



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017
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 25, 2017. The first part of the Tribal Council Meeting was not recorded until Public Comment. The following are the minutes taken from Attendee’s e-mail, written notes, memory and the Roll Call Record of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Terri Tyler, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

J. Riley - Absent	Vacant	F. Medacco- Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza- Present	M. Wabindato -Present
R. Wittenberg-Present	V. Johnson – Present	S. Lewis – Present

Quorum established.

Others Present: Kelly Maser, Darleen Martin, Julia Nickelson, Julie Wolfe, Frank Beaver, Jennifer Crampton, Steve Parsons, Boo Battice, Jason Cross, Diane Lonn, Bill Willis, Gary Lewis, Diane Kerr, Archie Martell, Steve Wheeler.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Mike Walters, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Matt Umlauf, Rebecca Liebing, Caitlin Rollins.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES; UNDER III C.2, COUNCILOR CRAMPTON WAS ADDED TO TRAVEL; VIII NEW BUSINESS,

ITEM B WAS REVISED, STRIKE PLAN FOR PROGRAM; ADD ITEMS E AND F; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #1

J. Riley - Absent	Vacant	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

1 Vacant

Acting Recorder Di Piazza noted the agenda is adopted.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 1/18/17

MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 1/18/17 FOR FILING; by Lewis; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #2

J. Riley - Absent	Vacant	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

1 Vacant

Acting Recorder Di Piazza noted the minutes are accepted.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Johnson noted they do not have anything under Grants & Contracts.

Julie Wolfe raised her hand and indicated that there was a Tribal Elder in the audience who couldn't hear them very well and if they could turn up the volume on the speakers.

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-2017-__ in the amount of \$136,271

This modification is for the BIA 2016 Self-Governance Climate Change Program.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis explained that the Tribe had received additional funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs under Rights Protection specific to the Climate change Program.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, commented that this is a good program and that they are doing a good job with it. Wolfe asked how much funding this program has received so far from the Department of Interior.

Frank Beaver responded that the estimated funds for this program are similar and stable to what they have received for the last two consecutive years.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0125-018;
 ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
 DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
 AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING
 BUDGET MB-2017-02 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,271; by Lewis;
 supported by Medacco.**

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #3

J. Riley -	Absent	Vacant	F. Medacco-	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza-	Yes	M. Wabindato -
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	V. Johnson -	Yes	S. Lewis -
				Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

1 Vacant

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #17-0125-018 is approved.

- 2. Acceptance of grant funds from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2017-__ in the amount of \$44,500**
 The Tribe has received a new grant for the Community Service Block Grant.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said the Tribe was awarded grant funding from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services under a Community Service Block Grant to assist Tribal families become self-sufficient.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, asked what Tribal members or families would benefit from this program.

Jason Cross, Director of Family Services, responded that the Self-Sufficiency Program and the grant funds assists those seeking employment with utility, rent, transportation, and child care funding. Cross said this grant the Tribe has had for the last three years and it has helped over 50 Tribal families. Cross noted that the grant is income based.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0125-019;
 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE MICHIGAN
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND
 APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET
 MB-2017-03 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,500;** by Lewis; supported by
 Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #4

J. Riley -	Absent	Vacant	F. Medacco-	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza-	Yes	M. Wabindato -
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	V. Johnson -	Yes	S. Lewis -
				Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

1 Vacant

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #17-0125-019 is approved.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

**1. Authorization of Expenditure to pay 2017 Dues for
 Membership in the National Indian Gaming Association**

The Tribal Leadership has determined that membership has been beneficial and will continues to be beneficial to the Tribe in providing information, resources and training.

Speaker Johnson explained that this is a standard item and that they do this every year for membership into the National Indian Gaming Association.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza clarified that the amount for membership is \$25,000.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0125-020;
 AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURE TO PAY 2017 DUES FOR
 MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING
 ASSOCIATION;** by Di Piazza; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #5

J. Riley - Absent	Vacant	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)
 1 Vacant

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #17-0125-020 is approved.

2. **Approval for Councilors Lewis and Crampton to attend the MAST Meeting in Washington, D.C.**
 2017 MAST Impact Week will be held on March 21-24, 2017.

Speaker Johnson explained that former Councilor, Jessica Burger, previously represented the Tribe and now they need a replacement.

Councilor Crampton said it is good that Councilor Lewis is going because he is up for re-election and if he isn't re-elected Council would need another Legislative Liaison.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL FOR COUNCILORS LEWIS AND CRAMPTON TO ATTEND THE MAST MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON MARCH 21-24, 2017; by Medacco; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #6

J. Riley - Absent	Vacant	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Abstain	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Abstain

Motion carried (5-0-2-1)
 1 Vacant

Acting Recorder Di Piazza noted travel is approved.

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

1. **Operations Report** **December 2016**
2. **Financial Report** **None Submitted**

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

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| A. Binojeeuk Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> December 2016 |
| B. Enrollment Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> December 2016 |
| C. Gaming Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> December 2016 |
| D. Health Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| E. Housing Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> December 2016 |
| F. Natural Resource Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| G. Commerce Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Johnson said they have received the Operations, Binojeeuk Commission, Enrollment Commission, Gaming Commission, and Housing Commission Reports for December 2016. Johnson asked if there was any action they needed to take on any of those reports.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza responded no there was not.

Speaker Johnson said let it be known that they have received those reports and that they will be filed. Johnson said they are still waiting for the Financial, Health Commission, Natural Resource Commission and Commerce Commission Reports.

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

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| A. Elders Committee Minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> December 2016 |
| B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| C. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Johnson said they have received the Elders Committee Minutes for December 2016. Johnson said they are waiting on the Preference Reports for both the Casino and Tribal Government.

VII. Old Business

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| A. Operations Report | 1. <input type="checkbox"/> September 2016 |
| | 2. <input type="checkbox"/> October 2016 |
| | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> November 2016 |
| B. Financial Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| C. Binojeeuk Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> November 2016 |
| D. Health Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| E. Housing Commission | 1. <input type="checkbox"/> October 2016 |
| | 2. <input type="checkbox"/> November 2016 |
| F. Commerce Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| G. Elders Committee Minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| H. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| I. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Johnson said they have the Operations Reports for September, October and November 2016. Johnson said they also have the Housing Commission Reports for October and November 2016. Johnson asked if there was any action Council had to take from those reports.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said there was not.

Speaker Johnson said those reports will be filed and that catches some of the commissions up to date on their reports. Johnson said they are waiting on the Financial Report, Binojeeuk Commission, Health Commission, Commerce Commission, Elders Committee Minutes, LRRCR Preference Report and Tribal Government Preference Report.

Councilor Medacco said the Binojeeuk Commission is there.

Speaker Johnson said yes it is. Johnson said he was looking at none submitted for the Financial Report.

Darleen Martin asked what minutes the Elders are missing.

Speaker Johnson replied November he believed.

VIII. New Business

A. Approval of Tribal Utility Rates Posting for 30 Day Public Comment Period

Utility Ordinance #01-500-05, Section 6.06 gives authority to the Utility Department to set a Fee Structure and be posted for 30 days prior to adoption by Tribal Council.

Gary Lewis, Utility Department Director, represented this agenda item. Lewis said these are the upcoming rates for 2017. Lewis said they post them for a 30 day comment period and hold an open meeting for the community before they are adopted by Tribal Council.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, asked Gary Lewis if he could give a brief summary on what those rates are.

Gary Lewis responded that the rates will be posted on-line and in every Tribal building.

MOTION TO POST FOR 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT THE 2017 USER RATES FOR THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS CUSTOMERS; by Medacco; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #7

J. Riley - Absent	Vacant	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

1 Vacant

Acting Recorder Di Piazza noted the Utility Rates are posted.

B. Approval of Update to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Transportation Plan (TTP) Roads Inventory and Long Range Transportation Plan

The Tribes TTP Roads Inventory and Long Range Transportation Plan needs to be updated and submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to include the proposed road for the new Child Care Early Development Center.

Steve Parsons, Planning Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Parsons said as he explained during Agenda Review this is an update to the Roads Inventory that has to be submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Little River Band and the road construction that will be going on for the new Child & Family Development Center.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza asked if Steve Parsons could explain what the initials for TTP stand for.

Steve Parsons said he talked about this with Grace Hendler who also asked. Parsons said TTP stands for Tribal Transportation Program verses TTIP that stands for Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan. Parsons said he hopes this clears up any confusion and doesn't make it worse.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, asked if the funds for the road repair were coming out of the grant for the Child Care Center or if this was additional. Wolfe said she thought the Tribal members were told that the Child Care Center would have no out of pocket expenses from the Tribe.

Steve Parsons answered that the funding will be coming out of the Roads Grant.

Speaker Johnson said he would like to clarify that this is not just a Child Day Care Center but an Early Childhood Development Center and encompasses more than just child care.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0125-021;
 APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF**

OTTAWA INDIANS APPROVED TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM ROADS INVENTORY AND LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN; by Medacco; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #8

J. Riley -	Absent	Vacant	F. Medacco-	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza-	Yes	M. Wabindato -
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	V. Johnson -	Yes	S. Lewis -
				Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

1 Vacant

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #17-0125-021 is approved.

- C. Approving Motion of Support regarding the Hospital Highway Zone**
 The Manistee County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to request that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) consider the establishment of a Hospital Highway Zone with a speed limit of 45 miles per hour on the segment of U.S 31 that borders West Shore Medical Center in Manistee County.

MOTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE MANISTEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REQUEST TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT) TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF HOSPITAL HIGHWAY ZONE WITH A SPEED LIMIT OF 45 MPH; by Medacco; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said he would like to have a Letter of Support that he can bring to the Units of Government Meeting to show they are on board with this instead of just a motion.

Roll Call #9

J. Riley -	Absent	Vacant	F. Medacco-	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza-	Yes	M. Wabindato -
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	V. Johnson -	Yes	S. Lewis -
				Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

1 Vacant

Acting Recorder Di Piazza noted the Manistee County Board of Commissioner's Request is supported.

D. Authorization of Transfer of Interim Casino Building from the Little River Casino Resort to Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government valued at December 31, 2016, Net Book Value

The Tribe recognizes that the Interim Casino Building located at 2840 Orchard Highway is a recorded fixed asset of LRRCR and the building has been designated for another use therefore it needs to be transferred over.

Steve Wheeler, Tribal CFO, represented this agenda item. Wheeler explained that the Interim Casino Building at 2840 Orchard Highway is recorded as an asset on the books of the casino. Wheeler said the Tribe has designated the building for another use and needs to be transferred from the books (Accounting Records) of the casino to the Tribal Government. Wheeler said it will be transferred at Net Book Value as of December 31, 2016. Wheeler said Net Book Value means the total original cost plus capital improvements over the years less all of the depreciation that been recorded through December 31, 2016 equals Net Book Value.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, asked if they could clarify if this had been done before and that she thought it was done prior to the approval to move forward with the Child Development Center.

Tribal Council said no.

Julie Wolfe asked what the approximate value of the building was.

Councilor Crampton responded that the building is worth \$3,487,717.94.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0125-022;
 AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSFER OF INTERIM CASINO
 BUILDING FROM THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT TO
 LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL
 GOVERNMENT VALUED AT DECEMBER 31, 2016 NET BOOK
 VALUE; by Medacco; supported by Di Piazza.**

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #10

J. Riley -	Absent	Vacant	F. Medacco-	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza-	Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	V. Johnson -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

1 Vacant

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #17-0125-022 is approved.

E. Posting for 30-Day Public Comment-NRC Resolution #17-0109-001, Resolution to Repeal All Past Natural Resource Commission Commercial Fishing Regulations and instead of their place Adopt all applicable Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) Commercial Fishing Regulations

The Natural Resource Commission affirms the applicability and enforceability of all CORA Regulations related to Commercial Fishing on its Tribal members engaged in Commercial Fishing in the 1836 Ceded Territory.

Councilor Medacco said they know about the Tribal History with Commercial Fishing and suggested that it would be a good idea to have work sessions while this is posted to get a clear understanding from all the parties about what should happen so they don't repeat past mistakes.

Councilor Crampton said that even though the posting was going up for 30 days doesn't mean that Council has to act after the 30 days.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he is also the Natural Resource Commission Chair. Battice said that the records for the previous regulations were not well kept and the commission determined it was better to start fresh. Battice said the commission had started creating guidelines or rules for getting licensed so that it would be a whole process.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza explained that this is a baseline to get something in place and that the commission has taken steps to work on the next guidelines they need in place.

Boo Battice said he is a Commercial Fisherman and thinks he is the only one because he followed the regulations. Battice said that he wants to work with all parties; the Tribal members, the department, and Council to come up with the best way to bring fishing back to their people.

**MOTION TO POST FOR 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION RESOLUTION #17-0109-
001 TO REPEAL ALL PAST COMMERCIAL FISHING
REGULATIONS AND ADOPTING ALL APPLICABLE
CHIPPEWA OTTAWA RESOURCE AUTHORITY (CORA)
COMMERCIAL FISHING REGULATIONS; by Lewis; supported by
Di Piazza.**

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #11

J. Riley -	Absent	Vacant	F. Medacco-	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza-	Yes	M. Wabindato -
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	V. Johnson -	Yes	S. Lewis -
				Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

1 Vacant

Acting Recorder Di Piazza noted NRC Resolution #17-0109-001 is posted for 30 day Public Comment.

F. Authorizing Support for Submission of Request to Bureau of Indian Affairs for FY 2018 Litigation Support Funds

Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority is requesting individual Tribal Resolutions of Support to be submitted to BIA along with CORA’s Resolution Request to BIA for FY 2018 Litigation Support Funds to be applied to resolving issues related to the Tribe’s Treaty Reserved Fishing Rights.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0125-023; AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FOR SUBMISSION OF REQUEST TO BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR FY 2018 LITIGATION SUPPORT FUNDS; by Medacco; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #12

J. Riley -	Absent	Vacant	F. Medacco-	Yes
S. Crampton -	Yes	G. DiPiazza-	Yes	M. Wabindato -
R. Wittenberg-	Yes	V. Johnson -	Yes	S. Lewis -
				Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

1 Vacant

Acting Recorder Di Piazza confirmed Resolution #17-0125-023 is approved.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, February 1, 2017

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli said he doesn’t have any names to bring forward for the Election Board or the Binojeeuk Commission. Romanelli said there are no applications and there wasn’t a response for the background checks. Romanelli said he has names for the Oversight Committee and will submit those to Council. Romanelli said their Human Resource Department is understaffed and the lack of their report caused the Operations Reports to be delayed because they were not

complete. Romanelli said the Round Dance scheduled for February is not taking place. Romanelli said he is watching for updates.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, asked for an update on the Shoreline Project and if the land was taken into trust yet.

Ogema Romanelli said they are waiting for the Federal Government. Romanelli said their application is with the Department of Interior now and they know how long that takes.

B. Legislative Affairs Update

Councilor Crampton mentioned the appointments for the President's Cabinet with some of them being a little scary. Crampton said also the Patriot Bill is coming forward. Crampton said with the President's Executive Order the pipelines are moving forward and that will be a big mess again.

D. Public Comment Period

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, said just that there is a lot of confusion with the election and with the ballots that are coming out to individual Tribal members. Wolfe said they have received three in the mail and they are color coded. Wolfe said they are differently coded and she just thinks it is going to be a hard time for Elder Tribal members to understand. Wolfe said she doesn't know if there is some kind of education piece or something they can send out that the white ballot with the blue strip is the incorrect one. Wolfe said the blue ballot and color linked is the correct one for the primaries and that the Special Election with the green strip on the white card is the proper one. Wolfe said there is so much stuff on Face Book. Wolfe said there is ten pages and everyone is putting something different on there. Wolfe said she just wished their government would be proactive. Wolfe said she knows the Election Board has their own thing going on with this committee and stuff but she wished there was something that could be done to benefit members so that it is more clear and stop this confusion. Wolfe said she had personally promoted voting in public and she got a comment yesterday that the Special Election is not allowed to hand carry their ballots in when the Election Company is here.....

Speaker Johnson said to Julie Wolfe that he doesn't want to interrupt.....

Julie Wolfe went on to say.....just re-enforce that they don't use that company again.

Speaker Johnson said to Julie Wolfe that he understands that. Johnson said first of all this is an issue that Council cannot address other than the contract with the company and they can vote on that however on the Policies and Procedures on how the Election is overseen and run is not done by Council but by the Election

Board itself. Johnson said this kind of issue needs to be addressed in front of the Election Board and not Council, okay.

Julie Wolfe said well she is asking her government to put out some clear communication out for the benefit of members so it is a good election and is not asking them to change the electoral process. Wolfe thanked him for his response. Wolfe said she had a second comment. Wolfe said oh, she has it on here. Wolfe said as everyone knows they had a Tribal member that did have an accident recently and is in Munson Medical Care. Wolfe said there is a fundraiser for Jamie Friedel of the gas station that is happening on Friday, February 3rd, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. and she is involved with that as a Tribal member taking donations for the Silent Auction so.....

Speaker Johnson said they know she is involved with it but this is coming across as a campaign issue. Johnson said all she has to do is announce the individual that they are having a thing there but she doesn't have to say that she is doing it, okay.

Julie Wolfe said she was letting the community know that she was the person taking donations but if that is campaigning to him she apologizes. Wolfe said she apologizes to the membership because that wasn't her intent. Wolfe said her intent was letting people know she is available.

Ogema Romanelli said he wanted to answer the information that goes out from the Election Board about the ballots has to come from the Election Board and they have the venue that they would use probably would be with either the Currents which is a slow process for the way the elections are going or the Rapid River News. Romanelli said if they don't get the information from the Election Board it shouldn't be them who is putting the information out because they might put out the wrong information. Romanelli said he knows there is some stuff on Face Book that has been incorrect or at best and there was some information that was going out so they would suggest that the Election Board put out any information if there is clarity that is needed. Romanelli said he knows they are under a lot of stress with the double or triple, whatever they want to call it, elections so that is hard. Romanelli said he did meet with the Election Board he thinks last week on a few of these items and talked to them. Romanelli said he also.....the suggestion has been made that maybe the Election Board should do a separate mailer and a separate paper of sorts aside from the Currents. Romanelli said there was a snafu that happened and it was.....his understanding resolved depending on if they are looking at Face Book or go to actuality the situation was resolved. Romanelli said his suggestion was that they probably.....the Election Board do a separate mailer so it is just election information. Romanelli said it is a little more costly that way and the Election Board let him know that it is very costly to do so but because there is always this underlined informational thing he thinks it might be.....he made the suggestion that they do a separate mailer. Romanelli said they did meet on different things such as the company in question because there is

information put out that is incorrect, in his opinion, and he knows that there are other Tribes that use this company and sometimes they ask for three submissions from different companies. Romanelli said he thinks in this case there aren't 20 different companies that they can utilize and they discussed that too. Romanelli said he will let the Election Board speak more on that. Romanelli said that is it for that but now he had another separate issue that came up last week regarding the adoption process. Romanelli said he did speak with the individual afterwards and he called and wanted his consideration of the adoption process in specific. Romanelli said he told him to go through.....they know.....he talked about the closing of Enrollment and again, it has been done and there aren't too many options that they can do. Romanelli said he could put forth some kind of a request to reopen it which is not an easy task and there was some other things that they talked about. Romanelli said he answered him and they had the discussion but he is not sure that he was okay with his answers but he gave the best answers that he could. Romanelli said there were also comments that were made last week that it seemed to.....he hoped.....would not leave the impression that their Enrollment or their Tribe does not handle elec.....the adoptions properly or that there is some people within the Tribe that shouldn't be there because of something illegal or improper. Romanelli said he just wanted to assure everyone that their Tribe and through their Audits is one of the Tribes that are best handling Enrollment Information. Romanelli said they are absolutely audited on a regular basis and that from every indication that he has they are absolutely okay. Romanelli said aside from that they also had.... a while back.....Tribal Council did pass a resolution of Certified Enrollment which basically says from that point on it doesn't matter which way they go so he just wanted that cleared up.

Councilor Crampton said yeah most of the comments came from him speaking with Patrick Wilson and he thinks a lot of people got the wrong idea of what he wanted to explain to him. Crampton said basically it was what Ogema Romanelli said but that in order to open the Enrollment it takes a referendum of the membership and one person can start that referendum.

Ogema Romanelli said that is correct.

Speaker Johnson said okay any other public comments.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said this is just informal and to the best of his knowledge the money that was spent for the fishermen was set aside by Consumers Power and that is why they are for WF from 07 and 08 is because they allocated that for that power plant for the fish that was sucked up which is why. Battice said so they are not going from any other source and another thing to the best of his knowledge is the contract is coming up pretty soon. Battice said if there is anything left they should show that they are use it that way when the negotiations come up they can justify that they may need more help to carry on at least through 2020.

Julia Nickelson, Tribal #0384, said she would like to know why so many Indians....they are not quitting because they have to they are getting wrote up so they quit then. Nickelson said they know that they are going to get fired the second time. Nickelson asked why doesn't the Council look into this and see why just the Indians are getting wrote up because a lot of them call her.

Speaker Johnson said to Julia Nickelson that he is going to try to respond because she is asking the question towards Council. Johnson said personnel issues is something that Council does not address because they are Legislators and write regulations and so forth. Johnson said when they deal about personnel issues that has to be handled especially when she is talking about the Executive side. Johnson said the Executive, the Ogema, and his staff have to address those issues. Johnson said they only have two people currently who work directly to Council that they handle under personnel issues so they do not address that at all. Johnson said he has Councilor Crampton then the Ogema.

Councilor Crampton said he believed that Julia Nickelson is talking about the casino and doesn't think she is talking about the Government Building. Crampton said that Council doesn't have that power and they didn't have that power before because they didn't have Primary Management Official Licenses but now they have Council members who will be going on the new Oversight Committee and the Oversight Committee will have the power to look into issues like that.

Julia Nickelson said yeah something should be done because give it back to the Indians.

Ogema Romanelli said personnel issues are very complicated and quite honestly he doesn't think that employees that are in that situation should be making phone calls because that can lead to misinformation again. Romanelli said there are processes that they have in place and again the Oversight Task Force allows for some but that won't give them what is being asked here. Romanelli said he doesn't believe it will be the Council that has the oversight of all of the hiring at the Resort just the management.....General Manager. Romanelli said the General Manager can be asked for example and get some information from there but it won't be the full ask every time there is somebody that is gone.

Speaker Johnson asked are there any other public comments.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to add to that issue. Crampton said the issue that Julia Nickelson is talking about is basically a standard issue that exists in almost all corporations. Crampton said that if a Director sees somebody coming up that they know they are going to replace their job they automatically start finding a problem in that person, saying something is wrong with them, and getting rid of them essentially because they might be taking their job. Crampton said no industry is immune to that but the allegations are here and it does need to be looked into and it will be.

Speaker Johnson asked are there any other public comments.

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.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN AT 11:08; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Roll Call #13

J. Riley - Absent	Vacant	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

1 Vacant

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

XI. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 12:18 p.m.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 12:17; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

Roll Call #14

J. Riley - Absent	Vacant	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

1 Vacant

Speaker Johnson asked Acting Recorder Di Piazza if they had anything to move from closed to open.

Acting Recorder Di Piazza responded yes they do.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CLOSED C.1, C.2, C.3, C.4, C.5, C.6, C.7, C.8, C.9, C.10, C.11, C.13, MOTION AND ROLL CALL VOTE ONLY; AND C.12, RESOLUTION, MOTION AND ROLL CALL VOTE; by Di Piazza; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said C.12 is the MOU between Little River and.....

Acting Recorder Di Piazza said Northwest Medical Health Services.

Roll Call #15

J. Riley - Absent	Vacant	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson -- Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-1)

1 Vacant

Acting Recorder Di Piazza noted the items are moved from closed to open.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0125-024,
 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN EVERI GAMES, INC. AND
 THE LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT;** by Lewis; supported by
 Wabindato.

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

Roll Call #C-3

R. Wittenberg - No	S. Crampton - No	G. DiPiazza - Yes
V. Johnson - No	F. Medacco -- No	J. Riley - Absent
Vacant	M. Wabindato- Yes	S. Lewis - No

Motion failed (2-5-0-1-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0125-025,
 APPROVING LEASE ORDER BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER
 CASINO RESORT AND BALLY TECHNOLOGIES;** by Lewis;
 supported by DiPiazza.

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

Roll Call #C-4

R. Wittenberg - No	S. Crampton - No	G. DiPiazza - Yes
V. Johnson - No	F. Medacco -- No	J. Riley - Absent
Vacant	M. Wabindato- No	S. Lewis - No

Motion failed (1-6-0-1-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0125-026,
 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LRCR AND INCREDIBLE**

**TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR SLOT GAME LEASE WITH
OPTION TO PURCHASE;** by Wabindato; supported by Medacco.

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

Roll Call #C-5

R. Wittenberg - No	S. Crampton - No	G. DiPiazza - Yes
V. Johnson - No	F. Medacco - No	J. Riley - Absent
Vacant	M. Wabindato - No	S. Lewis - No

Motion failed (1-6-0-1-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0125-027,
APPROVING LEASE ORDER BETWEEN LRRCR AND IGT;** by
Medacco; supported by Wabindato.

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

Roll Call #C-6

R. Wittenberg - No	S. Crampton - No	G. DiPiazza - Yes
V. Johnson - No	F. Medacco - No	J. Riley - Absent
Vacant	M. Wabindato - No	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion failed (1-6-0-1-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0125-028,
APPROVING CONTRACT WITH APPLE AND PROVIDING OFF
MADISON AVE PERMISSION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT ON
BEHALF OF THE RESORT;** by Medacco; supported by DiPiazza.

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

Roll Call #C-7

R. Wittenberg - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes
V. Johnson - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes	J. Riley - Absent
Vacant	M. Wabindato - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-1-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0125-029,
APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LRRCR AND KONAMI
GAMING INC. FOR PURCHASE OF SIX SLOT GAMING
PACKAGES;** by Lewis; supported by Medacco.

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

Roll Call #C-8

R. Wittenberg - No	S. Crampton - No	G. DiPiazza - Yes
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V. Johnson - Yes	F. Medacco – Yes	J. Riley – Absent
Vacant	M. Wabindato– Yes	S. Lewis - No

Motion carried (4-3-0-1-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0125-030,
 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LRCR AND KONAMI
 GAMING INC. FOR LEASE OF 12 SLOT GAME PACKAGES
 WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE;** by Medacco; supported by DiPiazza.

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

Roll Call #C-9

R. Wittenberg - No	S. Crampton - No	G. DiPiazza – Yes
V. Johnson - No	F. Medacco – No	J. Riley – Absent
Vacant	M. Wabindato– No	S. Lewis - No

Motion failed (1-6-0-1-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0125-031,
 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO
 RESORT AND ARISTOCRAT TECHNOLOGIES INC. FOR
 PURCHASE OF THIRTY SLOT GAMES;** by Lewis; supported by
 Medacco.

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

Roll Call #C-10

R. Wittenberg - No	S. Crampton - No	G. DiPiazza – Yes
V. Johnson - Yes	F. Medacco – Yes	J. Riley – Absent
Vacant	M. Wabindato– Yes	S. Lewis - No

Motion carried (4-3-0-1-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0125-032,
 APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO
 RESORT AND EVERI GAMES INC. FOR LEASE WITH OPTION
 TO BUY OF 6 SLOT GAME PACKAGES WITH TOURNEVENT
 SYSTEM;** by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #C-11

R. Wittenberg - No	S. Crampton - No	G. DiPiazza – Yes
V. Johnson - No	F. Medacco – No	J. Riley – Absent
Vacant	M. Wabindato– No	S. Lewis - No

Motion failed (1-6-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0125-033,
APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO
RESORT AND ARISTOCRAT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR
LEASE OF 20 SLOT GAMES;** by Lewis; supported by Medacco.

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

Roll Call #C-12

R. Wittenberg - No	S. Crampton - No	G. DiPiazza - Yes
V. Johnson - No	F. Medacco - No	J. Riley - Absent
Vacant	M. Wabindato - No	S. Lewis - No

Motion failed (1-6-0-1-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0125-034,
APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO
RESORT AND ARISTOCRAT TECHNOLOGIES INC. FOR
LEASE OF 46 SLOT GAMES;** by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #C-13

R. Wittenberg - No	S. Crampton - No	G. DiPiazza - Yes
V. Johnson - No	F. Medacco - No	J. Riley - Absent
Vacant	M. Wabindato - No	S. Lewis - No

Motion failed (1-6-0-1-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0125-036,
RATIFICATION OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN HEALTH
SERVICES, INC. LEASE AGREEMENT;** by Medacco; supported by
Lewis.

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

Roll Call #C-15

R. Wittenberg - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - No
V. Johnson - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes	J. Riley - Absent
Vacant	M. Wabindato - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (6-1-0-1-1)

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0125-035,
RATIFICATION OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN HEALTH**

SERVICES INC. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT; by Lewis;
supported by Wittenberg.

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

Roll Call #C-14

R. Wittenberg - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes
V. Johnson - Yes	F. Medacco - Yes	J. Riley - Absent
Vacant	M. Wabindato - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-1-1)

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

XII. Adjourn

MOTION TO END SECOND OPEN AT 12:20; by Lewis; supported by
Medacco.

Roll Call #16


J. Riley - Absent	Vacant	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - No	M. Wabindato - Yes
R. Wittenberg - Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (6-1-0-1)

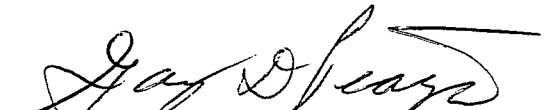
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The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Gary Di Piazza,
Acting Council Recorder