



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on January 15, 2020. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that the recorder is on.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said he is going to be leading them in their Opening Prayer.

I. Opening Prayer

Ron Pete, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

Our Heavenly Father, our Creator, thank you for blessing us and giving us this day.

Thank you for watching over us from our homes to wherever our final destination is.

Please watch over us on our way home.

Be with all of those people that are in need.

Bless their families.

Show them the ways that we can help them out and be there for them.

I am praying for a special blessing on all those courageous Firefighters that are in Australia.

Help them and bless them. Make sure they get what they need over there in Australia.

Make a special blessing on all of our Firefighters, Police Department, and all of our First Responders.

Bring them home safely to their family.

A special blessing also on all our Military Personnel wherever they are serving in this country or around the world.

Be with them and bring them home safe to their families and a grateful Nation.

Amen.

II. General Business

Speaker Pete said welcome to their regular Tribal Council Meeting for Wednesday, January 15th in 2020.

A. Call to Order

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

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

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Di Piazza said nine present they have a quorum at 10:01.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

Others Present: Jamie Friedel, Darleen Martin, Jennifer Crampton, Bill Willis, Brad Pringle, Boo Battice.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Patrick Gilles, George Le Vasseur, Drew Jeurink, Elise McGowen-Cuellar, Rebecca Liebing, Caitlin Rollins, Zachary Prause.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS; B.4 IS REVISED, C.1 IS REVISED, UNDER NEW BUSINESS A WILL BE MOVED TO SECOND OPEN; by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.

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

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor the agenda for January 15th has been approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 12/18/19 12/23/19 1/2/20

Speaker Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

MOVE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 12/18/19, 12/23/19 AND 1/2/20; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call again.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Tribal Council Minutes for 12/18/19, 12/23/19 and 1/2/20 have been accepted.

Speaker Pete said okay before he moves onto the next item on Item III he just wanted to make an announcement that their IT Department are testing broadcasting this live and doing interactive live so right now this is still from his understanding is a test even though it can be viewed by some people. Pete said he is just saying this is still in a testing phase and at some point once they get the final approval they are going to then go live. Pete said so he is just making that fissure. Pete thanked them.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Approval of the Natural Resource Department to Apply for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Services Environmental Quality Incentives Program (USDA-NRCS EQIP)

The Natural Resources Department is planning to apply for USDA-NRCS EQIP Funds to assist with the log and root wad structure stabilization of a 1,500 foot stretch of the Pine River. This stretch is within the USEPA CWA 319 jurisdiction and will assist with the prevention of runoff of sediments into the Pine River.

Speaker Pete thanked

Zachary Prause, Fisheries Technician, represented this agenda item. Prause said like he said this is just a request to apply for the fundings for their project on the Pine River around the Silver Creek Campground area.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Zachary Prause said this funding will be used to help in a project that will stabilize the banks in the area that are adding sediment to the river as well as add fish habitat to the stream.

Speaker Pete thanked Zachary Prause. Pete asked is there any further questions. Pete said okay can he get a motion. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #20-0115-015;
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM FUNDS
FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL
RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICES FOR THE PINE
RIVER STABILIZATION PROJECT; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said for clarification can Sandy Lewis repeat that.

Councilor Lewis said she knows she was going to do an eye test on all of that, those acronyms.

Speaker Pete said to Shannon Crampton that certainly he was kidding.

Councilor Crampton said yes he was.

Speaker Pete asked is there any other questions. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call please.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-0115-015 has been accepted.

Speaker Pete thanked Zachary Prause for representing this item.

Zachary Prause thanked them.

B. Budget Modifications

1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-__ in the amount of \$8,072

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2019 Self-Governance Compact.

Speaker Pete said Bill Willis is here to represent this.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning and thanked them. Willis said as he mentioned in Agenda Review on Monday.....

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Bill Willis continued.....these funds are actually from 2019. Willis said they are just filtering in now. Willis said he thinks this would ultimately be probably Modification #12 to the 2019 Self-Governance Compact. Willis said it is only \$8,000 but every bit helps obviously. Willis said they just need to amend the Operating Budget and approve the modification.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis. Pete asked is there any questions for Bill Willis. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

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

Speaker Pete said to Diane Lonn to proceed.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0115-016;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING
BUDGET MB-2020-05 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,072; by Lonn,
supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete said to Bill Willis that he was going to ask this so he is just going to ask him now. Pete asked is this from

the.....from their 2019 Budget for Self-Governance he said this was about the 12th one or.....

Bill Willis said it ends up being Modification #12. Willis said they clearly exceeded what they projected they would get from them in 2019 so.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis. Pete said his second question he wanted to know how far they were ahead.

Bill Willis said yeah.

Speaker Pete said he had mentioned it before. Pete thanked Bill Willis. Pete asked is there any further questions. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-0115-016 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

2. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Air Quality Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-__ in the amount of \$25,178

The Tribe has received a modification of additional funding.

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

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said yeah, he knows Allison Smart made a few comments related to this at Agenda Review but this is simply additional money.....

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Bill Willis continued.....they are receiving from US EPA for the Air Quality Program. Willis said in total with this modification brings them up to \$174,867 for the program funding.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked is there any comment. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0115-017;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-AIR QUALITY
PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2020-06 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$25,178; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.**

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

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-0115-017 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

**3. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of
Agriculture-Food Distribution Program and approving a
modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-__ in the
amount of \$430**

The Tribe has received additional funding.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said once again as he indicated in Agenda Review this is money that they received from USDA to help support the Food Distribution Program through Nutritional Education type activities such as providing pamphlets, flyers, potentially recipes that people might make with the food that is provided through the program, etc. Willis said he knows in the future once the warehouse is built there has been discussion about actually doing food prep for some of the clients so they can learn to eat more nutritiously.

Speaker Pete said just to comment he thinks that is an excellent idea. Pete said he knows there is going to be a kitchen in there.

Bill Willis said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said he thinks that is going to be one of the requirements so that maybe if somebody was diabetic they would be able to show them how to make an approved diabetic meal if that was the case or any of these other things for

calorie counts and also for those things. Pete asked is there any further discussion.....

Bill Willis said he thinks they are also going to.....

Speaker Pete said pardon.

Bill Willis said not to interrupt. Willis said he thinks they are also coordinating with the Elder Meal Program to work with Noelle Cross to make sure they are providing, they know, nutritious.....

Speaker Pete said that would be great.

Bill Willis continued.....type recipes so.

Speaker Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said just a thought is maybe later down the road they can do like filming of like a little type of cooking show.

Bill Willis said like a little video, yeah.

Councilor Lewis said yeah, because working with commods it is a bit of an art when they are cooking.

Speaker Pete said sure.

Councilor Lewis said so even for somebody to follow along that might be something further down the road to think about but yeah, just a thought.

Bill Willis said absolutely.

Speaker Pete said that would be great.

Bill Willis said he will pass that information along.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further comments for Bill Willis. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #20-0115-018;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-FOOD DISTRIBUTION
PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE**

OPERATING BUDGET MB-2020-07 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$430;
by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

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

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-0115-018 is passed.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis.

4. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2020-__-1st QTR to replenish the Strategic Gaming Budget in the amount of \$225,000

Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2020-002 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.

Speaker Pete said they are going to be represented here. Pete said it is not by ULD.

Councilor Lewis said Tom St. Dennis is not here.

Speaker Pete said Tom St. Dennis is not here. Pete said he will represent this. Pete said he doesn't care. Pete said all right so this is..... he can't go into a ton of detail on this thing but this is to take on a couple of more.....specific contract and this contract can end in 30 days by the person that is handling this contract. Pete said it is something that would.....they think would really help them out in their Strategic Gaming down in Muskegon. Pete asked is there any further questions. Pete asked can he get a motion. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Crampton said they need discussion.

Speaker Pete said he said is there any further.....

Councilor Crampton said no he said is there any further questions.

Speaker Pete said oh, he is sorry, okay. Pete asked is there any discussion.

Councilor Crampton said yeah. Crampton said he does not support this at this time because they have asked for.....he has asked for an audit of the past expenses of this body and their Payment Plan. Crampton said none of which they have as of today so he is not.....until they get that he is not in favor of moving forward on any of this.

Speaker Pete said okay if there is a discussion going on he is going to represent another discussion. Pete said the discussion has been as he has gone to Bradley Pringle it was before the Holidays and he asked for a specific Line Item Audit. Pete said where the Line Item Audit is there is times that for example with of their main firms is Steve Scofes who is their.....

Councilor Crampton said Lobbyist.

Speaker Pete said he is sorry. Pete said sorry.....Lobbyist and Steve Scofes specific firm does lobbying for the Council and it does lobbying for the firm or the Shoreline Group in Muskegon. Pete said so what he wants is they can't just put in a breakdown that gives them all the Shoreline and give them all this over here. Pete said it has to be divided out and he knows he is running into some....not some issues but it is a little harder doing than what he is doing right now or when they make Campaign Contributions to the Republicans they make Campaign Contributions to.....

Councilor Lonn said Democrats.

Speaker Pete said the Democrats it is not specifically for Muskegon it is as much for Tribal Council so he has got to have both things broken down. Pete said in any event he communicated with Steve Scofes and he communicates with him on a regular weekly basis and he is making headway on it. Pete said he doesn't have those numbers that Councilor Crampton wants to get right now because he is relying on their Comptroller and Tribal Council. Pete said so at the end of the day those are the numbers that he is going to give that is going to be rolled out to all Tribal Council when it is done. Pete said so that is the bottom line right now. Pete said then he is going to be finished for a minute. Pete said Larry Romanelli he thinks he was up. Pete asked Larry Romanelli does he want to question or does he want.....

Ogema Romanelli said he just wanted to say that they had Steve Scofes in to talk to the Council last week.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said there is some question regarding the billing of where they bill for those services.

Speaker Pete said correct.

Ogema Romanelli said some of it does go to the Tribal Council some of it does go to Shoreline.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said he was trying to _____ that out what it looks like by....in just the early stages that a lot of the information.....a lot of the costs that were billed from Tribal Council actually got billed to the Shoreline and they are trying to clear that up. Romanelli said he thinks that is what Brad Pringle is up talking about.

Speaker Pete said he thinks that Brad Pringle is _____.....to the best of.....he means some of it is going to be a little bit of a guess work.....

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Speaker Pete said....on it but he means he is doing the best that he can to _____ it out but what he wants to come to him because he specifically directed him to do this on behalf of Tribal Council.....is he wants to be able to come to him with some pretty solid numbers. Pete asked Brad Pringle if that was correct.

Brad Pringle, Comptroller General, said that is correct. Pringle said most of the 11 months is already taken care of he was waiting for until about the third week of January so he can actually get a full 12 months in on that audit.

Speaker Pete said correct.

Brad Pringle said instead of handing him a report that would have 11 of the 12 months he thinks it would make more sense to have the full 12 months on that particular audit instead of leaving them with 11.

Speaker Pete said he totally agrees.

Brad Pringle said yeah.

Speaker Pete said so that's about....that is where the main audit stands and so until more than likely towards the end of January or first part of February he might have all that stuff into position.

Brad Pringle said yeah, if anybody wants to see 11 months he has that available at his desk, he can distribute it if they wish. Pringle said his preference would be to wait for another week or two until the Government Financials are finished up then he can pull out the Shoreline Project numbers from....for December.

Speaker Pete said then just to answer him on that for that question. Pete said he would prefer to have the 12 months. Pete said he wouldn't want part of the information.

Brad Pringle said yeah, he did talk to a couple of Councilors and they did agree with that so that is one of the reasons but like he said it was available, he has everything available through November.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete thanked Brad Pringle. Pete asked Shannon Crampton if he saw his hand up.

Councilor Crampton said yes. Crampton said it is for clarification he did not say that he would not support this project at this time.

Speaker Pete said no.

Councilor Crampton said he does not support this project until the information is coming forward. Crampton said today is January 15th they just heard that it might be concluded at the end of January so he would think that it would be prudent to hold this off since they did talk with Scofes and this is not anything that proprietary that needs to be immediately addressed.

Speaker Pete said okay he is going to be in just a little bit of disagreement. Pete said he thinks this is something, not a little, he thinks that it is something that they need to address.

Ogema Romanelli said again, he would be in agreement with Mr. Speaker as they did hear and as they know as the Shoreline Group. Romanelli said he is talking to them and Sandy Lewis they do know there is a timing issue here that he thinks is very important so.

Speaker Pete said it is incredibly important.

Ogema Romanelli said it is incredibly important so he would absolutely not agree with holding off. Romanelli said he understands that when they get the port....report it should be the full 12 months. Romanelli said on this particular issue he doesn't believe that they should hold off until they get the full report. Romanelli said they already know the large majority of that money is put in the opposite place of the Shoreline so it is not a spending issue in his opinion for Shoreline. Romanelli said they already know there is a significant amount of money that probably will, when it is all adjusted, should have been put back in Shoreline but he will leave it at that.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0115-019;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2020-08-1st
QTR TO REPLENISH THE STRATEGIC GAMING BUDGET IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$225,000; by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete said they have a motion on the floor from Diane Lonn and he is waiting here one second. Pete asked Grace Hendler is there something.

Grace Hendler said Diane Lonn said 08 and it is 01.

Speaker Pete said to Diane Lonn that she said 08, it is 01. Pete said Grace Hendler means 2020-08 she said.

Grace Hendler said yes she did.

Speaker Pete said it is supposed to be 01.

Councilor Lonn apologized. Lonn said 01.

Speaker Pete asked Diane Lonn if she was prepared to correct that.

Councilor Lonn said yes.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0115-019;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2020-01-1st
QTR TO REPLENISH THE STRATEGIC GAMING BUDGET IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$225,000; by Lonn; supported by Di Piazza.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete said yes.

Councilor Crampton said um, at this time this is proprietary there is some information that is proprietary but he does not agree with what he heard yesterday at what issue them moving forward on this. Crampton said what he heard....he will just leave it at that at this time but he would like the information when it is not proprietary to release to the membership to know exactly what this paid for.

Speaker Pete said absolutely. Pete said okay.

Councilor Lewis asked who supported it.

Speaker Pete said Gary Di Piazza supported it. Pete said Diane Lonn made a motion and Gary Di Piazza supported it. Pete said so at this point he is still on is there any further discussion he believed.

Councilor Crampton said not from him.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Recorder Di Piazza said he needs to ask if anybody is going to abstain.

Speaker Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza asked does he want him to start the timer.

Speaker Pete asked what. Pete said they got to finish the roll call, right. Pete asked what's wrong.

Councilor Crampton said everybody else heard him say no.

Councilor Lonn said she doesn't understand.

Speaker Pete said Shannon Crampton said no.

Recorder Di Piazza said okay he didn't hear him.

Speaker Pete said he just kind of whispered it. Pete said okay so he said no.

Councilor Crampton said so if Ron Pete heard it he heard it so.

Speaker Pete said he did hear it.

Recorder Di Piazza said he didn't. Di Piazza said six in favor and three against Resolution #20-0115-019 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

Councilor Lonn said she has a hard time hearing.....

Speaker Pete asked what.

Councilor Lonn said her ears are.....

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

- 1. Authorizing travel for Gary Di Piazza to attend the 2020 Negotiation Meetings from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
The travel is regarding the 2020 Consent Decree to negotiate the terms of the new agreement.

Speaker Pete said just a moment. Pete said Shannon Crampton had his hand up first.

Councilor Crampton said if Gary Di Piazza is going to describe it.....he wants to make a motion but if he is going to discuss something, first he will defer to him.

Recorder Di Piazza said he was just going to explain that it is for his travel until the end of the negotiations. Di Piazza said it is usually a one or two day event. Di Piazza said it is usually up north and this time of season it is mainly for a hotel room if need be, a lot of times they carpool, so there really is no cost as far travel expense or fuel. Di Piazza said with the weather he just.....it is difficult to drive in the snowstorm especially at his age.

Speaker Pete said yes. Pete asked any further discussion. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he would support that because he drives down here from Traverse and it seems like the weather knows where the county lines are at. Crampton said it is almost sheer ice from Grand Traverse right to the line in Manistee. Crampton said right to the sign that it ends so he supports what he is saying. Crampton said he would like to make a motion.

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE TRAVEL FOR GARY DI PIAZZA TO ATTEND THE 2020 NEGOTIATION MEETINGS FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M; by Crampton; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete recognized Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said for the viewer it does say on here 9 to 5 but the date on that that he put in for. Wittenberg said so that the viewers would know.

Recorder Di Piazza said it is mainly for the date, most of them start at 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Speaker Pete asked what is the date. Pete asked what is the day.

Recorder Di Piazza asked dates.

Speaker Pete said for the viewers so that they know.

Councilor Lonn asked doesn't it vary.

Recorder Di Piazza said his computer went down unless someone has it right in front of them. Di Piazza said he doesn't have the pamphlet because he usually uses it off of his computer.

Someone asked is this the one he is talking about but it couldn't be made out who was speaking.

Recorder Di Piazza said yeah, he has it. Di Piazza said his computer just kind of went down.

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza so what are the days.

Recorder Di Piazza said anyway sorry about that. Di Piazza said January 16-17, February 26-27, March 4-5, March 25-26, April 29-30, May 6-7, June 3-4, June 23-25, July 29-30, August 3-7, and then August 17th.

Councilor Wittenberg thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

Councilor Wittenberg said it is important.

Speaker Pete said okay, where did he leave off.

Recorder Di Piazza said they have a motion and support. Di Piazza said then Ron Wittenberg had that. Pete asked is there any further discussion.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Crampton said reading this he was just.....he wants to clarify is this a blanket resolution covering all these travels because he does believe.....

Recorder Di Piazza said just the dates.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Speaker Pete said all right so okay. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes

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

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor travel has been approved.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

IV. Old Business

Monthly Reports that are due: November 2019

- A. Operations Report
- B. Health Commission
- C. Elders Committee Minutes

Reports received:

- November 2019
- November 2019
- 1. October 2019
- 2. December 2019

Speaker Pete said they have an Operations Report was submitted for November 2019, the Health Commission has been submitted for November 2019, and the Elders Committee Minutes have been submitted for October and December 2019. Pete asked is there any questions on any of those.

V. New Business

- A. **Approval for Appointment of EDC Board Candidate, Scott Wahr**
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Member and Citizen Advisory Board Chairman Scott Wahr put his application forth to fill in one of the available Board Seats, was nominated by the Ogema and successfully passed a Background Check as required.

Speaker Pete said they are moving him to the Second Open today.

Recorder Di Piazza said he apologizes for stepping in and he should have brought it up earlier. Di Piazza said he did get a hold of Scott Wahr to see if he would be here evidently he was having knee surgery today or it was yesterday so.

Speaker Pete said okay so what he did this morning is he talked with Tom St. Dennis and he talked to Eugene Magnuson and they are going to be here to represent him in the Second Open so that they got somebody from the EDC Chair and the EDC Board that is going to be here for him, okay.

Councilor Crampton said he thought that the purpose of moving it to Second Open so they can actually have the discussion with him in Closed. Crampton said if it is not pertinent...actually crucial that this goes on today he would suggest they hold off until they actually sit down with him so they can personally ask him questions. Crampton repeated he thought that was the purpose of moving him to Second Open if he is not here.

Speaker Pete said he misunderstood him. Pete said he thought the purpose of moving it to the Second Open is because in the first.....pardon for their discussion here but they need to have it. Pete said he thought....when they talked about them at Agenda Review.....about him they specifically.....he specifically talked he thinks it was him that wanted at least Eugene Magnuson and wanted Tom St. Dennis here so that is what he talked to them about. Pete said that is why he thought they could just discuss it in the Second Open but he could move Scott Wahr to Closed Session.

Recorder Di Piazza said something in the background but it wasn't picked up on the tape recording and too many people were talking to hear it clearly.

Councilor Crampton said that probably something they should talk about before Second Open and ask Council. Crampton said that is just his feelings.

Speaker Pete said okay so why don't they do.....

Recorder Di Piazza said they can postpone it.

Speaker Pete said well.....

Recorder Di Piazza said he knows.

Speaker Pete said okay if they are going to move to postpone this and take it off of the Second Open they need to have a vote on it right here.

Councilor Crampton asked here.

Speaker Pete said right out here and if it is not that critical for them he believed, it was just brought up and then maybe they can put it on the next Open in a week or so.

Recorder Di Piazza said hold on.....hold on. Di Piazza said they are going to have to postpone it in Second Open because they moved it to Second Open. Di Piazza said.....

Speaker Pete said well so they just got corrected. Pete said he got corrected too. Pete said right now let's just move beyond that, right now, okay let's just get moving on.

Councilor Lonn said she just has a question. Lonn asked is it critical that he.....is it okay that they postpone it or is it critical that they do pass it. Lonn asked do they have a quorum without him.

Speaker Pete said she knows what he.....he didn't ask that question this morning. Pete said the only thing he asked was.....he saw.....he went over to the

Executive side and he saw Tom St. Dennis and Eugene Magnuson. Pete said they said they would represent it at the Second Open he didn't ask the specific questions so. Pete said he is going to assume and he knows he is going to make something out of himself by assuming. Pete said he doesn't think that they probably.....well they know what he is talking about.

Councilor Crampton said yes he does.

Speaker Pete said well he is just going to assume that there wasn't something critical on here that he doesn't think they could if they look at it and move it.....postpone it to.....after that. Pete said that is all he can answer. Pete said to Diane Lonn that he doesn't know anymore.

Recorder Di Piazza said they can ask that question here in a few minutes.

Speaker Pete asked so is there anyone else.....is there any further discussion on this.

Councilor Crampton said no they can't.....

Speaker Pete said let's just move on.

Councilor Crampton said they can't address it until Second Open, Gary Di Piazza is right.

Speaker Pete said okay, let's just move on from there, right. Pete thanked them.

- B. Approving the Amended Residential Lease for Tribal Rental Units**
The Housing Commission approved the proposed Lease by Resolution #19-1219-09 and has forwarded to Tribal Council for their review and approval.

Speaker Pete asked is ULD.....Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar will she please come to the podium. Pete thanked Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Unified Legal Department Attorney, represented this agenda item. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said so she is here. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said the Housing Commission approved the proposed lease by Resolution #19-1219-09 and has forwarded it to Tribal Council. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said the changes included references, including references into the leases that are Aki Tribal Citizens will enter into with the Tribe. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said specific references to their regulations and then making a correction in Section 16 to reflect what is in their regulations.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said that is the gist of the changes right.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked does anyone have a questions from ULD. Pete recognized Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said he doesn't have a question but he would like to say Miigwech for the Anishinaabemowin.

Speaker Pete said okay any other questions of Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar. Pete asked can he get a motion. Pete recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said she was looking over the lease and it looks really detailed she means there is so much information. Champagne asked is there no way they can make this simplified for their members who is applying for a lease up at the Housing Unit.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said so she thinks.....she gave them a clear version and a regular version so hopefully that didn't cause any issues. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said these are all of the issues and this was passed before her of course but these are all identifiable issues that are standard in a lease.

Councilor Champagne said she never seen a lease that.....with that much information that the members has to fill out and answer. Champagne said she was just looking to see what they can do to make it simpler for their membership applying.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said so she knows that the Housing Commission likes to view it every year so she will bring that to their attention when they review it this coming year and they can see what they can do about that.

Councilor Champagne thanked Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar.

Speaker Pete asked any further questions of Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he is going to have to say that he agrees with Cindy Champagne. Crampton said he will probably vote for this but he means is this tore down to the bare minimum. Crampton said the red tape and the bureaucracy is not friendly to their members. Crampton said it is not usually fri.....user friendly he guess is a better word to their membership so he would like to see some of the things around here broken down. Crampton said the redline version he knows it is in the hands of Tribal Council and he got a lot of feedback on this so. Crampton said he would kind of like to move in that direction.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said okay.

Speaker Pete said he just has one question. Pete said that is just the kind of level and he knows what Shannon Crampton and he knows what Cindy Champagne is talking about but if anybody was going out on the street and they were signing a lease is this the pretty much standard lease that they would be signing.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said correct.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked does anyone else have anything else to say. Pete said he is sorry further discussion. Pete asked can he get.....did he get a motion.

Recorder Di Piazza said no, he did not.

Speaker Pete said please can he get a motion. Pete said Cindy.....he is sorry....Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she makes a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0115-020;
APPROVING THE AMENDED RESIDENTIAL LEASE FOR
TRIBAL RENTAL UNITS; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.**

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

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-0115-020 is passed.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, January 22, 2020

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Pete. Romanelli said the only thing he has are a few follow-up notes from last week's meeting. Romanelli said he has a handout here for Council if they don't mind passing them down. Romanelli said the first e-mail they see because there were comments made that there is very short notice given of his Emergency Meeting. Romanelli said this is only an e-mail that shows that he sent out on Friday mid-afternoon the week before the actual meeting and it went to all Tribal Council so now why they didn't get it he is not sure. Romanelli said he just wanted to clear that up. Romanelli said the first

notice was not given at 9:30 a.m. on that Monday before the meeting so just a clarification there. Romanelli said there is also much discussion about abstentions and Conflicts of Interests. Romanelli said he did get a Legal Opinion from their In-house Counsel he thinks Tribal Council will be getting a copy of that or have a copy of it as well. Romanelli said he also looked up information on the computer and he has given them copies of that information which basically says "*that our Constitution overrides Robert's Rule of Order so that we follow our Constitution.*" Romanelli said it also states that they must state the Conflict of Interest and there needs to be a vote of the entire Council whether they feel a Conflict exists or not. Romanelli said he knows Councilor Lewis asked him about information. Romanelli asked Councilor Lewis if she looked up anything to.....yes....it is kind of there.

Councilor Lewis thanked Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said he has it it says "*when rules conflict with Robert's Rules of Order for precedence*" what he looked up also has roll call voting. Romanelli said only if there is a distinct Conflict of Interest he thinks their Constitution allows two different Conflicts of Interest but they need to be stated prior to. Romanelli said a third page of that when they talk about abstentions it says "*an abstention is simply voters decision not to vote.*" Romanelli said when a motion comes up for a vote number one, they don't want anyone to know what they think about the issue, number two, they disagree with the guy next to them but they don't want them to know what they are doing he guessed. Romanelli said number three, they are not sure what they think or for they lost track of business and five, they totally missed the vote so he means those are reasons people use but in their Constitution, there is only two of them that apply. Romanelli said so he hopes they are through that he hopes they kind of come to an agreement on how those are supposed to be handled. Romanelli said also they had some exchanges, e-mails going back and forth about the stack of complaints. Romanelli said he did get one complaint from Councilor Crampton they did act on it. Romanelli said he thinks it was answered within four hours he had the answer. Romanelli said he found out there was some miscommunication that happened along with the Tribal member so he didn't get any other from his stack of complaints and he would encourage that they get together ASAP because they will handle them as they come in but he only saw one. Romanelli said they know they exchange e-mails back and forth and he brought him one so, okay. Romanelli asked what else do they have. Romanelli said the only thing is he wanted to state too is that last week they had a couple of Elders come up to the podium and they had three Tribal members come up. Romanelli said the last two were Elders. Romanelli said the second Elder came up and she was questioned about if she was going over the time limit. Romanelli said that was at like three minutes he doesn't even think she had spoken for three minutes and she was questioned if she had gone over the five minute time limit. Romanelli said he thinks that is embarrassing and insulting to him to their Elder. Romanelli said she came up she did what she was supposed to do and she was interrupted. Romanelli said the person that was not

an Elder spoke well over five minutes and there was no discussion on it so he just wanted to let them know that if they look at the tape they will see that this Elder was well within her timeframe.

Speaker Pete said well he just has a question for him.

Ogema Romanelli said sure.

Speaker Pete said he is supposed to be running the time.

Ogema Romanelli said yup.

Speaker Pete said it is his time so.....

Ogema Romanelli said yup.

Speaker Pete said.....he hasn't looked at the tape.....

Ogema Romanelli said sure.

Speaker Pete said at this point last week he just didn't want to thrash that through his mind again.

Ogema Romanelli said he wasn't so fond of it either.

Speaker Pete said so in any event did he cut her off.

Ogema Romanelli said well.....

Speaker Pete repeated was it him that cut her off then he will apologize.

Ogema Romanelli said no it was not.

Speaker Pete said it doesn't matter he doesn't want to know who cut her off.

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Speaker Pete said he is supposed to run the time.....

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Speaker Pete said..... so if he was the one who cut her off please tell him.

Ogema Romanelli said no, he was not the one that cut her off.

Councilor Crampton said this is Tribal Business.

Speaker Pete said okay so at any rate. Pete asked Ogema Romanelli if he had anything else under Tribal Business Update.

Ogema Romanelli said no, and the only thing is for abstentions. Romanelli said he hopes it is covered is that when an abstention is going to happen, if somebody plans on abstaining from an issue, it should not be involved with the discussion beforehand. Romanelli said it all goes kind of hand and hand. Romanelli said so if they think they are going to abstain from something don't participate in the discussion and then they can, when asked by the Speaker, if they abstain then they can say yes because they haven't gone into the discussion. Romanelli said there needs to be a vote of the Council for certain aspects of it. Romanelli said that's it.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said he is welcome.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Pete asked anybody and he thinks Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, he is going to stick to business and not be a personal attacks up here.

Speaker Pete thanked Shannon Crampton. Pete said this is what they are doing.

Councilor Crampton said their Tribe right now is moving forward on several issues and he is really, really, really happy with this Body's decision to make.... adopt interactive software. Crampton said this is a huge feather in the cap of this Council as a Body and he is very excited to see it. Crampton thanked them all.

Speaker Pete said okay because they are doing interactive in here and then if he may expand on that they are also going to on Open Session Meetings.....

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said.....once they get things pretty cool in here that they are doing then George Le Vasseur has assured them that they could do live Open Session Meeting instead of people.....okay he, he..... Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza so much for correcting him.

Recorder Di Piazza said no, that is already in the work sessions.

Speaker Pete said it is going to be Work Session Meetings, Open ones, Work Session.....

Recorder Di Piazza said Closed.

Speaker Pete said.....not Private or Closed but Work Session Meetings and of course, they are still going to have their Tribal number to call in because he said it before he does not want non-Tribal people knowing their business here who they can get it on the U-Tube or not it is not going to happen. Pete said so at any rate the other thing is that is.....that's.....that's nice. Pete said okay, sorry, is there anything more for Legislative Affairs.

Councilor Crampton said not from him.

Speaker Pete said okay, anybody there, okay, yes.

Recorder Di Piazza said Ken Jennings won Jeopardy last night was exciting he is the smartest man in the world evidently so he guessed it was worth a million bucks smart. Di Piazza said so he doesn't know what to tell them. Di Piazza said he had to watch it he can't help it.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Recorder Di Piazza said they never know what they are going to learn.

Speaker Pete said once he has got his million the taxman cometh he thinks.

Recorder Di Piazza said that is right. Di Piazza said 33%.

Councilor Wittenberg said he would say he is no dummy.

Speaker Pete said that is right. Pete said okay.

Recorder Di Piazza made one further comment but it wasn't picked up on the tape recording and couldn't be clearly heard.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Pete said that brings them.....that brings them to Public Comment Period, okay, so they are going to open the mic up there. Please come up and state their Tribal I.D. Pete said if they have something to share with them this is the time. Pete said okay, not seeing.....okay Boo Battice.

Tribal Council were involved with conservation during this timeframe.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he would just like to state that he still wants to fish and when they mention these time things and urgency things that he thinks 12 years at least from the last.....2007 since they know help came this way. Battice said that is a long time so the urgency is, they know, here also as fishing and he

knows it is hard to deal with because of grant money, Consumers Power, and there is a lot to it that a lot of people don't understand. Battice said it goes all the way back to grant money and trying to profit off of this. Battice said it is grant money and it should be somewhat.....someone like himself should be willing to go out with just the cost of getting it done to feed their people. Battice said they should be working with their food thing with grant money it is gifted, everything is gifted, gifted right back to the food divided equally. Battice said when it comes to paying for it Consumers paid for it. Battice said they dug up their forefathers and different things. Battice said their negotiations here.....they should have made sure that stayed in place. Battice he would like to say that, yes, he would like to feed all of their people and he would like to work for their Food Department. Battice said it is a whole process. Battice thanked them for their time. Battice said he would like to say real quick on the Housing thing hopefully if.....he doesn't know where it goes but hopefully if people are renting for a year or two then maybe they can come into a Rent to Own in the house they own not.....or that they are already in maybe.....

Speaker Pete said he believed that there is.

Councilor Wittenberg made a comment but it wasn't picked up on the tape recording.

Boo Battice said.....or things like this to get people into their own homes right from the beginning kind of thing not rent forever and try to get these.....let's start getting their own homes, all of them, if it is on Tribal Reservation they should be starting to get.....they should be helping their people try to get something in place for Rent to Own right off the bat. Battice said that is his recommendation. Battice said what he would like to.....and thanked them all for their time. Battice thanked IT.....

Councilor Wittenberg said the Fair Market.

Boo Battice continued.....for the awesomeness and hopefully they can keep moving forward for this and he would like to put a special "thanks" out to Kenny Pheasant for the Language and things.....

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum.

Boo Battice continued.....he does an awesome job. Battice thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Boo Battice.

Councilor Lonn said Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Lonn said there is a posting she seen the other day for a helper with Tommy Battice. Lonn said he is looking for someone to apply for a job there that he may be able to start fishing.

Speaker Pete said okay, Boo Battice.

Boo Battice said he would like to comment at that he doesn't know if they are supportive of those kind of actions but he tried to abstain and be, they know, to the best of his abilities and he would hope that they would support getting him going instead of someone with those credentials. Battice said yes he might of caught fish but he caught a lot of other things before and after fishing. Battice said he believed that they should support somebody more in the Native direction who is trying to feed the people not themselves. Battice said he gets out there and goes because he finds ways.....just like someone who would come and take their microwave for their habits. Battice said he is not his habit it is to stand for his people and what he does and he is going to continue to do this because it was set in place by other....the Akasha ____ long ago.

Speaker Pete thanked Boo Battice. Pete said okay that.....oh, Jamie Friedel.

Jamie Friedel, Tribal #4744, said Boo Zhoo. Friedel said he just has a couple of questions and a couple of comments. Friedel said he wanted to thank Dave Corey for the Drum Making Class and everybody that was also was involved this last Saturday. Friedel said that was really great. Friedel said it was bad weather but he knows a lot of the Tribal members are looking forward to the one that they would like to do in Muskegon as well. Friedel said he knows Frank Sprague said that he would be more than happy to come down to Muskegon and help do one in Muskegon for their Tribal members that wasn't able to make it up here. Friedel said number two, Online Gaming, where are they at with that. Friedel said he knows December Larry Romanelli had gave a couple of questions....a couple of voices on what they are doing with Online Gaming and he said he was going to keep track of it he would just like to know where they are at on that. Friedel thanked them.

Speaker Pete said well, they will be.....they will be in Closed Session Meeting with the OTF today over at the Resort in terms of Online Gaming. Pete repeated that right now it is in Closed so he would encourage at some point to be in Open in front of the Membership what they are doing. Pete said it will probably be soon. Pete said he is sorry, Larry Romanelli, he didn't see him.

Ogema Romanelli said no he pretty much answered it. Romanelli said there has been Online.....yeah, Online talks.....there has been on-going talks on Online Gaming.....

Speaker Pete said yeah.

Ogema Romanelli said they have been meeting with outside individuals, with their staff at the Resort, and the OTF will be meeting like Ron Pete said this afternoon to discuss where they are at and what are some possible options, they know, with the changes that are happening on the State Level. Romanelli said they have their Unified Legal that has been following it as well as their Lobbyists. Romanelli said everybody is on board with trying to make sure that they get the best deal out of this whole process, they know, and so there is a lot of information going on. Romanelli said yes, they are working very diligently on it.....and.....

Speaker Pete said yes, they are.

Ogema Romanelli said so that is it. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli. Pete said okay, is there any further comments. Pete said yes.

Councilor Crampton said a few, he would like to say that he asked the same question about the Online Gaming and the OTF and the Casino are dealing.....bringing forth the platform. Crampton said he discussed this with Mr. Joe Riley he thinks like in 2016 and they came up with a platform that wasn't a brick and mortar and was basically a vertical casino. Crampton said when those talks he would like to bring that forward also. Crampton said now on the aspect of the fishing he.....he knows they are going into negotiations they just approved for Councilor Di Piazza to go up and attend those and they are going to be looking for their waters. Crampton said he doesn't believe that fishing is going to go away or that there won't be no work for their fishermen simply because of the fact that there are industries out there, restaurants, markets that are not going to go away just because certain fish does. Crampton said they are just going to move to a different fish and that is what is going to happen because they are not going to see all these restaurants that have a vested interest in millions of dollars or all these markets shut down they are just going to move to a different fish so he supports his efforts. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said yeah he.....sadly, the Asian Carp are on their way. Di Piazza said he might want to look into like a pontoon boat with Asian Carp skeet shooting. Di Piazza said he doesn't know. Di Piazza said there are a lot of things out there destroying their environment and that is a lot of what these talks are how they are going to rectify these things. Di Piazza said he can't discuss a whole lot of it so. Di Piazza said also everybody mark their calendars the 15th of February is the Roundee. Di Piazza said it is going to be a good time. Di Piazza said that is it he is done.

Speaker Pete said okay that's it. Pete asked is there anything else. Pete said okay. Pete thanked them. Pete said they.....he is getting ahead of himself. Pete said moving now into Closed Session.

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

Speaker Pete asked can he get a motion, please, to end the First Closed Session.....the First Open Session.

Councilor Crampton said so moved.

Councilor Champagne said second.

Recorder Di Piazza asked who.....what.

Speaker Pete said he doesn't remember now he is conf..... Pete recognized Diane Lonn. Pete said Tommy Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make that motion.

Speaker Pete said Tom Guenthardt makes that motion.....who supports.

Councilor Crampton said Cindy Champagne.

Speaker Pete said Cindy Champagne supports. Pete said okay two hands at the table who got.....Tom Guenthardt making the motion and Cindy Champagne supporting.

Recorder Di Piazza said okay he got it.

MOTION TO END THE FIRST OPEN SESSION; by Guenthardt;
supported by Champagne.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor they have adjourned.....they have adjourned
First Open at 10:55 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that the recorder is on.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete asked can he get a motion to
move back into the Second Open.

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

Recorder Di Piazza said hold on.

Speaker Pete said well he asked for the thing so he got it.

Recorder Di Piazza said yeah, well somebody has got to do the paperwork. Di
Piazza asked who supported.

Speaker Pete said Ron Wittenberg supported it.

Recorder Di Piazza said okay.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going
to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor they are in Second Open at 11:48.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza do they have items to be moved from
Closed Session to Open.

Recorder Di Piazza said yes they do.

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #20-0115-021, MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY; RESOLUTION #20-0115-022 AND #023, RESOLUTION, MOTION AND ROLL CALL; by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor them items have been moved.

Speaker Pete asked are they done.

Recorder Di Piazza said yeah.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0115-021, APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT, A WHOLLY OWNED AND OPERATED ENTERPRISE OF THE LITTLE BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AND LAKESHORE CONSTRUCTION TO ADD ENTRANCE WITH VESTIBLE TO THE RIVER ROCK SPORTS BAR AND APPROVAL OF THE 2020 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES; by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0115-022, RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH GRAND TRAVERSE ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION (GTEC); by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.

Roll Call #C-4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0115-023, APPROVAL OF MOU WITH MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY; by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

Roll Call #C-5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

- B. Approval for Appointment of EDC Board Candidate, Scott Wahr**
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Member and Citizen Advisory Board Chairman Scott Wahr put his application forth to fill in one of the available Board Seats, was nominated by the Ogema and successfully passed a Background Check as required.

Speaker Pete said so what they talked about they moved the appointment of Scott Wahr from the First Open to the Second Open then they talked about um....what was that taking it off.....

Recorder Di Piazza said postponing.

Speaker Pete said postponing the appointment right now and he knows that Eugene Magnuson is here so he is going to allow him to speak for a moment. Pete asked is everybody okay with that.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said to Eugene Magnuson to go ahead.

Recorder Di Piazza asked does he have to push the timer.

Speaker Pete said he had some things that he wanted to talk about.

Recorder Di Piazza asked again does he push the timer.

Speaker Pete said no.

Eugene Magnuson, Assistant EDC Director, represented this agenda item. Magnuson said all right, ah, thanks for letting him speak. Magnuson said what they are suggesting is that they add an addition to their Board and Scott Wahr has been part of their Citizen Board and he has been the first person to serve on that capacity. Magnuson said Scott Wahr has been very diligent and engaged in....he doesn't think he has missed a single meeting. Magnuson said he lives in Muskegon way and that says a lot, they know, so they would like to move forward his name for consideration to be on their full Board of the EDC. Magnuson said now some of the issues that they have currently is that they have a Board member that is has some health issues. Magnuson said they have another individual who is very high quality and very engaged in his work and he travels around the world so there is times he is not able physically to be in attendance at the meetings nor is he able to actually participate by phone or any type of tele-conversation so what happens is occasionally they are close to having not a quorum. Magnuson said in this situation, they know, it's really important that they continue their business and they get quorum. Magnuson said he understands that they would like to pause that and take it up at a later date but what he is asking is they consider his nomination and make a decision today because they really need him to maintain a quorum.

Speaker Pete said okay so he....if they can take something but he has his hand up. Pete said first of all he knows Scott Wahr when he was there when they created the Citizens Board it was a non-paying position and he doesn't ever remember him not attending a meeting and driving up on his own time from Muskegon. Pete said attending all that and Scott Wahr is a Tribal Citizen.

Eugene Magnuson said yes he is.

Speaker Pete said so from a personal standpoint he doesn't attend on rare occasions the opening part once in a while in the EDC now but from all the times he attended for a year he was at every single one he never, ever, ever missed a meeting and they are just saying that he....in all that entire time he was never paid any gas money or ___ or any kind of thing like that he still drove up as a Tribal member and went in the Board. Pete said if they got an issue that's not.....if there is an issue.....first of all do they have a seat for him on the Board.

Eugene Magnuson said yes they do.

Speaker Pete said they do have an open seat for him on the Board and secondly is there are times they need him for a quor.....they would like somebody like that for a quorum, right.

Eugene Magnuson said yes, they need somebody that is consistent, dedicated and knowledgeable about the EDC and that fits Scott Wahr.

Speaker Pete said okay so all he is saying to him is they don't have his experience with them that he served with him but he is telling them the guy just comes in.

Councilor Lonn said he is real good.

Speaker Pete said he comes in for everything. Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said yes, she thought that all the Board Seats were filled except for the one for a Tribal Council member.

Eugene Magnuson said no, they still have space on the...and with the addition to Tribal Council member Tom Guenthardt, they filled that role and they had another opening for another Tribal Council member but what they are running into is quorum issues occasionally and sometimes they have to pray to the Creator to insure that they can start their meeting sometimes because it gets that close.

Councilor Champagne asked so he said they had an open seat so is somebody resigning that is opening on the Board.

Eugene Magnuson said no, no they have five right now.

Councilor Champagne said so how do they have an open seat. Champagne said she guessed he needs to explain that to her other than the Council seat and she doesn't see how they can take the Council seat.....

Councilor Crampton said they can't.

Councilor Champagne said that is something that the Council has a right to.

Eugene Magnuson said um-hum. Magnuson said they encouraged any Council members to put in their application, they met with several, they have encouraged somebody to fulfill that role but at the end of the day, they are looking at quorum. Magnuson said so to conduct their business that they need to do.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said his concern is that he would like to talk to the individual and meet with him. Crampton said he doesn't think the quorum issues is going to keep them from doing business since they had the quorum issues with the other commissions and committees. Crampton said they have come before them and rather than occurring a cost and adding to a benefit, they would just lower the quorum out so they could do business. Crampton said they have done that several times and it has been imperative, in fact, they even had to lower them to a point that Council members can go and sit just with these bodies. Crampton said so if

the issue is a quorum he doesn't see approving an expenditure based on that issue because what they are doing is adding an increased cost to the Board they are not going to be paying this person he assumes.

Eugene Magnuson said correct, they don't get paid.

Councilor Crampton said they are adding a cost. Crampton said he doesn't think that it is imperative right now he would like to speak with this individual because he is talking about.....the two individuals that he is talking about he has reviewed their past and they have extensive knowledge. Crampton said if that is the issue he would like to see somebody with that kind of knowledge take that place rather than somebody who just shows up.

Eugene Magnuson said okay.

Speaker Pete said well he is just going to say that he knows that the EDC has been asking for people for a long time and he just....he would also say he would certainly think the EDC would just love to have somebody from Council come over there any time to apply for their job and get put on there. Pete said in the meantime he is a Tribal member, he has been involved with the EDC on a volunteer basis from day one and to him they still talk the talk about the Tribal members in their Tribal member issues and their people who are going to be making money with them but sometimes they don't walk the walk. Pete said he doesn't care that they are going....if they....that is how he believes and if they are going to delay this thing then....speak with him the big thing he needs is he has to have a motion either way. Pete said in the meantime it is Shannon Crampton. Pete asked is he looking for somebody over here. Pete asked did he miss somebody. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well, he would just like to point out that he also believes his sediment but they also had qualified Tribal Council members sitting in the hopper and nobody has said anything when the Ogema chooses to not bring them forward in violation of the Preference Law.

Speaker Pete said well, okay that is....once more there is nine people up there and that is one opinion of what is going on. Pete said that is his opinion.

Councilor Crampton said that is his opinion but there is a law also that everybody....

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said go ahead.

Eugene Magnuson said one last comment. Magnuson said the Citizen Board was designed to provide citizens the opportunity to get engaged with the EDC to solicit the feedback to them and Scott Wahr has done that. Magnuson said it is basically kind of they can say proving ground for a full Board Member and he has

done that. Magnuson said he thinks because he has paid his dues he should have that opportunity to serve on the full Board that is all he is saying.

Speaker Pete said he is.....okay.....go ahead Shannon Crampton then he will go.

Councilor Crampton said nobody is disagreeing with him but he is just looking for the opportunity to speak to him so that he is secure in his vote.

Councilor Lonn said Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Pete said he had his hand up next.

Recorder Di Piazza said Diane Lonn had hers up.

Speaker Pete said who.

Recorder Di Piazza said Diane Lonn.

Speaker Pete said okay Diane Lonn he is front.....she is now.

Councilor Lonn said she would like to have a vote taken please.

Recorder Di Piazza said they need a motion.

Speaker Pete said a motion has got to be made but he says this he has. Pete said when they asked for the Citizens Advisory Committee for someone to start sitting on the Citizens Advisory Committee from somebody from Tribal they had zero. Pete said none because it was a volunteer thing. Pete said the only one that put up their hand right away was Scott Wahr, he was the only one. Pete said take it from there. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton. Pete said he is up.

Councilor Crampton said he didn't raise his hand but.....

Speaker Pete said he is sorry, okay, Cindy Champagne is up. Pete said he doesn't mean to annoy them. Pete reiterated to Cindy Champagne that she was up.

Councilor Champagne said she guess she is looking at um, what the Board or what the EDC is supposed to be following in the number of seats. Champagne said there really isn't an open seat except the Council seat which she doesn't think that EDC has the right to take that Council seat away and give it to a non-Council member. Champagne said even though they haven't had a Council member except for Tom Guenthardt apply for it. Champagne said the other thing is if they are going to put him on are they going to get rid of one of the members. Champagne said she understands they have a non-Tribal person, they are talking Tribal, they want to give their Tribal members an opportunity she is all for that. Champagne asked are they going to take the non-Tribal member off the Board.

Eugene Magnuson said yeah, they have one non-Tribal citizen but he is a spouse of a Tribal member.

Councilor Champagne said if they are going to open up a seat then she would think they have to do that because they really don't have a seat open.

Eugene Magnuson said okay.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said just to go back the Advisory Board is put in place so they can ___ the members.....

Councilor Lonn was involved in a side bar conversation but it wasn't clear what she was saying.

Councilor Crampton said.....they put forward somebody that they feel comfortable, hopefully if the process is working right. Crampton said now if they are allowed to just nominate that person by their own why are they doing.....what are they doing here. Crampton said he guessed what he is asking for is Council's opportunity to do their due diligence and actually speak to this person that is what he is asking for.

Speaker Pete said he has to have something on the floor.

Councilor Lonn said she still asks for a call....a roll call.....she did ask for a vote.

Recorder Di Piazza said motion it is a resolution.

Councilor Lonn said okay she will do it.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0115-024;
APPOINTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE, SCOTT
WAHR; by Lonn; supported by Di Piazza.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said for point of clarification and light of the Ethics Ordinance are there any Council members who are related to this individual.

Councilor Lonn said "oh, my God."

Recorder Di Piazza said well, he is related to everybody so.

Councilor Lonn said she is too.

Speaker Pete said for him he would have to tell them he don't know if he is or if he is not so it would be a real shirt tail, who knows, so. Pete asked Shannon Crampton is he related to him.

Councilor Crampton said no.

Speaker Pete asked is anybody related to him.

Councilor Champagne said uh, uh.

Speaker Pete said he doesn't believe he is related to him.

Councilor Guenthardt said he doesn't know.

Councilor Lewis said yeah, even she doesn't know.

Speaker Pete said so he is saying that the majority of the thing is that they are not related to him. Pete said so if there is no further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete said then he is calling for a vote. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #13

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Speaker Pete asked what is the vote.

Councilor Crampton said four to five.

Speaker Pete asked huh.

Councilor Crampton said four to five it passed.

Recorder Di Piazza said yup. Di Piazza said what did he do hold on. Di Piazza said he is sorry he can't see very well today for some reason. Di Piazza said five in favor and four against.....

Speaker Pete said it passed.

Recorder Di Piazza said yes, it passed. Di Piazza said Resolution #20-0115-024 is passed he has been appointed.

All of Tribal Council was involved in discussion.

Recorder Di Piazza said the recorder is still running.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Pete asked does he have a motion to adjourn the Second Open Session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SECOND OPEN SESSION; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there anybody that is going to abstain. Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

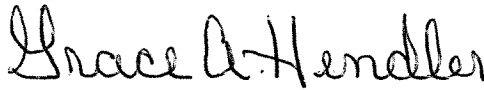
Roll Call #14

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor they have adjourned Second Open at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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