

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016
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 13, 2016. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Grace Hendler, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

This is going to be short and sweet today.

Creator, thank you for the many blessings that you have provided for us and assist us in our meeting today. Miigwech.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

B. Roll Call

J. Riley - Present	J. Burger- Present	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: Jennifer Crampton, Steve Parsons, Bill Willis, Diane Lonn, Jason Cross, Frank Beaver.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer from Public Safety, Kenny Pheasant, Shayne Machen, Rebecca Liebing, Tom St. Dennis.

C. Approval of Agenda

**MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JULY 13th 2016 WITH
ITEM V. A, ADD TO NEW BUSINESS, ADOPTION OF A**

REVISED TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN;
by Burger.

Recorder Riley said he was actually going to propose an amendment and the removal of C.1.

Speaker Johnson asked if that was the motion.

Councilor Burger said she will second his amendment.

Speaker Johnson said to Councilor Burger that she has the motion.

Councilor Burger said she knows but he just amended it.

Speaker Johnson said he has Councilor Burger making the motion and has a Council member suggesting on that motion to amend it so.....

Councilor Burger asked Councilor Riley if he wanted to amend it.

Recorder Riley asked Councilor Burger to go ahead because it would be less confusing.

**MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF
NEW BUSINESS V. A AND TO REMOVE APPROVAL OF
BUDGETED EXPENDITURE C.1 PENDING FURTHER
DISCUSSION WITH THE OGEMA'S OFFICE;** by Burger; supported
by Lewis.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson thanked them for clearing that up for him.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley noted that the agenda is approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes None Submitted

Speaker Johnson noted that they do not have Tribal Council Minutes at this point to approve.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

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

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services – IHS Well & Septic Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-__ in the amount of \$80,000**

The Tribe received a new award from IHS for the Well & Septic Project.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, and Jason Cross, Director of Family Services, represented this agenda item. Willis said the item before Council is the acceptance of funds from Indian Health Service for the Well & Septic Program in the amount of \$80,000. Willis said this is kind of an on-going program where the Tribe receives typically any funding for multiple sites within the nine county area for both Well & Septic actually. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget. Willis said that Jason Cross is here should there be any specific questions.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0713-196; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES WELL & SEPTIC PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-32 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed that Resolution #16-0713-196 passes.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

- 1. Approval of Expenditure for the purchase of a 2012 Jeep from Manistee Chevrolet in the amount of \$24,300**

For the use of the Ogema's Office while on Tribal Business.

Speaker Johnson noted this item was removed from the agenda.

2. **Approval for Councilor Medacco to attend the 2016 Great Lakes Native American Conference – August 10-12, 2016**
 Required input for more legislation to be written for protection of Tribal Elders, Women and Children.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF COUNCILOR MEDACCO TO ATTEND THE 2016 GREAT LAKES NATIVE AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 10-12, 2016; by Riley; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain.

Councilor Medacco said he will abstain.

Speaker Johnson said Councilor Medacco acknowledged that he will be abstaining and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Recorder Riley noted that travel is approved.

IV. Old Business

- A. **Operations Report** None Submitted
- B. **Financial Report** None Submitted
- C. **Health Commission** None Submitted
- D. **Commerce Commission** None Submitted
- E. **LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report** None Submitted

Speaker Johnson noted under Old Business they do not have anything to bring forward at this point.

V. New Business

- A. **Adoption of the Revised and Amended FY 2016-2019 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP)**
 The TTIP needs to be amended to add the Harvey Street Reconstruction Project to the List of Projects for FY 2016.

Steve Parsons, from the Planning Department, represented this agenda item. Parsons explained that just to give an overview of this item which they talked about on Monday during Agenda Review. Parsons said essentially in their current Transportation Improvement Plan that they have with the BIA there is a project that is called the Harvey Street Reconstruction Project which is on Harvey Street down in Muskegon near the proposed casino site. Parsons said that project was listed as 2017 Project because the road construction is designed.....is scheduled to go during 2017 and is actually supposed to begin in April 2017. Parsons said they had some discussions with the Staff of the City of Norton Shores that is the Public Works Department that is going to oversee this Construction Project. Parsons said they have agreed upon what improvements that are going to be made on behalf of the Tribe and which improvements they are going to be responsible for. Parsons said that being said they expressed an interest in having the Tribe share in the costs to engineer the project which will be happening this year in 2016. Parsons said they were not aware of that until roughly about a week ago so they have asked them to do that and they had it looked at and it doesn't change the overall costs but it splits the costs up into an engineering and design portion then a construction portion. Parsons said the engineering and design portion will actually take place during 2016 because on a fairly tight frame when they need to have this done by roughly October of this year to submit to the various approving agencies because they have a local metropolitan organization that has to approve it also MDOT has to approve it and the Federal Highway Association has to approve it and they need all those rules done by the end of the year so that is why this is kind of getting fast tracked at this point. Parsons said so essentially what this item is to add the engineering portion of this project to the 2016 Transportation Improvement Plan.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0713-197; ADOPTION OF THE REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2016-2019 LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TTIP); by Burger; supported by Medacco.

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

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed that Resolution #16-0713-197 passes.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, July 20, 2016

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli said he wanted to thank the Council for removing that one item and they know why because they had a meeting, the Round Table yesterday, and the need for an Ogema's Vehicle. Romanelli said there are a couple of reasons why they need to do that. Romanelli said first off they are going to be doing more in-house or in-state travel here coming up in the next couple of years they hope and what they are driving now, what is being used is a GSA Vehicle that is under the Natural Resource Department. Romanelli said originally that was good because they were doing a lot of stuff with the Natural Resource Department and they are now doing less in that area and more.....they are going to be doing more in Economic Development, etc. Romanelli said they do pay a fee for the GSA's as well so that is a need for the discussion with Council. Romanelli said rather than buying a used vehicle they should probably go with new and he is in agreement with that and he will look at some prices and do some checking on that. Romanelli said there is much Economic Development going on right now and he thinks that is what they have asked for and they are now at that place where they have multiple things going on and it is good but is keeping everybody busy in doing the right thing. Romanelli said they are going next week to a Partners In Action Conference which is wonderful and is put on by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Romanelli said they have Staff and Elected Officials going and have a Special Meeting set-up with Diane Rosen. Romanelli said there are a lot of things that is going to happen and come from that and he is appreciative of Council and appreciative of the Staff going and getting involved with this because he thinks it is going to be good and take up a full week. Romanelli said so they have that going on. Romanelli said obviously Bike Time is happening this weekend and starts actually tomorrow and goes through Sunday. Romanelli said he wanted to give a special thanks to the Council for their insight on the Childcare Center and he wanted to say thanks to Jason Cross because he did a wonderful job yesterday hosting a meeting for the Childcare Center and it appears that they have a lot of support for that. Romanelli said it is on track and going in the right direction. Romanelli said so that is it for his report today.

Speaker Johnson asked if there were any updates or discussion on the Business Updates. Johnson said he just wanted to follow-up also in regards to the Childcare Center in which Jason Cross has been championing on behalf of the government. Johnson said he knows that this a Strategic Plan from Council. Johnson said he personally wanted to apologize to Jason Cross because he wasn't there yesterday for that meeting. Johnson said he stopped in his office and they had a brief talk about it but he wanted to make it publically known to everybody here that he is sorry that he wasn't there and he knows all the hard work that has been done on this and the favorable response by the community is overwhelmingly and from the government when they have people like Dan Scripts.....representative or.....Campaign Manager there and Booher being there has a huge impact on the community and the government. Johnson said he knows that this program is going to make this or at least help make this a

community of choice in which it will make it more attractive for people to come here to work because now they have a place where their children can be safe and so forth. Johnson said again he wanted to say Miigwech for all the hard work and they look forward to moving forward on this project. Johnson asked if there was anything else in Business Update.

B. Legislative Affairs Update

Councilor Di Piazza said he forgot to remind or even bring it up to Council that he was invited to go to Camp Grayling on the 19th because they have 17 new recruits for the Natural Resource, Michigan Natural Resources, and they would like an explanation on their Treaty Rights and things so they understand their 1836 Area so it is easier for them to help the Tribe hunt and fish and do what they need to do.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was anything else in Legislative Affairs.

Councilor Crampton said earlier this week Enbridge lost their.....their permits were revoked for their Gateway Pipeline in Canada for lack of consultation with First Nations and he knows that they have, Enbridge has Line Five that runs into Mackinaw Straits and they are highly opposing that.....the Michigan Tribes but this is something to take a look at. Crampton said this was one of the pipelines that was going to feed Line Five.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was anything else.....in Legislative Affairs Updates.

C. Public Comment Period

No Public Comments were offered.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN FIRST OPEN AT 10:15; by Di Piazza;
supported by Riley.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 10:48 a.m.

MOTION TO GO IN SECOND OPEN AT 10:48; by Riley; supported by Lewis.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

MOTION TO MOVE CLOSED SESSION ITEM C.1, RESOLUTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE TO OPEN SESSION; by Riley; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Recorder Riley said actually he is just going to move the roll call and vote because he don't recall if the resolution had anything in it so he will take that back and amend it. Riley said if it can be released they can release it later when they do their quarterly release.

Speaker Johnson asked Councilor Di Piazza if he still supports.

MOTION TO MOVE CLOSED SESSION ITEM C.1, ROLL CALL AND VOTE TO OPEN SESSION; by Riley; 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 - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza- Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

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

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

B. Worker Agreements for 2016 Indian Village Youth Camp

Staff is required for the Indian Village Youth Camp Activities. Below is the list of on-site staff listed in the resolution:

Alan Snow		Debra Davis
Henry Howell		Jim Miller
Julie Hagadorn		Karen Schaab
Lance Howe		Spring Howe
Wyatt Szpliet		
Teresa Webb	On-site Staff Services	Presenter Services

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0713-199;
 RATIFICATION OF INDIAN VILLAGE YOUTH CAMP STAFF
 CONTRACTS; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.**

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said he is going to make a quick comment on this item from the legislative end at least or at least as the Speaker. Johnson said he is a little disappointed on how this thing was pulled together because they had two departments working on this project and it was a last minute thing and Village Camp is going to open up tomorrow. Johnson said from this end of it he was not happy on how this was presented to Council, about the timelines, and this thing started in January. Johnson said they asked the Director or one of the people to be here, Patrick Wilson, for additional discussions that was necessary and he sees that he is not here. Johnson said he doesn't know why he isn't here but it disappoints him because this is something that they are still concerned with and they needed more discussion before they were satisfied. Johnson said he thanks Frank Beaver for being here at least he was there to answer questions on behalf of Council. Johnson said with that said any more discussion on this item.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed that Resolution #16-0713-199 passes.

IX. Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:53; by Medacco; supported by Burger.

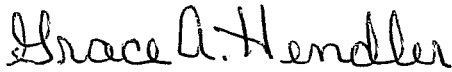
Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Joseph Riley II,
Tribal Council Recorder