

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on January 17, 2018. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis. Riley said he would like to welcome everybody to their regular meeting for Wednesday, January 17th. Riley said they are going to get started this morning with their Opening Prayer.

Recorder Lewis they are going to have to get somebody.

Speaker Riley asked where Gary Di Piazza is at.

Councilor Crampton said he had to go to a doctor's appointment.

Councilor Pete said Traverse City.

Speaker Riley said that is right. Riley asked Councilor Pete if he could go ahead and do this for them please.

Councilor Pete said he sure will.

I. Opening Prayer

Ron Pete, Tribal Councilor, offered the Opening Prayer.

Our Heavenly Father, our Creator, thank you for blessing us with another day today.

Thank you for this day that we can meet and we can be respectful of each other and we can try to do what is in our hearts and what is best for all of our Tribal Citizens and all the citizens where we live.

Bless all of our people who are in uniform, our police, our first responders, our uniformed soldiers wherever they are serving throughout the world or this Nation. Bless them and their families who are actually serving with them.

Be with them as they go about their daily duties and bring them home to a grateful Nation.

In our Father's name. Amen.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call to establish quorum.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Archie Martell, Bob Sanders, Jennifer Crampton, Bill Willis.

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

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 17, 2018 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF III C.1. IS AN ADD, V C. IS REMOVED, V E. IS AN ADD AND VII C.2. IS POSTPONED; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked if there is any discussion on the agenda. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis noted the agenda has been approved for January 17, 2018.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 1/10/18

**MOTION TO APPROVE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR
1/10/18; by Pete; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Riley asked if there was any discussion on the minutes for 1/10. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis noted the minutes for 1/10/18 have been approved and accepted for filing.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Riley noted they have nothing under Grants & Contracts.

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-2018-__ in the amount of \$444,459**

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2017 Self-Governance Compact and are for the Rights Protection Implementation Programs.

Speaker Riley said Bill Willis is representing this and that he had the floor.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this as he mentioned to Council in Agenda Review is actually money from 2017 the Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau. Willis said this money is specific to Rights Protection and Implementation Funding. Willis said part of it is base funding for Great Lakes and the other base funding for Inland Activities under the same Rights Protection category. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget. Willis said Tammy Burmeister and he have been working with Frank Beaver to figure out how they are going to spend these funds given the fact that in 2017 they had some Deferred Revenue from 2016 that hadn't been spent. Willis said he sure they will spend the money at some point.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said if there is no further discussion on it he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION APPROVING RESOLUTION #18-0117-010;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING
BUDGET MB-2018-04 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$444,459; by Pete;
supported by Lewis.**

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

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0117-010 has been approved.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

- 1. Approval for Jamie Friedel and Sandy Lewis to attend the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) 2018 Winter Meeting being held in Key Biscayne, Florida**
The meeting takes place at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on February 17-19, 2018.

Speaker Riley asked is there any discussion or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said this is the National Republican Convention and this is their first meeting for 2018. Friedel said he and Sandy Lewis was at a meeting that was kind of an Invitational Meeting in D.C. the last time they were out there it was kind of a pop-up thing. Friedel said they went and he and Gary Di Piazza was at the one before that so this is the second time they have been.....this will be the third time meeting with Republicans and it says the Ritz-Carlton and they will be staying off-site as well.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete then Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Pete said he was going to make a motion to approve this if there was no further discussion but he will defer to Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said no, go ahead because he was going to do the same thing.

Councilor Pete said then he just wanted.....is this a resolution or is he just making a motion to approve.

Tribal Council said a motion.

Councilor Pete thanked them.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR JAMIE FRIEDEL AND SANDY LEWIS TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE (NRCC) 2018 WINTER MEETING BEING HELD IN KEY BISCAWAYNE, FLORIDA; by Pete; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Riley asked if there were any abstentions or any discussion on this item or questions. Riley said he just wanted to say he managed to get a copy of the RSVP List and decimated that to Jamie Friedel and Sandy Lewis so they can reach out ahead of time and set up some meetings and craft their talking points accordingly to who is going to be there and who they are going to have the opportunity to meet with. Riley said it looks like the Michigan Delegation is going to be present at least Bergman and Huizenga are going to be there. Riley said he wanted to make sure it was going to be well attended because they don't want to send people to Florida with nothing to do. Riley said if there are no further questions. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call please.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis noted the motion has been approved for travel for Jamie Friedel and Sandra Lewis to attend the NRCC 2018 Winter Meeting held in Florida.

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due:

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

Reports received:

- None Submitted**
- October 2017**
- None Submitted**
- None Submitted**
- None Submitted**

Speaker Riley said he believed Gary Di Piazza gave the reason why last week the Natural Resource Commission had reports due and they should be coming shortly. Riley asked are there any questions or discussion on the reports.

V. New Business

A. Amending Publication of Commission, Committee, and Board Stipend Payments and Liaison Attendance

Tribal Council recommends that a publication be done at the beginning of each calendar year that states the members of each commission, committee or board member, liaisons associated with each entity and the yearly schedule for each commission, committee or board be placed in the Currents.

Speaker Riley asked is there any discussion or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said once again this is a motion, correct.

Councilor Crampton said no.

Councilor Medacco said it is a resolution.

Councilor Pete said it was a resolution and apologized.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0117-011;
AMENDING PUBLICATION OF COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEE
AND BOARD STIPEND PAYMENTS AND LIAISON
ATTENDANCE;** by Pete; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Pete that is Resolution #011.

Councilor Pete amended his motion to include correct resolution number.

Speaker Riley asked if there were any abstentions. Riley recognized Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said he was just waiting for questions.....on this publication. Romanelli asked is it the same one that was sent to him, he thinks, it lists all the Liaisons. Romanelli asked could they add the Ogema back in there. Romanelli said it used to be the Ogema was on there and he is wondering if that.....they just had the discussion of information not coming to the Ogema and he doesn't know if that is part of it or not but he thinks that should be on when they are talking about Legislative Liaisons, etc.

Recorder Lewis asked can he amend it.

Speaker Riley said yes.

Recorder Lewis asked Councilor Pete if he wanted to amend his motion.

Councilor Pete said he would like to amend that then to approve the Ogema.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0117-011;
AMENDING PUBLICATION OF COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEE
AND BOARD STIPEND PAYMENTS AND LIAISON
ATTENDANCE AND TO INCLUDE THE TRIBAL OGEMA;** by
Pete; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked Councilor Friedel if he still supported that.

Councilor Friedel said he does support it still.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley said alright any further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0117-011 has been approved.

B. Adoption of the Natural Resource Commission By-Laws

The Natural Resource Commission approved their By-Laws by Resolution NRC Resolution #18-0108-01 on January 8, 2018 and are sending to Tribal Council for their approval.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said if there are no further questions he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0117-012; ADOPTION
OF THE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION BY-LAWS;** by
Friedel; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked if there were any questions or discussion on the Natural Resource Commission By-Laws. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0117-012 has been approved.

- C. Amending the Hunting Regulations to Ban Deer Baiting**
 The Natural Resource Commission approved NRC Resolution #18-0108-02 that amends the Hunting Regulations to Ban Deer Baiting and these regulations are being forwarded to Tribal Council for approval.

This item was removed from the agenda.

- D. Approval to Post Operation of Recreational Vehicles (ORV) on Tribal Property for a 30 Day Public Comment Period**

A work session was held on Thursday, January 11, 2018 for discussion and it was determined to post for a 30 Day Public Comment Period.

Speaker Riley said this would open up the property at Aki to ORV use in designated areas. Riley asked is there a motion or discussion on this. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0117-013;
 APPROVAL OF POSTING OPERATION OF RECREATIONAL
 VEHICLES (ORV) ON TRIBAL PROPERTY FOR A 30 DAY
 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

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

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0117-013 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

E. Notice of Intent to Repeal the Commerce Commission Ordinance #05-150-05

Section 2.03 of the Administrative Procedures Act requires that Tribal Council Post in Tribal Buildings a Notice of Intent to Repeal an ordinance at least two weeks prior to the repeal action.

Speaker Riley said now that they have the EDC in place the Commerce Commission doesn't really serve a purpose anymore so in order to dissolve the Commerce Commission they have to repeal the ordinance that created them. Riley asked is there any discussion or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0117-014; POST NOTICE OF INTENT TO REPEAL THE COMMERCE COMMISSION ORDINANCE #05-150-05; by Pete; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Riley asked if there were any abstentions.

Recorder Lewis said she will be abstaining.

Speaker Riley said it is just a motion and is not a resolution.

Councilor Medacco said the same as the ORV one too. Medacco said the ORV was a motion only and a posting.

Recorder Lewis said do they have to go back and.....

Speaker Riley said no it just burns a number. Riley said so they are good. Riley asked Councilor Pete if he wanted to amend his motion so that it is not a resolution anymore.

Councilor Pete said yes.

Speaker Riley asked Councilor Medacco if he still supports.

Councilor Pete thanked Councilor Medacco.

MOTION TO POST NOTICE OF INTENT TO REPEAL THE COMMERCE COMMISSION ORDINANCE #05-150-05; by Pete; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis if she is still abstaining.

Recorder Lewis replied yes.

Speaker Riley said alright if there is no further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (6-0-1-2)

Recorder Lewis noted the motion has been carried on Notice of Intent to Repeal the Commerce Commission Ordinance #05-150-05.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, January 24, 2018

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

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

Ogema Romanelli thanked him. Romanelli said the first thing he wants to mention is the Cultural Group that he is going to call it that they are looking at, Council and Ogema, looking to re-establish, which he thinks is a good idea, the purpose of the group is his understanding to try and get some more cultural activities regenerated or moving forward. Romanelli said the first one being the Snow snake and the Round Dance so he appreciates the Council in their efforts in that area he thinks is a good thing. Romanelli said once they do that they have to then relook at some departments which he is also doing anyway and that would be Historic Preservation. Romanelli said they have a few of them but that is going to change the dynamics there so if and when this is established they....he will go back and look at the departments to see what they need to do there. Romanelli said he is also having meetings this week on providing clarity of the Next Generation Learning Center and the Pharmacy because while they have them started there is some tweaking that needs to go on as to, for example, snowplowing. Romanelli said who takes care of the snowplowing and who pays for it at their Next Generation Learning Center when they have several different departments or entities in the building so they have to hammer that out. Romanelli said if there is a plumbing problem who pays for it and where does it go or where does it come from. Romanelli said rent and all that stuff has to be worked out. Romanelli said with the Pharmacy there is still a lot of questions as to who it can serve and how it serves the people. Romanelli said again they have to tweak a lot of that so they are working on it. Romanelli said they have meetings set up and as a matter of fact in just a little while he has his first

meeting. Romanelli said he had meetings yesterday with the Leads and then he will have another just go on for the rest of the week trying to figure that out. Romanelli said once they get that a little more sorted out he will get back with Council and maybe need some help from them to understand what the intent was on those two entities. Romanelli said he thinks.....he believes it was their intent to make them stand alone to be separate from the government eventually and he knows that they put some money in for both of them to get them started. Romanelli said what the intent is he thinks was to have them be an enterprise or to stand alone. Romanelli said the reason they need to get that squared away is because they have the EDC now so where are they going and try to help them get moving in the right direction. Romanelli said he thinks that is it.

Speaker Riley thanked the Ogema. Riley asked is there any discussion or questions on the Weekly Status & Business Update.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Riley said onto Legislative Affairs. Riley said at this point he just wanted to let everybody know that Councilor Wittenberg is actually out this week on Bereavement, his brother he believed walked on so please keep him and his family in their thoughts and prayers. Riley asked does anybody have anything for Legislative Affairs. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said yes, something very important to Indian Country happened this week. Pete said the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act did pass the House and it is moving on its way to the Senate. Pete said he believe it has a reasonably good chance of getting to the Senate and no matter how their politics stack up he believes that this President once it gets to his desk will sign it and move forward. Pete said so that is some great news for Indian Country that has at least cleared one hurdle. Pete said it has a couple to go but it is better than losing that hurdle. Pete said that is all he has and thanked them.

Speaker Riley said just to piggy-back onto that. Riley said right now based on a couple of straw polls and asking around that they are about four votes shy of the 60 needed for _____. Riley said two that are ones that their people in Michigan have some clout with are Senator Peters and Senator Stabenow. Riley said he would encourage anybody that lives in Michigan to write to their Senators and encourage them and they know, obviously as Democrats they are not going to vote because it has been turned into an anti-union issue which it is not at all but just to convince them to vote so it can go up for a vote. Riley said they know, they don't have to vote yes at that point or whatever just so it has its chance to run through the Democratic Process and not to block it. Riley asked is there anything else for Legislative Affairs. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said this is for he think it would be more fitting under EDC but the House of Natural Resources Subcommittee is holding a hearing on HR

4506 and that is the Native American Jobs Act. Crampton said it would provide grants plus funding for a Native American Incubators.

Councilor Pete said wow.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley said it looks like that is it for Legislative Affairs.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley said onto Public Comment. Riley asked are there any public comments.

None were offered.

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

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to end first open at 10:24.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:24; by Lewis; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:03 a.m.

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to go into second open at 11:03.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 11:03; by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #10

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

R. Wittenberg-Absent	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes
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Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis said alright they are in second open.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis do they have anything to move today.

Recorder Lewis replied yes.

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #18-0117-015, MOTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE AND RESOLUTION; by Lewis; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis said Resolution #18-0117-015 has been moved to open.

The following resolution, motion and roll call vote was moved from Closed to Open Session.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0117-015, APPROVING THE OGEMA’S EXECUTION OF THE FY 2018 SUBCONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATION AND BIOLOGICAL SERVICES WITH THE CHIPPEWA OTTAWA RESOURCE AUTHORITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$117,112; by Medacco; supported by Friedel.

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

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from closed to open session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Riley said he is looking for a motion to adjourn at 11:05.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:05; by Medacco; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.


Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (6-1-0-2)

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder