



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020  
LITTLE RIVER BAND  
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held an Emergency Meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on January 2, 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 the first thing he would like to do is read this then he will ask Gary Di Piazza to do an Opening Prayer. Pete read into the record the Call of Emergency Meeting and Agenda.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

Creator, look after us as we all go through these days.  
Let us make the best decisions possible as we can for our people.  
Let us all succeed as we move forward.  
Let this New Year be exciting for everybody and make some things happen this year.  
Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.  
Ahaaw.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

The emergency scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to 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.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Speaker Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 2, 2020  
WITH NO CHANGES OR ADDS; by Lonn; supported by Di Piazza.**

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

Councilor Crampton said he would just like to say that with the adoption of this agenda that this would constitute.....this is what Tribal Council as a body feels is an emergency.

Speaker Pete said he is sorry he didn't hear him.

Councilor Crampton said okay. Crampton said he would say with the adoption of this agenda this would constitute what Tribal Council as a body thinks is an emergency.

Speaker Pete said okay any other discussion. Pete recognized Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said just for the record the Ogema called an Emergency Meeting on 12/23/19 for this exact same purpose and there was not a quorum. Romanelli said some Council members thought it was not necessary or for whatever reason didn't want to attend.

Speaker Pete said he does agree actually. Pete said just the one comment he is going to make after the 18<sup>th</sup> Agenda they did not have a quorum, they couldn't pass the necessary things that were on there specifically, they couldn't pass the Tribal Council Meeting Agenda for 2020 and Constitutionally it states that the last Tribal Council Meeting it shall be passed. Pete said they didn't have a quorum of six Councilors here. Pete said in discussion he had with the Ogema Friday afternoon in the offices that are in Muskegon Government Offices. Pete said Larry Romanelli said to him, he had a meeting with him, said it is his opinion that he really thinks that they need to call a meeting to pass this agenda. Pete said he further said that he thinks that they probably should call the meeting just to make sure that he is covered. Pete said in conjunction with himself he also said they best call this meeting and they did call this meeting and they still couldn't get a quorum so they tried to pass this twice. Pete said he also had a call from Gary Di Piazza, their Recorder, and he said let's schedule a meeting for the 30<sup>th</sup> another one unfortunately there were things.....he could not attend that one on the 30<sup>th</sup> himself so that is why he did this in the beginning and called a meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Pete said now it is not according to the Constitution but it is the best thing that he could possibly do to get a quorum to try to pass this thing to move forward on their meetings therefore that is why they did call this meeting today and he believed it is an emergency for them to pass that thing before it was done because it is supposed to be done on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December. Pete said as a matter of fact he looked at the attorney and said she knows what this is not going to be caught to him again another time he is going to pass this thing in November. Pete said constitutionally he can't pass it in November because it has to be passed constitutionally on the final meeting of Tribal Council. Pete said so this is why they are having the meeting and he forgot once again..... Pete asked Gary Di Piazza where is he at.

Recorder Di Piazza said they need a roll call.

Speaker Pete asked is there any other comments on the agenda. Pete asked no comments on the agenda. Pete recognized Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said just one more thing by not having a quorum last year there was an issue on there would cost the Tribe a substantial amount of money again just for the record.

Speaker Pete said okay, he is aware of that. Pete said once again if there is no more 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 Thursday, January 2, 2020 has been approved.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes  12/11/19**

Speaker Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TRIBAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR 12/11/19 FOR FILING; 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.

**Roll Call #2**

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 Tribal Council Minutes for 12/11/19 have been accepted.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

Speaker Pete said under Grants & Contracts there is nothing showing.

**B. Budget Modifications**

**1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Performance Partnership Grant and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-\_\_ in the amount of \$60,000**

The Tribe has received a modification of additional funding.

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

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said yeah, he thought Allison Smart would be here but that is okay. Willis said this is simply additional funding that they received from EPA. Willis said as Council is aware a year or so ago EPA began to kind of combine all the programs, Brownfield, Clean Water, etc. into one group funding. Willis said that is what they done so they are kind of piece meal the money to them so this is one of several appropriations that they will receive in the future. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Pete thanked Bill Willis. Pete said they did go over this in Agenda Review that was the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> somewhere in that area. Pete said that has been a long time ago. Pete asked does he have.....is there any discussion. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #20-0102-001;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-PERFORMANCE  
PARTNERSHIP GRANT AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION  
TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2020-01 IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$60,000; 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 #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 #20-0102-001 has passed.

**2. Acceptance of grant funds from the Wexford-Missaukee &  
Manistee ISD-Great Start Readiness Program and approving a  
modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-\_\_ in the  
amount of \$109,040**

The Tribe has received a new grant award.

Speaker Pete said he believed that Jason Cross is here to represent this.

Jason Cross, Family Services Director, represented this agenda item. Cross said yes, this is their annual grant from GSRP for the Next Generation Learning Center to cover \_\_\_ 16 children and two staff members.

Speaker Pete thanked Jason Cross. Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain.

*A Tribal Council member said they needed a motion.*

Speaker Pete said he needs a motion.

Councilor Lonn said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0102-002;  
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE WEXFORD-  
MISSAUKEE & MANISTEE ISD-GREAT START READINESS  
PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE  
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2020-02 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$109,040; by Lonn; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Pete said now he will do it right. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked is there any further discussion. 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 #20-0102-002 is passed.

**3. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Child Care Development Fund and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2020-\_\_ in the amount of \$65,911**

The Tribe has received a new grant award for Year 1.

Speaker Pete asked Jason Cross if he was here to represent this.

Jason Cross, Family Services Director, represented this agenda item. Cross said yes. Cross said this is a new grant, Child Care Development Grant, in the amount of \$65,000 and this goes.....the majority of this money goes to salaries for employees at the center.

Speaker Pete said excuse him.

Recorder Di Piazza said the modification number is 2020.

Speaker Pete asked do they have the wrong number on one of these.

Council Lonn said it is supposed to be MB-2020.

Speaker Pete asked did he read that wrong.

Councilor Lonn said yes sir.

Speaker Pete said okay it's Budget MB-2019.

Councilor Guenthardt said 2020.

Speaker Pete said it says 19.

Councilor Lewis said 2020.

Recorder Di Piazza said it is 2020.

Speaker Pete said okay he is sorry it is 2020 and this is old. Pete thanked Jason Cross. Pete asked is there any questions of Jason Cross. Pete asked can he get a motion. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0102-003;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-CHILD  
CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND AND APPROVING A  
MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2020-03 IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$65,911; by Lonn; supported by Lewis.**

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 please.

**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 #20-0102-003 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

- 4. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2020-\_\_ ; Authorizing a modification to the Inter-Tribal Council 13 Moons Pilot Project Budget in the amount of \$6,500**  
Tribal Council must approve any change in the scope of a program such as the elimination of Program Activities.

Speaker Pete asked Jason Cross if he was here to represent this.

Jason Cross, Family Services Director, represented this agenda item. Cross said yes they would like to modify the Budget of an existing grant. Cross said when they budgeted this grant initially they put \$6,500 in to cover a portion of the Employee's Benefits. Cross said the employee in question now has their benefits covered through a family member so they would like to transfer that money to salaries so they can spend out the rest of this grant.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked are there any questions of Jason Cross. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton asked Jason Cross just for the benefit of the membership could he give just a brief over view of the 13 Moons Project.

Jason Cross said yeah, it's a sub-grant through Michigan Inter-Tribal Council. Cross said they use the 13 Moons to cook a different meal that is associated with that moon. Cross said November was.....they had venison for November. Cross said each month there after they have a traditionally cooked meal. Cross said the recipes come from ITC and it is a whole curriculum.

Councilor Crampton thanked Jason Cross.

Speaker Pete thanked Jason Cross. Pete asked is there any further questions of Jason Cross. Pete asked 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 #20-0102-004;  
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2020-04,  
AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE INTER-TRIBAL  
COUNCIL 13 MOONS PILOT PROJECT BUDGET IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$6,500; 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 please.

**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 #20-0102-004 is passed.

Jason Cross thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Jason Cross.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

Speaker Pete said there is nothing under Budgeted Expenditures.



**IV. Acceptance of Reports**

**A. Report of the Tribal Ogema**

- 1. Operations Report**  None Submitted
- 2. Financial Report**  None Submitted

Speaker Pete said Operations Report is none submitted and Financial Report is none submitted.

**V. Acceptance of Commission Reports**

- A. Binojeeuk Commission**  November 2019
- B. Enrollment Commission**  None Submitted
- C. Gaming Commission**  November 2019
- D. Health Commission**  None Submitted
- E. Housing Commission**  November 2019
- F. Natural Resource Commission**  November 2019  
**No Meeting Held**

Speaker Pete said the Binojeeuk Commission has November 2019 accepted, Enrollment Commission is none submitted, Gaming Commission has November 2019 has been accepted, Health Commission is none submitted, Housing Commission has November 2019, Natural Resource Commission has November 2019 no meeting held.

**VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities**

- A. Elders Committee Minutes**  None Submitted
- B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report**  November 2019

Speaker Pete said the Elders Committee Minutes is none submitted and Little River Casino Resort Preference Report has November 2019. Pete asked are there any questions on any of those reports or minutes. Pete said seeing none that moves them on.

**VII. Old Business**

**Monthly Reports that are due: October 2019**

**Reports received:**

- A. Natural Resource Commission**  October 2019
- B. Elders Committee Minutes**  None Submitted

Speaker Pete said the Natural Resource Commission submitted October 2019 and the Elders Committee Minutes is none submitted. Pete asked any questions on those reports. Pete said that moves them on.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. Establishing the Schedule of Regular Meetings for the Tribal Council for Calendar Year 2020**

The Constitution states that the schedule of meetings for regular sessions of the Tribal Council for each succeeding calendar year shall be set by resolution of the Tribal Council at the last regular session of each calendar year and that such schedule shall be published and made available to the General Membership. This schedule is for weekly regular meetings.

Speaker Pete said to Recorder Di Piazza that he is the one who has this on there and does he want him to go on it or him.

Recorder Di Piazza said no, it is just that constitutionally they are to pass on the 18<sup>th</sup> their Council Meetings for the year so.

Speaker Pete asked so this is just their weekly meetings for the year. Pete said once again he.....is there.....okay. Pete reiterated this is their weekly meetings for the year. Pete asked is there any questions. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said not questions just conversation.

Speaker Pete said yes, okay. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, this one is a little different. Crampton said every year the Recorder brings this forward but this time there has been two brought forward and neither one of them conforms to what they have passed in the past. Crampton said he gathered like all the resolutions that they have from.....that they have done in the past and they are all pretty much in line with each other except for these two. Crampton said this one does not include.....there is not.....contemplate excluding the fifth meeting on every month of this year that has a fifth week. Crampton said the next one he doesn't know where that came from other than the Recorder it is just for one day, one meeting a month.

Speaker Pete said so okay. Pete said he is not going to jump in he will call on him because he had his hand up first. Pete said he is going to be in the queue so.

Recorder Di Piazza said the one for a weekly meeting no matter how many Wednesdays are in a month because he hears from all the membership numerous times why is there not a Council Meeting even though it is on a Wednesday. Di Piazza said whether.....there is nothing that says they should have one, two, three, and four. Di Piazza said the second one is he hears all the time that they only have to be here for one meeting a month so that is how most of Council wants to address that so he put it on the agenda.

Speaker Pete said okay so he is in the queue. Pete said then he will call on him. Pete said so if they are discussing two of these which he prefers just to discuss A because that is the one they are up to right now then they would reserve that discussion time for B for when that is up next on the agenda if they could.

Recorder Di Piazza said that is fine.

Speaker Pete said okay the one for A is very simply, simply said is that there is....he is going to give an example. Pete said there is an Elder's Meeting in November that happens the first weekend in November and if they have a Tribal Council Meeting at the Elders Meeting he doesn't think it makes, himself, he doesn't think it makes any difference that they hit every Wednesday that they have for a Council Meeting. Pete said it is only going to be for a couple times this year that is ever going to happen and he thinks sometimes people....he heard people before why isn't there a Council Meeting. Pete said he said it before when he wasn't on Council so all that is.....all that is is the very first one A to him is scheduling the Council Meeting for every single Wednesday. Pete said so that basically is what that is he means certainly previously in the other Council Meetings that they have passed before when they limited it to four Council Meetings a month so if there is a Council Meeting in August for example that the Elders Picnic and there is one that September or one on that Saturday that they don't get Council Meetings for the rest of the month. Pete said he doesn't think that is that big of a deal. Pete said he really thinks, himself personally, that one Council Meeting....that a scheduled for every single Wednesday is not so far out of the realm and a couple three times that it may happen a year that they are meeting five times he doesn't see that much of....he doesn't see that big of a deal over it. Pete said okay so that is all he has got to say. Pete asked Shannon Crampton if he had his hand up.

Councilor Crampton said he guessed he missed....he missed the big deal about the fifth Wednesday. Crampton said he was just putting out the difference between the last resolutions that they passed.....

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Crampton said secondly each year there is no big deal about the fifth month but why would they put this on together that's.....if they pass this one it basically nullifies the second.

Speaker Pete said in essence it does....he isn't saying it doesn't he is just saying they will address that second one like he said once they are done with this one here. Pete said then he doesn't know if he has to address it if he already addressed it but in any event what he would just like to do let's either pass A or deny A. Pete said one of the two and that way they would have met their Constitutional requirements even though it is late.

Councilor Crampton said oh, no he was in the queue and he wanted to make sure that everybody understands it before this gets spun out anywhere that was put on by the Recorder.

Speaker Pete said right that is correct. Pete reiterated that is correct. Pete said it was put on by the Recorder. Pete said so do they have any further discussion on New Business, Item A. Pete said he needs a motion. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0102-005;  
ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS  
FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020;** by  
Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

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

Councilor Crampton said just in case he missed it he is thinking this probably went through ULD.

Recorder Di Piazza asked for what.

Councilor Crampton said for review.

Recorder Di Piazza asked what.

Councilor Crampton replied the resolution that he has in front of his hand in front of his face that he turned in.

Recorder Di Piazza said for an extra two meetings a year.

Councilor Crampton said no just to see if it's in compliance.

Recorder Di Piazza said compliant with what. Di Piazza said it is the same resolution as.....

Councilor Crampton said his question is did ULD work on this not whether he liked it or not.

Attorney Rebecca Liebing said no.

Speaker Pete said just a minute.....he just answered ULD did not work on it. Pete said he couldn't answer him.

Councilor Crampton said that was his question it was pretty simple he thought.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked does he.....what did he end up at.

Councilor Lewis said motion by Diane Lonn and Ron Wittenberg supported.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion that is where he ended up at.

Councilor Crampton said oh, yes, yes, yes.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Councilor Crampton said since ULD didn't work on it and it was brought forward by the Recorder is there any other changes on there other than the fifth.....including the fifth week.

Recorder Di Piazza responded no.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Recorder Di Piazza said it is the same template that was used last year other than the dates are changed and two extra meetings. Di Piazza said he hears it all the time they know.....when that fifth Wednesday hits where is everybody. Di Piazza said when that happens it is pretty scarce around here.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well if that is allowable the last meeting that was what....scheduled on the last Tuesday there was a note from the Speaker saying there was only three people here.

Speaker Pete said he guessed he don't understand that and he must need to ask him what is the note from this Speaker that there was only three people here.

Councilor Crampton said no the last meeting on a Tuesday that they had to cancel. Crampton said he wrote to Larry Romanelli saying that there was only three people here so he is calling him.

Recorder Di Piazza said that was the Ogema's.....

Councilor Wittenberg asked there were a lot of meetings \_\_\_\_ did they.

Speaker Pete said he, he.....they know what he don't.....this thing has been so crazy for the month of December. Pete said they were just trying to get people here that he don't remember. Pete said if Shannon Crampton said he said it....he doesn't care, it doesn't matter. Pete asked any other comment that they have on this. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #7**

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)

*Councilor Crampton was heard in the background saying yes.*

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-0102-005 is passed.

**B. Establishing the Schedule of Regular Meetings for the Tribal Council for Calendar Year 2020**

The Constitution states that the schedule of meetings for regular sessions of the Tribal Council for each succeeding calendar year shall be set by resolution of the Tribal Council at the last regular session of each calendar year and that such schedule shall be published and made available to the General Membership. This schedule is for a regular monthly meeting.

Speaker Pete said to Gary Di Piazza that he put this on the meeting.

Recorder Di Piazza said this one was just to have one meeting a month, one Council Meeting a month. Di Piazza said like he said he heard it numerous times that people have spoken Constitutionally they only need to be here one meeting a month so if that is what they want he put it on there for them.

Speaker Pete said okay so in essence he does agree that when they passed A that nullifies B. Pete said on the other side of it it still on there and they are going to vote on it.

Councilor Lewis said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said okay does he have.....any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody prepared to make a motion. Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0102-006;  
ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS  
FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020;** by Di  
Piazza; supported by Lonn.

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

Councilor Crampton said once again this was not in a work session, this was not Council discussion and this was the Recorder putting this one on.

Recorder Di Piazza said okay.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said the Recorder agrees. Pete said so is anybody....okay.

Councilor Crampton said he was in the queue and he was speaking. Crampton said there is no validation needed or sought from the Recorder.

Speaker Pete said he thought that he was finished and he didn't mean to interrupt him. Pete reiterated that he thought he was done.

Councilor Crampton said nothing against him.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Councilor Crampton said it is the comments that come after somebody's is in the queue when they are not in the queue.

Speaker Pete said okay so at any rate.....

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Speaker Pete said.....so they are done.....it was wrong to interrupt and they are done with the queue. Pete said once again he will ask because he forgot, ready again, is there any further discussion. Pete said okay. Pete recognized Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said this might be a silly question but he just wondered if everybody said yes. Wittenberg said he is just curious on it if it is six for....he is curious on this.

Speaker Pete said well they know he has every right to be curious on this so.

Councilor Wittenberg said he means they got.....to him it is comical in a sense and in a sense, it is not. Wittenberg said he just had a thought.

Speaker Pete said they know once in a while they got to make work laugh so if they can't make work laugh then they got to be able to come up with a smile once in a while.

Councilor Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Pete asked do they.....they have a motion.....

Councilor Lewis said motion by Gary Di Piazza.....

Speaker Pete said okay so.....seeing no further comments.

Councilor Crampton said is anybody going to abstain.

Speaker Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete said Shannon Crampton is going to abstain.

Councilor Crampton said Cindy Champagne.

Speaker Pete said he is sorry Cindy Champagne, Dave Corey.....

Councilor Crampton said Ron Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete said.....and Ron Wittenberg. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #8**

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

Motion failed (0-5-4-0)

*Speaker Pete first voted yes then said no abruptly.*

*Tribal Council started laughing.*

Councilor Wittenberg said see what he means.

Recorder Di Piazza said five against and four abstentions that Resolution has failed.

Speaker Pete said somebody had him not thinking and apologized.

Ogema Romanelli said can he ask the reason for the abstentions.

Speaker Pete said oh, he.....

Ogema Romanelli said again Council doesn't follow the proper procedure on that per the Constitution but beyond that he was wondering what the reason was for the abstentions.



Speaker Pete said okay he guessed he is suppose to ask that before they abstained is the reason he is not following the procedures.

Ogema Romanelli said it is supposed to be voted on and a legitimate reason for it.

Councilor Lewis said by Robert's Rules of Order they don't have to say why they are abstaining.....

Councilor Crampton said to Ogema Romanelli that he doesn't think that's incorrect what he just said.....

Councilor Lewis said.....they do that as a courtesy.

Councilor Crampton said if there is Conflict of Interest then they vote on it. Crampton said nobody cited a Conflict of Interest so it was wrong.

Speaker Pete said it was wrong to do what.

Councilor Crampton said to take a vote. Crampton said they don't take a vote unless there is a Conflict of Interest nobody cited any Conflict of Interests so there is no vote and they can't force someone per Robert's Rules of Order to vote.

Speaker Pete said yes that.....he was just informed by the previous Recorder that that something they do as a courtesy to do that is they cannot force somebody to say why they are abstaining. Pete said he was just informed of it.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, he is not even going to call on Unified Legal. Romanelli said he means they had these discussions before just again he has noted it again so. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Larry Romanelli. Pete said he appreciates it. Pete said okay they brings them onto Item C.

**C. Approval to Post Housing Chapter 4-Rent Payment, Collection and Eviction Procedures for Tribal Rental Units for a 30-Day Public Comment Period**

After Tribal Council Work Session 12/9/19 proposed changes to the regulation are posted for 30-Day Comment before final adoption.

Speaker Pete reiterated this is for a 30-Day Public Comment Period.

Councilor Lewis said just to be posted.

Speaker Pete said just to be posted. Pete asked does he have any discussion on this. Pete asked does he have a motion. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL TO POST HOUSING REGULATION CHAPTER 4-RENT PAYMENT, COLLECTION AND EVICTION PROCEDURES FOR TRIBAL RENTAL UNITS FOR A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD;** 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 #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 posting of the Housing Regulation Chapter 4 is to be posted.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

**D. Approval to Post Housing Chapter 7-Maintenance and Modernization Regulations for Low Income Elder and Tribally Owned Rental Homes for a 30-Day Public Comment Period**

After Tribal Council Work Session 12/9/19 proposed changes to the regulation are posted for 30-Day Comment before final adoption.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said if no one is going to do discussion, she thinks she will make that motion.

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO POST HOUSING REGULATION CHAPTER 7-MAINTENANCE AND MODERNIZATION REGULATIONS FOR LOW INCOME ELDER AND TRIBALLY OWNED RENTAL HOMES FOR A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD;** by Lonn; supported by Lewis.

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 #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
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Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Approval for Posting Housing Regulation Chapter 7 has passed.

**E. Resolution in Opposition to the Proposed Removal of the Michigan Gray Wolf from the Federal Endangered and Threatened Species List and Support for Tribal Management through the 2007 Inland Consent Decree**

Put forward by the Natural Resource Commission and Natural Resource Department, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians does not support the removal of the Michigan Gray Wolf from the Federal Endangered and Threatened Species List.

Speaker Pete apologized. Pete asked Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar if she was here to represent this.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Unified Legal Department Attorney, said sure she can.

Speaker Pete thanked Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said so as they all know there has been talk and they had some meetings with the Federal Government discussing removal of the Michigan Gray Wolf from the Endangered Species.....Endangered Threatened Species List. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said they understand that it may happen soon in this year so they are putting forth this resolution. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said it comes from the Natural Resource Commission and the Department in opposition but if there is to be a wolf hunt that it be managed through their 2007 Inland Consent Decree similar to how they manage Elk and Bear so.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar. Pete asked does anyone have any questions. Pete recognized Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said if she doesn't mind him asking are other Nations doing the same thing on this.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said specifically yeah.

Councilor Wittenberg said because of their value of the wolf.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said um-hum yup so.....they have expressed concerns and they will see in the resolution recognition that he is their cousin, the wolf, and she knows that the other Tribes if they haven't will be passing resolutions in opposition. Mc Gowen-Cuellar said she knows Bay Mills has already done so

and they have already begun discussions regarding how they will fit this into the 2007 Inland Consent Decree.

Councilor Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar said they are working on that too.

Councilor Wittenberg said oh, great.

Speaker Pete thanked Ron Wittenberg. Pete asked does anyone else have any questions of Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar. Pete asked okay seeing no further questions. Pete asked can he have a motion. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she makes a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0102-007;  
RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED REMOVAL  
OF THE MICHIGAN GRAY WOLF FROM THE FEDERAL  
ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES LIST AND  
SUPPORT FOR TRIBAL MANAGEMENT THROUGH THE 2007  
INLAND CONSENT DECREE;** 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 #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 Resolution #20-0102-007 is passed.

**IX. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

**B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Speaker Pete recognized Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said really nothing new. Romanelli said the only thing he would like to do is ask the Council and the membership to please review Article IV, Section F, two through four in their Constitution and also G, one and two, regarding Conflicts of Interest and Abstentions.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said other than that he has no other information.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete said to Ogema Romanelli *"thank you so much."*

### **C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Speaker Pete asked is there anyone with Legislative Affairs Update. Pete said okay seeing no hands.

Councilor Crampton said the President got impeached.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said well he says yes but he doesn't think there was any trial.....whatever.

### **D. Public Comment Period**

Speaker Pete asked anyone for Public Comment. Pete recognized Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah he wanted to say Miigwech to all those that came down for their Sobriety Weekend or evening New Year's Eve. Wittenberg said it was a good time hopefully they can do it next year, maybe, possibly change it from Sobriety Eve from what they had this last week maybe possibly he would like to see a Pow Wow because the ones that are going around is in Battle Creek and one up in Sault Saint Marie. Wittenberg said so if they had one right in the middle here some place he thinks could get attendance, pretty good attendance; he knows several people asked him about that. Wittenberg said that would bring in he thinks quite a few dancers but just a thought and if he did get to speak with some of the people who said they were going to do, possibly, they should start thinking about it now; what they can do instead of waiting at the last moment.

Recorder Di Piazza said um-hum.

Councilor Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Ron Wittenberg. Pete asked anyone else for Public Comment. Pete said okay and thanked them all for coming out today. Pete said they are going to move to 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 to end the First Closed Session.

**MOTION TO END THE FIRST OPEN SESSION;** by Lewis;  
supported by Crampton.

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 #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 they have adjourned First Open at 1:40 p.m.

**XI. Open Session**

*Tribal Council reconvened back into Open Session and it was not recorded. The following was taken from the Roll Call Record and what is usually said in Second Open Session.*

**MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION;** 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 #13**

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 back in Open Session at 2:16 p.m.

**A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #20-0102-009; MOTION AND  
ROLL CALL ONLY, ALSO RESOLUTION #20-0102-010,**

**RESOLUTION, MOTION AND ROLL CALL;** 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 #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 those items have been moved to Open Session.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0102-009,  
APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO  
RESORT AND HANNA & ASSOCIATES FOR 2020  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES;** by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

**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)

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0102-010,  
RATIFICATION OF TRADITIONAL HEALER SERVICE  
AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH OF  
THE MORNING STAR CONTRACT TERM 1/2/2020-12/31/2020;** by  
Lewis; supported by Lonn.

**Roll Call #C-5**

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

*This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.*

**XII. Adjourn**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN;** by Lonn; supported by Crampton.

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.

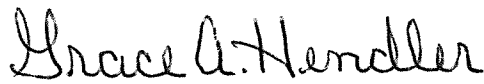
**Roll Call #15**

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 they are adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler  
Transcribing Assistant



Gary Di Piazza,  
Tribal Council Recorder