

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 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 July 11, 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 welcome everybody to their meeting for Wednesday, July 11th. Riley said they have a lot going on today. Riley said they got some Swearing In to do from their 2017 Election. Riley said everything seems to be wrapped up now and hopefully nobody comes running in with a Court Order in the next five minutes so they should be good. Riley said they are going to get started with their Opening Prayer and Councilor Di Piazza is going to do a quick Opening Prayer.

I. Opening Prayer

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

I pray to all Creation for our relatives.
Show us a good trail, show us a good job.
For all of us to work together.
Bring us all together and give us a good way of life.
Miigwech, Miigwech, Miigwech.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Lewis confirmed that they have a quorum.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

Others Present: Peggy & Jim Derouin, Boo Battice, Nikki Nelson, Riven Bailey, Gunnar Nelson, Jennifer Crampton, Bill Willis, Krystal Davis, Jason Cross, Kelly Maser.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Robles, Officer Gunderson, Judge Dan Bailey, Rebecca Liebing, Caitlin Rollins, Alanna Lahey, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Dave Corey, Gary Lewis, Al Metzger, Don Underwood, BoJohn, Roxy Gibson.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGE OF V A. POSTPONE; by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Riley asked is there 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 - Absent
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said the agenda for July 11, 2018 has been approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 6/27/18

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he will make that motion.

MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 6/27/18; by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any discussion on the minutes. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said the approval for the Tribal Council Minutes for 6/27/18 is accepted for filing.

E. Gifting of Official leaving Office-Frankie Medacco

Speaker Riley said Frank Medacco decided to take a vacation so they will have to catch him when he gets back. Riley said these are the two incoming, okay.

F. Oaths of Office Administered

Speaker Riley said they have Judge Bailey here to do the Oaths of Office. Riley said he will turn it over to him. Riley said that is not the order that they have it on the agenda. Riley said okay they will be doing the Welcoming Song first.

The Drummers started the Welcome Song.

Speaker Riley thanked the Drummers. Riley said alright let them do the Swearing In now. Riley said Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he will defer to the new Council Member.

Speaker Riley said alright come on up.

Tribal Council-Outlying

- Dave Corey

I, *Dave Corey*, swear to uphold and protect the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Constitution of the United States of America. I swear to uphold all laws and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa and the United States of America.

I will maintain the respect and honor of the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and place the concerns of the Tribe before personal considerations in matters that come before me. To the best of my ability, I will perform the responsibilities and duties that go with the position I hold, so I affirm by all that I hold dear and sacred.

Signed and sworn before me this 11th day of July, 2018.

- Shannon Crampton

I, *Shannon Crampton*, swear to uphold and protect the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Constitution of the United States of America. I swear to uphold all laws and regulations of the Little River Band of Ottawa and the United States of America.

I will maintain the respect and honor of the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and place the concerns of the Tribe before personal considerations in matters that come before me. To the best of my ability, I will perform the responsibilities and duties that go with the position I hold, so I affirm by all that I hold dear and sacred.

Signed and sworn before me this 11th day of July, 2018.

G. Recess

Tribal Council recessed at 10:11 a.m.

Al Metzger said he was offered sema for the Pipe Ceremony. Metzger explained the ceremony and offered prayer to the Tribe.

The Pipe was offered to the Tribal Ogema and Tribal Council.

Tribal Council reconvened at 10:39 a.m.

H. Roll Call

J. Riley - Present	J. Friedel - 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 Lewis confirmed that they had a quorum.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Approval of Grant Application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development-Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency Coordinator Program (ROSS-SC)

The ROSS-SC Program is designed to assist residents of Public and Indian Housing make progress towards Economic Self-Sufficiency. There is a 25% Tribal Match for this program.

Speaker Riley said he believed that Jason Cross was representing this along with Lyle Dorr.

Jason Cross, Family Services Director, represented this agenda item. Cross said good morning. Cross said this is a grant application that would pay for an employee to help those Tribal members living in the nine county area to access Housing through HUD Programs or Tribal Programs.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Jason Cross that he just has a couple of questions because when they went through this on Monday they didn't get to ask a lot. Pete asked is the grant for a multiple year thing or is it a one year grant.

Jason Cross replied it is a three year grant.

Councilor Pete said it is a three year grant. Pete asked it has a Tribal Match of 25%.

Jason Cross said it is 25% but it said there was an In-Kind component to that he believed in the RFP that they could match all of that In-Kind.

Councilor Pete said okay great and thanked Jason Cross.

Speaker Riley asked are there any other questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Speaker Riley and said if there are no other questions he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0711-211;
APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)-RESIDENT
OPPORTUNITY & SELF-SUFFICIENCY SERVICE
COORDINATOR (ROSS-SC) PROGRAM;** by Pete; supported by
Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley asked Councilor Di Piazza if he had questions or a comment. Riley said go ahead.

Councilor Di Piazza asked this one is due on the 30th.

Jason Cross said yes.

Councilor Di Piazza said Miigwech for getting this in front of them before the deadline.

Councilor Corey said he is knows it is for the nine county area but is there.....they can still help the Tribal members anywhere, correct.

Jason Cross said well just the funding source.....depends on the funding source whether or not they can actually do that. Cross said they have a couple of grants that are nine county but they also have Tribal Funding that allows them to help Tribal Citizens anywhere. Cross said so if the Tribal Citizen needs help outside of the nine county area they would fund that through Tribal resources not this grant. Cross said they would still get help.

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

Roll Call #3

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - 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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0711-211 has been approved.

Jason Cross thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Jason Cross.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-2018 Elder Meals Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-___ in the amount of \$86,658**

The Tribe has received additional funding for year two funding for this program.

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

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, and Jason Cross, Family Services Director represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning and thanked them. Willis said this represents as they mentioned year two of the funding. Willis said in total year-to it brings them up to \$113,170. Willis said this particular round of funding started April 1st and goes through March 31st of next year. Willis said so they just have to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said to Speaker Riley if there are no more questions he is prepared to make a motion.

Speaker Riley said okay.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0711-212;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-2018
ELDER MEALS PROGRAM AND APPROVING A
MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-43 IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$86,658; by Pete; supported by Di Piazza.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any further discussion or questions. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - 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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0711-212 has been approved.

2. 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 \$176,782

The contract funds are awarded as part of the 2018 Self-Governance Compact.

Speaker Riley said to Bill Willis that he will turn it over to him again.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said this item represents Modification #11 to the 2018 Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Willis said they estimate that they are going to receive approximately \$1.9 million. Willis said this funding brings them up year to date to \$1.3 million so they are a little shy but they do anticipate receiving additional funds throughout the rest of the year.

Speaker Riley said okay and recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete asked Bill Willis if he anticipates them, at this stage though, hitting the \$1.9 projected.

Bill Willis said he is pretty confident of that.

Councilor Pete said okay that they will hit.....okay. Pete said he is prepared to make resolution if no one has.....

Speaker Riley said okay.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0711-213;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERTING
BUDGET MB-2018-44 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$176,782; by Pete;
supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or is there any further discussion.
Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - 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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0711-213 has been approved.

**3. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2018-__-3rd QTR to
fund costs associated with the Election Board Attorney
Contract in the amount of \$40,000**

Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds
#2018-013 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief
Financial Officer.

Speaker Riley said it looks like they have 3/5's of the Board here to represent this.
Riley said whenever they are ready.

Terri Burmeister, Election Board Member, represented this agenda item.
Burmeister said they just.....they need to finish paying John off for the Court
Case that just ended and they need to finish the regulations which they are almost
done with and this will carry them through the rest of the year.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this
item. Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn asked is this person under a two year contract or one.

Terri Burmeister replied one.

Councilor Lonn asked so when does that contract end.

Terri Burmeister said it is unlimited.

Councilor Pete said he doesn't understand.

Councilor Lonn said she doesn't understand unlimited.

Speaker Riley explained when the contract expires it carries on under the same terms.

Valerie Mc Donnell said Rebecca Liebing is the one that did it for them.

Rebecca Liebing, Unified Legal Department Attorney, asked what did she do.

Terri Burmeister said the contract and that there is no expiration.

Rebecca Liebing asked it doesn't.

The Election Board all replied no.

Rebecca Liebing said she doesn't memorize every contract she reads so she can't tell them that it doesn't expire. Liebing said she can look it up for Council.

Councilor Lonn asked would she because she never heard of an.....

Rebecca Liebing asked the contract doesn't expire. *Liebing made more comments but they were not picked up on the recorder.*

Councilor Lonn said okay.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he just wanted to add to that he hasn't heard of that himself either.....he means he.....he was a little.....he was just a little confused when they said the contract is for one year but it is unlimited.

Terri Burmeister said every year they have to get more funds for it.

Councilor Pete said he doesn't have to get it so.....

Councilor Lonn said she understands. Lonn said so they are saying it is one year but every year they have to renew it.

Terri Burmeister said yeah.

Councilor Lonn said oh, that makes sense.

Terri Burmeister said sorry about that.

Councilor Pete said that is okay but at his age he needs a little more explanation to figure that stuff out. Pete said with that he already outed himself.

Speaker Riley said continue.

Councilor Pete said with that if there is no more discussion he is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0711-214;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2018-3rd
QTR TO FUND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE
ELECTION BOARD ATTORNEY CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$40,000; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley asked what is the supplemental appropriation number they need that for the resolution. Riley said it is 11.

Councilor Pete said he is sorry he didn't see that.

Speaker Riley asked Councilor Pete would he like to amend his motion.

Councilor Pete said he would like to amend his motion to include Supplemental Appropriation #11.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0711-214;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2018-11-3rd
QTR TO FUND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE
ELECTION BOARD ATTORNEY CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$40,000; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked Councilor Lonn if she still supports that.

Councilor Lonn said yes.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any questions or discussion. Riley said he just wanted to make a comment and just say he likes their new attorney more than he liked their old one.

The Election Board thanked Speaker Riley because they do too.

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

Roll Call #6

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0711-214 has been approved.

4. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2018-__-3rd QTR to fund Electrical Upgrade at the East Lake Property in an amount not to exceed \$80,000

Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2018-014 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said yes as Council is aware there has been on-going problems with the electrical service at the East Lake or Big Blue Building for several years now. Willis said they are kind of at a critical stage. Willis said currently the electrical service goes above ground overhead and there are some wires that are actually bare and have been for some time. Willis said they acquired two bids one from Consumers themselves and then from Advantage Electric. Willis said both of them are recommending that this be upgraded. Willis said the new service would be put underground which would eliminate obviously the need to maintain the Right of Way above head so Lyle Dorr is here. Willis said Lyle Dorr has been working on this very diligently and has all the specifics related to the proposals and it is important to note that he thinks the request for the supplemental is coming out of the Capital Replacement Reserve which they created several years ago. Willis said that funding is for stuff exactly like this so.

Speaker Riley said right and he personally thinks that this is a necessary improvement given the fact that it takes into account the safety of their employees and specifically their Conservation people who use Big Blue still. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was going to say when it went down a couple of months ago he thinks that was about.....that runs about \$20 grand just to fix it.

Bill Willis said he doesn't know.

Councilor Di Piazza said that was just.....

Bill Willis said he does know that they have been told.....

Councilor Di Piazza said it literally snapped off the pole.....

Bill Willis said they have actually been told that if there is a lightning strike or something in that area and the power does go down they will be down for three or four months. Willis said so they are trying to get ahead of the game. Willis said once again Lyle Dorr has all the details and they are right it needs to be fixed whether or not they keep the property.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said with that being said if there is no other questions he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0711-215;
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2018-12-3rd
QTR TO FUND ELECTRICAL UPGRADE AT THE EAST LAKE
PROPERTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000; by Di
Piazza; supported by Lon.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley asked is there any further discussion or questions on this. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - Yes	D. Corey - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lon - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0711-215 has been approved.

5. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Caregiver Support Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-__ in the amount of \$33,967

The Tribe has received additional funding for year two funding for this program.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, and Jason Cross, Family Services Director represented this agenda item. Willis said this funding represents additional funding they received for year two of this grant. Willis said in total it brings them up to \$42,370. Willis said the program runs from April 1st of this year through March 31st of next year. Willis said Jason Cross is here to answer any specific questions. Willis said he believed there was one in Agenda Review that he

couldn't quite answer and thinks it had to do with the components of the program. Willis said what the program actually did.

Councilor Lonn said she thinks it was she that asked what.....how this was used and whatever. Lonn said it says caregivers but what.....who.....is it run by the Clinic or by them guys.

Jason Cross said no it is run by Members Assistance the same staff that runs the Elders Meals Program. Cross said caregiver in this circumstance means an Elder who is caring for a child under 18. Cross said not a caregiver in the sense that that person is caring for the Elder. Cross said that would be a different grant that they are looking at. Cross said this one is for Elders taking care of children.

Councilor Lonn said that is where she got confused.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said okay if there is no other questions of Mr. Cross he is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0711-216;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-
CAREGIVER SUPPORT AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION
TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-45 IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$33,967; by Pete; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any further discussion or questions on this one. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - 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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0711-216 has been approved.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due:

Reports received:

A. Operations Report

May 2018

- B. Financial Report** **May 2018**
- C. Housing Commission** **May 2018**
- D. Natural Resource Commission**
April & May 2018 Due **None Submitted**
- E. Elders Committee Minutes** **May 2018**

Speaker Riley said reports that have been.....that are due they have received the Operations Report for May, the Financial Report for May, Housing Commission Report for May, the Natural Resource Commission for April and May are still due, and the Elders Committee Minutes for May. Riley asked are there any questions or discussion on these items.

V. New Business

- A. Request for Approval of Economic Development Board Nominee-Tim Ervin**

A replacement Board Member is needed for the EDC Board.

Speaker Riley noted A has been postponed so they are moving on.

- B. Amending the Approved Family Services Organizational Structure to include Head Start funded employees at the Next Generation Learning Center**

The Family Services Department is requesting a modification to the Organizational Structure of the department to accommodate those employees who will be funded under the Head Start Contract with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.

Speaker Riley said Jason Cross is representing this and that he had the floor.

Jason Cross, Family Services Director, represented this agenda item. Cross said this is.....Council approved the funding for this a few weeks ago. Cross said this is actually allowing them to change their Organizational Chart to post and hire three new positions that are covered 100% by the Head Start Grant through Inter-Tribal Council.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn asked if they would be under Holly Karlsen as well.

Jason Cross answered yes they will be over there, yep.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said okay if there are no other questions he will prepare to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0711-217;
AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED FAMILY SERVICES
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE TO INCLUDE HEAD START
FUNDED EMPLOYEES AT THE NEXT GENERATION
LEARNING CENTER; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or any further comments or questions regarding this.

Councilor Lonn asked how many children will they be able to take in underneath the Head Start.....what are they allowed.

Jason Cross replied this will be an additional 27 children.

Councilor Lonn said oh, great. Lonn reiterated that is great.

Speaker Riley said he has a question. Riley asked as part of the Head Start Grant are there any Support Costs included in that so.....he means is this.....the three employees are going to be neutral but the Administrative Costs are those going to be covered in the grant and are they increasing those.

Jason Cross said yeah the grant actually was from another Tribe that has closed their Head Start Program so not only do they get the funding they also got the School Bus and all the materials from the classrooms. Cross said fortunately they were brand new so they got all of that here now. Cross said the bus should be here shortly. Cross said the grant covers insurance for the bus, gas for the bus, supply costs for those students for the full year, and in year two he has actually off-set some of their Administrative Costs over there in addition to the three positions so next.....in 2019 which starts in November of this year they will be saving an additional \$40,000 off the top line over there so over and above. Cross said the only thing they may need to fund would be a couple of walls that they need built at the center but there will be no electrical in the walls just walls and a door because they actually need two more classrooms now so that would be the only additional funding he might be seeking.

Speaker Riley said okay he can stop selling he is ready to buy. Riley said alright is there any further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0711-217 has been approved.

C. Resolution Recognizing Jason Cross as the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Qualified Expert Witness in Indian Child Welfare Hearings

One protection provided by ICWA and MIFPA is the Requirement of Qualified Expert Witness Testimony prior to the Removal of an Indian Child from their family and prior to the Termination of Parent Rights. This Resolution recognizes Jason Cross as LRBOI's Qualified Expert Witness in Indian Child Welfare Cases.

Speaker Riley said Shayne Machen their Prosecutor is representing this and that she had the floor.

Shayne Machen, Tribal Prosecutor, represented this agenda item. Machen said good morning Council and thanked them for allowing her to be here today. Machen said before them they have a resolution looking for Council's recognition of Jason Cross as a Qualified Expert Witness. Machen said currently under the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act and ICWA a Qualified Expert Witness from the Tribe is required to testify prior to removing Off-Reservation Indian Children from their homes. Machen said Jason Cross is currently the only person she is aware of that has received both the training, has the qualifications, and the educational background to provide this type of testimony. Machen said he has testified in this.....as an expert more than 100 times in more than five different states. Machen said certainly for her he is the most qualified individual in the Tribe to hold this position.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said is there any discussion because if there is not he is ready to make a motion.

Speaker Riley said well is there any discussion, nope. Riley said to Councilor Crampton to go ahead and make his motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0711-218;
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JASON CROSS AS THE LITTLE
RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS QUALIFIED EXPERT
WITNESS IN INDIAN CHILD WELFARE HEARINGS; by
Crampton; supported by Friedel.**

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or discussion. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he just wanted to add that he knows Jason Cross' background and that too. Pete said he thinks that the Tribe is very fortunate to have Jason Cross here to do this type of testimony.

Councilor Lonn said she agrees.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said also as a Liaison to the Binojeeuk Commission he wanted to thank him as well for all the hard work that he does put in. Friedel said they appreciate it.

Speaker Riley said okay is there anything further. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - 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 Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0711-218 has been approved.

Jason Cross thanked Tribal Council.

Tribal Council thanked Jason Cross.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, July 18, 2018

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Speaker Riley said to Ogema Romanelli that he will turn it over to him.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Riley. Romanelli said to Jason Cross before he leaves he just wanted to say "thank you" for agreeing to serve in that capacity and they appreciate all the work he does. Romanelli said two things he just received word from Scott Vele who wants to come and meet with the Tribe. Romanelli said he sent that information on and if they could get an answer back to him it would be appreciated. Romanelli said he picked one out of about five dates where he would like to fly over and meet with the Tribe so if they could send him back a date or two that would work for him that would be appreciated. Romanelli said the only thing that he wanted to update everybody is the power at the Gathering Grounds during the Pow Wow was an issue and hopefully that can get resolved. Romanelli said there is a lot of communications back and forth as to why it is happening and it has happened in the past years as well. Romanelli said he wanted to tell them that they have been working on it and he says "they"

meaning the Construction Task Force which is a group of about eight people that have been working on this for over a year. Romanelli said it involves Executive Branch Employees and it involves three Tribal Councilors as well. Romanelli said so the issue has been worked on for quite a while. Romanelli said part of the problem was the original power that was put in was put in and he talked to Steve Parsons about who updated him and said that the original intent for the Pow Wow Grounds was actually to be rustic. Romanelli said therefore rustic doesn't include things like air conditioners and motor homes, etc. Romanelli said so there is a continual problem of blowing the power because it is just not big enough to accommodate that and so they keep having that problem. Romanelli said they did upgrade some of the electrical when they did the grounds and that was done through grant monies from the BIA Roads as he understands it. Romanelli said that wouldn't include the electrical upgrades. Romanelli said it is his understanding and his suggestion that they do the upgrades to once and for all get it up there. Romanelli said if they are going to have to do one of two things. Romanelli said they are going to have to inform people before they start camping that it is rustic and that they are not providing significant amount of power or they are going to have to upgrade the power to meet the demands. Romanelli said his suggestion is that they just upgrade the power once and for all and get it done. Romanelli said as they know they just approved \$80,000 into Blue on the East Lake Property and this would be significantly less to upgrade this property and would solve most of the problems. Romanelli said as they know they hold Language Camp, they hold the Pow Wow every year and it just makes sense to do the upgrades. Romanelli said it is his understanding that it is less than \$10,000 and he would suggest heavily that they do that but the reason that came about and he talked to Steve Parsons about this because what happened is they were upgrading the system the day before the Pow Wow. Romanelli said that doesn't make sense in any fashion and he is not saying.....it just happened. Romanelli said what they would have to do is they have to dance to Consumers Power when they have the time to accommodate them. Romanelli said his understanding is that they were trying to get it done long before that but again things progress and so it happened that the power upgrades happened the day before. Romanelli said in any construction project they don't want to do it in that timing that close. Romanelli said so what happened when they thought they had it complete it didn't meet the requirements. Romanelli said they have an old box out there by the roofed area so that kept blowing and there is water that goes in there so he just suggest they upgrade once and for all and go with that. Romanelli said anyway that is the update on that. Romanelli said he thinks they used Capital Replacement Reserve and this might be a good thing for that. Romanelli said his understanding and he just got this from Steve Parsons the other day that it is about \$5,000-6,000. Romanelli said if that is it in the scheme of things he thinks it is chump change to make sure their Pow Wow goes right and that their campers are safe and protected. Romanelli said it is a safety issue as well. Romanelli said that is the end of his report.

Speaker Riley thanked the Ogema and recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will state that it was a festive occasion with that keeping tripping and blowing.

Ogema Romanelli agreed. Romanelli said the phones were buzzing back and forth he can tell them.

Councilor Di Piazza said a lot of the concern was to make sure the Pow Wow went off the way it was supposed to. Di Piazza said his apologies if he was short with some people at times.

Ogema Romanelli said again the phones were buzzing back and forth even though the power was.....he means the phones were lit up and he thinks it could have been a lot worse. Romanelli said he wanted to thank Steve Parsons for actually getting out on the scene. Romanelli said he called him.

Speaker Riley said he was there until about 2:00 a.m.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah he was out there until 2:00 a.m. the one night and the next day. Romanelli said he appreciates that. Romanelli said Advance Electric came out and they even had one of their vendors come and assist but it could have been a lot worse. Romanelli said Consumers is Consumers so.

Speaker Riley said yeah he wished they had a little bit more influence over the timeframe that Consumers would do the work in but they are a natural monopoly and they do things whenever they feel like it. Riley said the street light out at the corner of the Lagoon Road actually took nine months for them to hook up he believed and it is just whenever they get to it they get to it otherwise they are dealing with it so that is unfortunate.

Ogema Romanelli said his understanding also is there was a resolution moved forward to do the work and that was put through Council in October 2017 so what the delay was from October 2017 until whatever he is not sure. Romanelli said that is it.

Speaker Riley thanked Ogema Romanelli again.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Council.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Riley asked does anybody have anything for Legislative Affairs. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton. Riley said Cavanagh and is that what he was going to bring up.

Councilor Crampton said no he said Shannon Cavanagh.

Speaker Riley said no.

Councilor Crampton said on the way to work today his wife and he was listening to the news on the station, the Bear, they said that Consumers Electric had halted work in Manistee County because they had uncovered bones. Crampton said he just heard that this morning so they need to have a look into that because to his thinking that is not.....God Forbid.....a fresh murder case and it is probably a good chance that is one of their people. Crampton said that land is not under their control and if that is a burial ground they need to do something about that. Crampton said the only other thing he has to say is that the cave rescue is going good and thinks all the kids are out right now.

Councilor Pete said to Councilor Crampton that everybody is out.

Councilor Crampton asked they got the coach.

Councilor Pete reiterated that everyone is out.

Councilor Crampton said that guy needs a spanking for taking them in there in the first place.

Councilor Pete said he is just saying it was successful.....the entire thing.

Councilor Crampton said great.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he is not quite sure if it is the same he believed last night he saw the same thing about the bones.

Councilor Crampton said yeah.

Councilor Pete said he believed Jay Sam has already responded that he wants to.....

Councilor Crampton said investigate.

Councilor Pete said investigate and get involved which he thinks is a good thing. Pete said the other thing he just wanted to say from a personal next week from Monday through Thursday he will be in Milwaukee so he will be gone. Pete said he will be at the BIA Partners In Action Conference and he thinks that they all have a half hour private time with the BIA in that. Pete said then when he comes back on Friday and Saturday he will be working Bike Time in Muskegon at their booth down there so he will not be in at all next week.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said since it was brought up about the dig. Romanelli said he thinks it was Tuesday.....Monday that Jay Sam and he participated in a dig down in Muskegon. Romanelli said they had to do some excavation work in Indian Cemetery and they respectfully asked that they be there. Romanelli said so Jay Sam was there in case they dug up any remains of their ancestors and luckily it was very clean. Romanelli said they did a very respectful clean job and Jay Sam was there on hand with some red cloth in case something needed to be done. Romanelli said that was the same time he got the message because he contacted him and said before he could.....he was going to be delayed in Muskegon because of the find here. Romanelli said he does a good job with that so all went well.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she will also say that the Speaker and she will be in Muskegon Wednesday afternoon Thursday and Friday to volunteer for Bike Time.

Speaker Riley said so if anybody lives in the Muskegon Area come on down and see them. Riley said they will be down in a booth down there Hot Rod Harley.

Councilor Pete said Speaker Riley has promised to wear his.....Joe has promised to wear his straw hat and cane.

Councilor Di Piazza asked are they having a dunk tank.

Speaker Riley said no, no, no.

Councilor Di Piazza said bummer.

Speaker Riley said not happening no dunk tank. Riley said okay anything else for Legislative Affairs. Riley said just to add onto Councilor Pete and he went out and took a tour of their new property that they were working with the Grand Traverse Band Conservancy on. Riley said huge property and very full of life. Riley said they saw what a small doe and a pretty sizeable buck out there. Riley said then they went to the Sturgeon Rearing Facility and they are well on their way to being.....they are about half way to the size they need to be in order for the release to happen in September. Riley said that was a nice field trip.

Councilor Pete said it was he really enjoyed it.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said since he brought up the Sturgeon Release that is.....he knows that a few Senators and stuff and he talked to them and Congress people

asked to be invited to that so they have any relationships or meet anybody invite them to the Sturgeon Release.

Councilor Pete said they do.

Speaker Riley said okay.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley said alright public comment. Riley asked does anybody have anything for public comment at this time. Riley said come on Boo Battice he knows he always got something for public comment. Riley said not today alright.

Boo Battice made a comment from the audience but it wasn't picked up on the recording.

Councilor Crampton said can he repeat that please.

Councilor Pete said he is just going to say something as a Tribal member in public comment. Pete said his Tribal #4158 he is elated that the Election process this past one has come to its final conclusion and they can have a full Council sitting up there right now that are duly sworn in and they will go on with their lives. Pete said so he just wanted to say "thank you" and he thinks the Judge is gone but he wanted to thank him too for being here to do that honor of Swearing In their Council people and he is ready to move on and he is dropping the mike. Pete said he is done.

Speaker Riley said alright.

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.

Tribal Council recessed at 11:13 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:53 a.m.

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

Quorum established.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis if she had anything to move.

Recorder Lewis responded yes.

MOTION TO MOVE MOTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE FOR RESOLUTION #18-0711-220; by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions or discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis said approval to move items from Closed to Open is Resolution #18-0711-220.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0711-220, RATIFICATION OF CONSTANT CONTACT MASS EMAIL MARKETING SERVICE FOR THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE CONTRACT; by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C-4

R. Wittenberg - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey - 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 asked can he have a motion to adjourn at 11:55.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:55; by Friedel; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley said if there aren't any abstentions or discussion there is a motion to adjourn on the floor. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

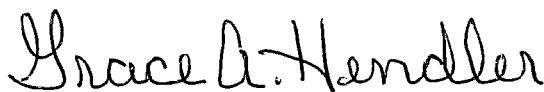
Roll Call #12

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	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)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder