one mkizin during the class, and all of them with a good start on finishing the whole pair. I would like to thank everyone that attended and the Natural Resources Department. Without the help of the Natural Resources grant funding the class would not have been possible. This is just one of the classes we will be having to teach the teachers. The Education Department would like to thank Krystal Davis from Be Da bin for all her help. Watch the currents for future classes.

Kathleen Nearanz



# Commerce Department



## NEW HOME PROJECT AT AKI MAADIZIWIN

The first of ten new homes have been completed at Aki Maadiiziwin. Pictured are the “key” players in the project as Ogema Larry Romanelli receives a set of keys from General Contractor Ron Stroup. Watching on left to right are Tribal Council Members Jamie Friedel, Gary DiPiazza, Speaker Joseph Riley II, Ogema Romanelli, Contractor Ron Stroup, and Tribal Council Members Sandy Lewis and Ron Wittenberg.

### Training Opportunities Through LRBOI & Commerce/Workforce Development

It is the goal of the Commerce/Workforce Development Program to work in collaboration with each department of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to increase the productivity of each employee. We will work with any LRBOI department to determine training needs of an individual or a group through different resources available to us.

**Job Readiness Training** consists of resume and cover letter preparation, preparing for the interview, how to correctly fill out a job application, job searching strategy, and other training applications designed to prepare the individual for work and job retention. To make a one on one appointment, contact David Hawley, Workforce Development Specialist, at 231-398-6842 or dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov .

**Development & Training:** Various training and services as needed for LRBOI Citizens not limited to the following: preemployment drug testing, pre-employment physicals, purchase of bus passes, procurement of drivers record, job interviewing skills, unmet college/university course fees and miscellaneous fees. The maximum amount per applicant that will be paid on their behalf to third party vendors is \$300.00 per calendar year. Access to funding in the Development & Training component is limited to 3 times per tribal member within a 5 year period (up to \$300.00 per calendar year which is 365 days from date of last service).

We will coordinate LRBOI program services with outside agency services to allow for the maximum benefit to the Tribal Citizen.

- 1. Applicant must be an enrolled LRBOI Tribal Citizen and at least 18 years of age.
- 2. Applicant must be enrolled in the LRBOI Workforce

- Development Program.
- 3. Funds will be paid directly to third party vendors on behalf of the Tribal Citizen.
  - 4. Funds will only be released with proper documentation: invoices, bill, estimate, etc.
  - 5. By providing a receipt, Tribal Citizen may be reimbursed for fees paid out-of-pocket.
  - 6. Access to funding is limited to three (3) times within a five (5) year period.

#### Work Experience and Internships

- Adult Work Experience (18+) 320 hours of short-term employment @ \$10.00/hour.
- Youth Work Experience (16-17) 320 hours of short-term employment @ \$10.00/hour.
- Internship (college students) 240 hours of short-term employment @ \$10.00/hour. Academic requirements and open to descendants.

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*Need help? Have questions? Call David Hawley, Workforce Development Specialist, at 231-398-6842 or dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov .*

## Take Control of Your Future!

Commerce/Workforce Development Program  
Benefits for Tribal Members\*:

- Internship  
..... 240 hours @ \$10.00 per hour
- Internship Hosting  
.....\$150.00 Honorarium
- Development & Training  
..... Up to \$300.00 per calendar year
- Career Assistance Voucher  
..... \$200.00 per calendar year
- Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher  
..... \$250.00 per calendar year
- GED/Adult Education Completion Voucher  
.....\$250.00 one time
- Adult Work Experience/Employment Program  
..... 320 hours @ \$10.00 per hour
- Youth Work Experience/Employment Program  
..... 320 hours @ \$8.90 per hour
- Job Seeker & Career Related Activities Work Station  
.....Upon Request
- GED Preparation Book  
.....Upon Request
- Job Readiness Training  
..... By Appointment
- Referral Services to Michigan Works!  
.....Free

\*Tribal Member/Workforce Development Program Applicant must meet eligibility requirements and component requirements. All programs subject to availability of funds. Applicants are served on a first come first served basis. Ask or see Program for details and eligibility requirements.

**NOTICE!!!**

A notice from Mary Thomas  
We have several seats that will become vacant in September and would like to remind people to apply.

Please contact Mary Thomas  
For application information  
*Mary Thomas, Ogema Executive Assistant*  
2608 Government Center Drive  
Manistee, MI 49660  
231-398-6824  
[mthomas@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:mthomas@lrboi-nsn.gov)

**Commissions:**

Binojeeuk Commission: 1:00 p.m., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Family Services Department  
Commerce Commission: 4:00p.m., 2nd Wednesday, Big Manistee Room at LRCR  
Enrollment Commission: 5:30 p.m., 2nd Tuesday, Enrollment Department  
Gaming Commission: 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Gaming Commission Office  
Health Commission: 4:30 p.m., 2nd Monday – Law Library  
Housing Commission: 9:00 a.m., 3rd Thursday, Aki Maadiziwin Community Center  
Natural Resource Commission: 5:00 p.m., 2nd Monday, Natural Resource Meeting

**Government is closed for the following Holidays**

New Years Day  
Treaty Recognition Day (3/28)  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Reaffirmation Day (9/21)  
Veterans Day  
Thanksgiving (Thurs & Fri)  
Christmas Eve (Half Day)  
Christmas Day

Just use the toll-free number 888.723.8288.  
Some areas of the government will continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety. Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities.  
It's always a good idea to call first.

**Job Postings****Position: Tribal Staff Attorney - Unified Legal Department**

**Summary:** The Tribal Staff Attorney is a member of the Tribe's unified Legal Department. The principal duty of the Tribal Staff Attorney is to provide in-house legal services to the Tribe. The duties and obligations of the Tribal Staff Attorney are primarily governed by the Tribe's Unified Legal Department Act of 2015 ("Act")

**Employment Qualifications:** A qualified candidate offers:

- J.D. Degree from an ABA-accredited law school; and
- One (1) or more years of law practice experience with a law firm, legal department, non-profit, or legal services organization; and
- a working knowledge of Federal Indian Law; and
- a current license to practice law in any U.S. state.

**Pay Grade:** E8

**Hiring Range:** \$75,545 - \$100,182

Conditions of employment with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government include: passing a pre-employment drug test and extensive background investigation. Candidates for this position will be required to have dependable transportation available to them without notice. For further information, please contact the LRBOI HR Department.

**Status:** Exempt; Contracted, Bi-Weekly pay

Application Instructions:

Obtain an application form and a copy of the position description by contacting Human Resources at:

*LRBOI HR Department,  
2608 Government Center Dr.,  
Manistee, MI 49660  
phone: (231) 398-6859;  
Email: [aliciaknapp@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:aliciaknapp@lrboi-nsn.gov) or [jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov).*

To apply please submit completed application, cover letter and resume, no later than no later than 5 p.m. on November 26, 2017

**LRBOI HR Department,  
2608 Government Center Dr.,  
Manistee, MI 49660  
fax: (231) 398-9101;**

**Email: [aliciaknapp@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:aliciaknapp@lrboi-nsn.gov) or [jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov).**

**Position: Victim Advocate (FT- Family Services Department – Muskegon Office)**

*This is a grant funded position. Employment contingent on available funding.*

**Summary:** The primary function of a Victim Advocate is to provide direct support services to victims of crime, pursuant to funding provided by the VOCA grant. This position will assist victims and survivors with identifying their individual needs that can range from shelter, long-term housing, food, clothing, safety planning, legal advocacy, and transportation. The Victim Advocate will be working with surrounding support service agencies and keep up to date with services that are being offered to the community. The Victim Advocate will be responsible for maintaining confidential data and client information.

**Employment Qualifications:** A qualified candidate offers:

- Bachelor's degree in social work, sociology, psychology, criminal justice, or human services; and
  - Must possess a valid Michigan driver's license with the ability to be insured under the company's insurance policy.
- Indian Preference applies in accordance

Conditions of employment with Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government includes, passing a pre-employment drug test and background investigation, possession of a valid Driver's License throughout employment and being insurable under the Tribe's insurance policy, and successfully completing a ninety (90) day introductory period. Automobile travel is required for this position, may require proof of personal automobile insurance.

with Ordinance #15-600-02

**Pay Grade:** NE09

**Hiring Range:** \$15.87 - \$19.86

**Status:** Non-exempt/bi-weekly pay

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# Michigan's Arctic Grayling Initiative receives grant

LANSING — The Michigan Department of Natural Resources recently was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Rotary Charities of Traverse City to facilitate a fund development strategy in support of Michigan's Arctic Grayling Initiative.

This initiative, a statewide partnership effort focused on restoring self-sustaining populations of this native fish, was founded by the DNR and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in June 2016. The partnership includes more than 40 organizations.

The \$10,000 grant will support grant research and writing by NorthSky Non-profit Network, a management support organization administered through Rotary Charities. The project will include a fund development strategy matching public and private funding sources with project phases and the development of the initial grant applications to secure funding for initial phases of the Arctic Grayling reintroduction.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for our organizations to be a catalyst for



Rotary Charities of Traverse City recently awarded the DNR a \$10,000 grant to support fund development efforts by Michigan's Arctic Grayling Initiative. (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service/ Courtesy photo)

what we hope will be the historic return of the grayling to northern Michigan streams," said Marsha Smith, executive director of Rotary Charities. "We are

impressed by the scale of this partnership. This kind of collaboration is exactly what will generate important solutions for our region and all of Michigan."

The first stage of Michigan's Arctic Grayling Initiative is expected to take five years of research project development, acquisition of fertilized eggs from Montana and/or Alaska, raising fry (small fish) in a controlled environment, and research to assess acclimation, mortality and other factors.

"Securing this grant will lay the foundation for developing funds from the public and private sources this project requires to move forward," said DNR Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter. "This is an effort that needs to be owned by many organizations if it is to achieve its intended historic results."

This is the second of two grants awarded to support the reintroduction of Arctic grayling. The first came from the Consumers Energy Foundation in the amount of \$117,000 to support identifying prime northern Michigan streams for this work.

For more information on Michigan's Arctic Grayling Initiative, visit [migrayling.com](http://migrayling.com).

## Tribal Member Assistance Information

I have heard and noticed Tribal citizens from outside the 9 County say that you do not matter if you live outside of the 9 County. And that you are not eligible for assistance from the tribe. I will be the first one to say that this is not the case. We have a great Members Assistance team who goes above and beyond trying to help our citizens. Yet, I feel it is either miscommunication or merely given the wrong information that leads people to believe this. So I have decided to take it upon myself to try and find the answers that people need that will assist them in utilizing these programs. I have gotten in touch with many people who are involved in our Assistance program, be it Food Assistance, or educational, etc. I would like to explain the differences between these programs. When it comes to getting assistance from the Tribe it is basically based on two dif-

ferent categories, you have your Members Assistance Department which is funded through the Tribe, i.e., Emergency Transportation Assistance, Elders Chores Assistance, Food Assistance, etc. These as well as other programs are supported by the Tribe, therefore, everyone is eligible to apply for these programs regardless of where you live. The Education department also has assistance programs available to everyone regardless of where you live. This includes clothing allowance for children, as well as Scholarships assistance. Nine County or not, these programs are open to all Tribal citizens. I believe I need to clear up some misunderstanding when it comes to the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. This is a program that is open to all citizens, however, they too have their own stipulations and they are:

1. You must be at least 1/4 Native American from a federally recognized Tribe.
2. You must reside in Michigan the previous 12 months.
3. The School must be a public institution.
4. And the school must be in Michigan.

Now on the other hand, you have your assistance programs that are from the National Level (Federal). These are usually grants and funds that are provided to Tribes from the federal level and they have regulations to them. One of the regulations being, you must reside in the 9 County. And unfortunately if we do not follow the regulations that come with these funds, we could lose them altogether. This is the difference between the two

assistance programs. I would encourage anyone who is seeking any assistance to contact the Members Assistance Department, Mrs. Linda Wissner. There is nobody more knowledgeable in this area than her. She is always willing to assist you and help you with any misconceptions you may have. If you have any questions regarding Education, then you would want to contact Ms. Yvonne Parsons. She too is an asset that is knowledgeable in the Education area.

I hope this little piece has cleared up any misconceptions that you may have had. I would encourage anyone to utilize these programs that is what they are there for. If you are ever in doubt, just ask. There is no such thing as a dumb question.

*Miigwetch  
Johnny Pabami*

## Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership Integrity Management Program – Line 5 Straits of Mackinac 2017 Coating Inspection at Support Anchor Location Status Update Nov. 13, 2017

As the 2017 safe working season on the water is coming to an end, the following report provides an update of the completion status and findings related to the 2017 coating investigation project being conducted at all of the support anchors along the Line 5 dual pipelines across the Straits of Mackinac. The work has been completed without incident to worker or public safety, crews will soon begin demobilizing for the season, and plans will be developed for continuing the work in 2018.

The core integrity management program encompasses a range of continual inspections, diagnostics and analytics involving a variety of in-line inspection devices, underwater scans, geotechnical evaluations, and monitoring of all operating conditions. As part of the core program in 2017, the dual pipelines were also hydro-tested to the same test level as when the line was originally constructed. The results of any of these comprehensive examinations and safety confirmations from the core program have been previously shared with the State and can be resubmitted if desired in addition to this report.

### Coating Inspection

Crews were mobilized in August 2017 to inspect the pipeline coating on Line 5 using work barges, divers, support teams, and remotely operated cameras (ROV) which provided live feed/recording to technicians on-board the barges. The scope of the project is to examine the condition of the coating at all 128 previously installed pipeline support anchor locations. In 2017, all of these locations have been inspected by the ROV. Subsequently, a total of 48 of the locations have been examined by divers

to gather further data in addition to the ROV inspections.

Of the support anchor sites investigated by the divers, bare metal was discovered at 3 locations (E-10, E-13, W-3 as listed in Table 1). The total cumulative area of bare metal at these locations was 0.831 ft. It was confirmed that corrosion had not occurred at any of these locations.

In addition, at various of the anchor inspection locations as shown in Table 1, calcareous deposits were observed. Calcareous deposits are known in our industry and other industries to be a typical byproduct of the cathodic protection of steel surfaces in marine environments. The deposits are a demonstration that the cathodic protection current is effectively protecting the steel and as it builds up, serves as an additional protective layer on the steel. It is not typical practice to remove calcareous deposits but, as shown on Table 1, some were removed to confirm the conditions of the pipe beneath them and gather samples to study the deposit chemistry. At all locations where the deposit was removed, bare pipe was revealed and it was confirmed that no corrosion had occurred. Calcareous deposits are not considered fully equivalent to a coating system but the risk of corrosion is still effectively managed between the deposits, the cathodic protection system and regular in-line-inspections. As confirmed by cathodic protection reading, the cathodic protection system is working to continually protect the pipe and our plan is to catalogue all calcareous deposits and develop a plan to manage them over the winter. Once again, corrosion has not occurred at any of the locations.

Any bare spots found or intentionally

created through removal of the deposits have been or will be recoated. All but 0.330 ft. of bare area at anchor locations is anticipated to be recoated prior to winter weather in 2017, the time at which work crews will no longer be able to safely access the work site. As previously communicated to the State regarding the Biota Study, which is an examination of the aquatic biota (mussels), the coating has also been investigated at all biota investigation sites. From the biota investigation sites, there were 8 sites in total where either a small area of bare pipe was found or where the pipe was made bare because of intentional removal of calcareous deposit. Of these 8, all but one is expected to be repaired prior to removal of lake bed soil from around the bottom of the pipe prior to recoating. The area of this bare spot is 1.64 ft. and will be protected with cathodic protection and recoated in 2018 once the permit is granted.

The next key step involves the collation and organizing of all data gathered from the ROV and diver inspections. The data will be assessed by both in-house and by third party scientists. The information gathered in this investigation will be incorporated alongside other information gathered from the other core integrity program activities. The evaluation will examine the observations regarding any bare spots and calcareous deposits and assess their relationship to operating conditions, existence of mussels, historic maintenance activities, or other factors that are identified. Beyond this summary update, further reporting will be provided to the State.

Prior to remobilization in 2018, a high resolution in-line inspection (ILI) tool will be launched into both of the dual pipelines

in order to measure for corrosion. The inspection device will provide a millimeter by millimeter full scan of the pipes and will do so for both the external and internal surfaces. The report will be provided to the state.

### Summary

Coating inspections have been conducted at all 128 support anchor installations. At all locations, the ROV inspection has been completed. Diver inspection has been completed at 48 of 128 support anchor locations. All bare area, either as-found or intentionally created as part of the support anchor investigation as well as the Biota Study, has been recoated except for a cumulative total area that is less than 2 ft. which will be recoated when work resumes in 2018. Of this remaining area, approximately 83 % related to the one biota investigation location where a permit will be required in order to dig the soil at the base of the pipe to apply the coating. No corrosion has occurred at any of the examined locations.

This report provides a summary status update of the work conducted in 2017. An interim final Report will be submitted within 30 days of completion of the 2017 site work. The Report will detail the following:

Progress of the Work Plan, including percentage of completion.

Summary of the remainder of the Work Plan to be conducted in 2018.

Summary of projected or anticipated deviations from the Work Plan as a result of findings from 2017.

Timeline for re-starting operations in 2018.



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Elected Officials**

**Meet & Greet**

**Saturday, February 10  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Potawatomi Hotel and Casino  
1611 W. Canal Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

Lunch will be provided

Please RSVP to Grace Hendler at (231) 398-6847

*All Tribal members are invited*



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with his  
helper Cassie  
Gibson**

**EVERY THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**

**Little River Band Tribal Member James “JD” Gibson**

is a traditional practitioner that has been providing healing services to our community since 2009. If you are looking to help foster a connection with Creator, seeking the benefits of tradi-tional medicine for ailments, or looking for support to get through difficult life struggles, including alcohol or substance abuse. JD can reconnect you to holistic traditional teachings, practices, ceremonies and medicines that will harmonize your overall health and wellness.

**JD also offers:**

**Naming Ceremonies • Clan Identification • Spirit Colors • Pipe Ceremonies**

All tribal members and descendants are offered traditional healing, you do not need to be culturally familiar to receive medicines or healing from the Native practitioner.

Please call Krystal (231)398-6739 or Dottie (231)398-6741 to schedule appointments



**CHE'- MIIGWETCH  
FROM MARTIN L. TREVAN**

I want to thank my  
family and friends for  
their contributions toward  
the help in getting my  
rejection medication.

*Martin L. Trevan  
A.K.A. Lunch-Meat!*

January

What are Your New Year’s Resolutions?

- 1. I wil make plans more often
- 2. I will read at least one book per month
- 3. I will do something for myself each week
- 4. Write an Autobiography. Share your life story
- 5. I will eat a fresh fruit or vegetable each day.

Meals Served at Noon  
**Monday-Thursday**  
No Charge for Elders, Spouse and  
Handicapped/Disabled Individuals  
who reside with Elder  
Guest meals are \$6.00

Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions  
Phone: 231-398-6886  
Email: ncross@lrboi-nsn.gov  
**Regularly Scheduled Activities**  
Mondays - Language Class  
Wednesdays - Wii Bowling  
**Other Activities**  
Birthday of the Month, Prize Bingo, & Game Day!  
Menu Subject to Change. without notice.  
Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600-2000 Calorie Diet

Coffee, Milk & Water Available at Every Meal

Aki Community Center Elder Meals Menu 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	OFFICE CLOSED New Year’s Day	Breakfast for Lunch	Tuna Noodle Casserole Peas, Bread & Dessert Wii Bowling	Spaghetti Mixed Veggie Garlic Toast & Dessert		Elder Committee Meeting At Noon
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Hot Beef Potato Winter Mix Veggies Sherbet Language Class	Pork Tenderloin Red Potato Corn Dessert	Pizza Mixed Veggies Dessert Wii Bowling	Smothered Chicken Rice Pilaf Carrots & Dessert	Muskegon Meal Please RSVP with Noelle 231.398.6886 Lunch served at noon	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Cheeseburger Baked Potato Greenbeans & Cupcakes Language Class	Split Pea Soup Turkey Sandwich Cauliflower & Cookie	Fish Fillet Potato Wedge Cole Slaw & Apple Crisp Wii Bowling	Goulash Mixed Veggie & Tapioca BINGO		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Meat Loaf Mashed Potato Broccoli & Banana Language Class	Chicken Fajita Spanish Rice Mexican Corn & Dessert	Chef’s Choice  Wii Bowling	Vegetable Soup Grilled Cheese & Fruit	Muskegon Meal Please RSVP with Noelle 231.398.6886 Lunch served at noon	
28	29	30	31			
	Beef Hot Dog Mac & Cheese Brussel Sprouts & Dessert Language Class	Beef Barley Soup Garlic Bread Veggie & Pie	Orange Glazed Chicken Rice Stir Fry Veggies & Dessert			

Tribal Member Discount Rules

Tribal member must be present and show their Tribal ID to receive any of the following discounts. Discounts may not be combined with other discounts or comps.

- 20% Daily Discount in food outlets
  - Available to all Tribal Members and one guest; additional guests will be charged full price.*
  - Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.*
- Thursday 2 for 1 meal discount (50% off if Tribal Member is alone).
  - Charge will be for meal of the highest price.*
  - Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.*
- 25% discount in the Gift Shop. Cigarettes, alcohol, consignment items, sundries and gift certificates are excluded from discounts.
- Hotel room rate \$79 plus tax and fees Suite rate \$129 plus tax and fees.
  - Tribal Member must identify themselves as a Tribal Member and provide Tribal Member number when booking the room.*
  - Tribal Member must present Tribal ID when Checking in and occupy the room.*
  - No hotel discounts will be provided on the Fourth of July weekend or on New Year's Eve.*
- In anticipation of the opening of the spa the Resort will not offer discounts for spa services.
- River Credits will be given to all LRBOI Tribal Members only (no spouses).
- Member must present their Tribal ID and provide a signature upon receipt of the voucher when registering at the meeting or event.
  - Spring and Fall membership meeting*
  - LRBOI Elders Conference*
  - Elders Christmas Party*
  - Tribal Members only*
- No Tribal Member private banquet functions will be discounted.
- Tribal Member discounts will not be provided on December 31st (New Year's Eve).

Any Tribal Member found trying to circumvent these rules may have their benefits suspended by Resort management.

Department	Location	Phone Number
Accounting	Government center -main entrance	231.398.6868
Be-Da-Bin	Government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6741
Commerce	Government center -main entrance	231.398.6866
Commodities	Little River Casino Warehouse	231.398.6716
Education	Government center- clinic entrance	231.398.3735
Enrollment	Government center-main entrance	231.398.6713
Family Services	Government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6734
Gaming Commission	Interim Casino	231.726.7755
Grants Department	Government center- main entrance	231.398.6843
Health Clinic	Government center - clinic entrance	231.723.8299
Historic Preservation	Government center-lower level	231.398.6893
Housing	Aki Maadiziwin -community center	231.398.6879
Human Resources	Government center- main entrance	231.398.6871
Members Legal Asst.	Justice center on M22	231.398.2234
Members Assistance	Government center-main entrance	231.398.6733
Natural Resources	9th street offices Manistee	231.398.2180
Peacemaking/Probation	Justice center on M22	231.398.2239
Planning Department	Government center -main entrance	231.398.6810
Prosecutor	Justice center on M22	231.398.2242
Public Affairs	Government center- main entrance	231.398.6872
Public Safety	Justice center on M22	231.398.2225
Tax Office	Government center -main entrance	231.398.6874
Utilities/Waste Water	Dontz Road (near Aki Maadiziwin)	231.398.2287
Work Force Development	Government center-main entrance	231.398.6842
Trading Post	2596 Loon Dr (Next to Government Center)	231.398.2274
Tribal Court	Justice center on M22	231.398.3406

Upcoming Events

Elders Meal  
Aki Community  
Center  
Mon-Thur 12pm

Language Class  
Every Friday  
10:30am

Holiday Closure  
Dec. 22, 2017–  
Jan. 2 2018

Meet & Greet  
February 10,  
2018

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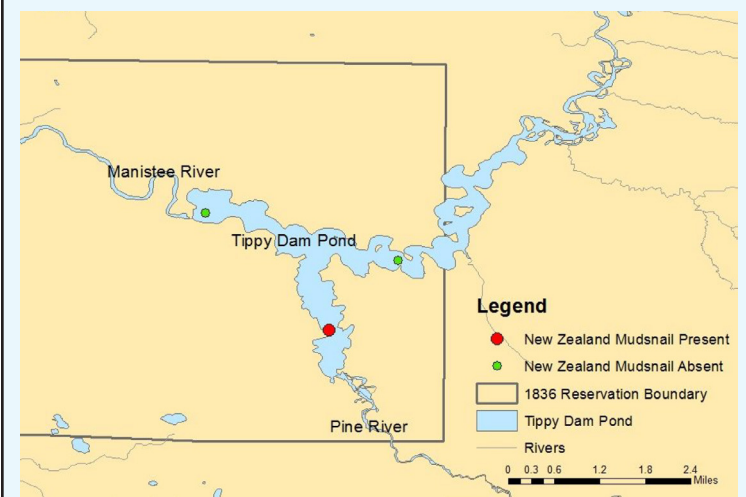
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Love Mommy, Daddy, and Mandy Woof!

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Invasive Species Alert – New Zealand Mudsnail



The New Zealand mudsnail is an invasive species that comes to the Great Lakes Region from Europe (Zarakno et al. 1997). It is often found in shallow areas of lakes and slow moving streams with soft mud bottoms and plant growth. However, it is able to stand high flow environments by burrowing into the bottom of streams. The mudsnail is able to outcompete native snails and other macroinvertebrates (e.g., aquatic insects, snails, and mussels), which native fish depend on for food (Benson et al. 2017). A single snail can produce a colony of up to 40 million snails and its shell protects it from being digested by birds and fish. The mudsnail can completely seal its shell, allowing it to survive out of water for several weeks in cool and damp conditions (USFWS). To prevent spreading of the New Zealand mudsnail please clean and dry boating and fishing equipment after use.



The New Zealand mudsnail found in the Pine Arm of Tippy Dam Pond in Manistee County.



The shell of the mudsnail is 1/8-1/4 inch long, has right-handed coiling, and has 5 to 6 spirals separated by deep grooves.

Please report possible sightings of this snail to the LRBOI Natural Resources Department at sbarnett@lrboi-nsn.gov. If possible bring the snail in a small container to the NRD at 310 Ninth St Manistee MI. If not possible include photos, location, time, and date of observation.

January 2018 Court Docket

Key

AA: Adoption of Adult	EB: Election Board Appeal	JV: Juvenile
AM: Adoption of Minor	EM: Emancipation of Minor	LT: Landlord Tenant
CD: Charge of Discrimination	FJ: Foreign Judgment	NA: Neglect Abuse
CO: Cora Offense/Conservation	FSJ: Foreign Support Judgment	NC: Name Change
CS: Child Support	GA: Gaming Appeal	PF: Probate
CT: Civil Ticket	GC: General Civil	PPO: Personal Protection Order
DM: Divorce with children	GM: Guardianship of Minor	TA: Trust Access
DO: Divorce w/o children	GR: Employment Matter	TM: Tribal Misdemeanor
EA: Enrollment Appeal	JC: Judicial Complaint	WC: Workmen's Compensation

Friday, January 5, 2018 Judge Sherigan

10:30 a.m.	Neglect/Abuse	16040NA Review Hrg.
01:00 p.m.	LRB v. Green	17149TM PT Hrg.

Monday, January 8, 2018 Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	Cook v. Cook	17255DO Final Divorce
11:00 a.m.	Redner v. Redner	17267DO Pretrial Hrg.

Monday, January 15, 2018 Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	Show Cause Hearing for Jurors who have not returned their questionnaires
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NOTICE

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Pharmacy is open for business. The pharmacy is located in the Clinic portion of the Government Building at 2608 Government Center Drive. The pharmacy phone number is 231-398-6853. **Currently there are no changes in where you may have your prescriptions filled and the LRBOI pharmacy is just an additional option, although its use is strongly encouraged.** If changes to this arrangement are made by Tribal leadership we will be sure to give you advance notice in Currents or Rapid River News. The pharmacy is also reviewing the possibility of mailing prescriptions to patients' home addresses. The pharmacy will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, but will be open from 9:00am to 2:00pm December 26-29.