



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 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 July 26, 2017. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Pete offered the Opening Prayer.

Our Heavenly Father, our Creator, thank you for giving us this beautiful day to enjoy.

Thank you for bringing us together today.

Be with us throughout our travels or wherever our destinations are.

Watch over us.

Thank you for all of the blessings that you have given us; the food that we eat, our families, our friends.

Thank you for this government that we have and for all the things that we do.

Thank you for our people that we recognize each other together.

Bless all of our troops that defend us and allow us to come like this together, freely wherever they are serving throughout this world or through this Nation.

Bless their families. Bless their families that are serving with them.

Bless our Veterans who went before them and served them.

Bless our Public Safety as they protect us every day.

Through our Father and our Creator's name. Amen.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

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

R. Wittenberg-Present	D. Lonn - Present	S. Lewis - Present
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Quorum established.

Others Present: Dottie Batchelder, Jennifer Crampton, Valerie Chandler, Frank Figgels.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Drew Jeurink, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Umlauf, Shayne Machen, Paul Mooney, Caitlin Rollins.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Riley said Recorder Lewis has a couple of things to change. Riley said so he will let her make the motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JULY 26, 2017 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES; III C.1 IS GOING TO BE MOVED TO IX C, C.2 AND C.3 ARE POSTPONED, VII F. IS REMOVED, VIII A. IS REMOVED, VIII D. AND E. IS POSTPONED, IX C.1 IS ADDED AND THAT WAS JUST MOVED OVER FROM III C.1; by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain on this item. Riley said he has a question from Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli asked did he hear that D and E under VII. New Business is postponed.

Speaker Riley replied yes. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Lewis noted the agenda has been approved for July 26, 2017.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 7/19/17

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 7/19/17 FOR FILING; by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis noted Tribal Council Minutes for 7/19/17 is approved.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Approving the Finalization of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) and the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITC) for the implementation of a Tribal Opioid Treatment and Recovery Initiative (TOTR) as funded through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

The resolution associated with MOA approval, as well as the MOA itself, further describes the initiative and a project for which ITC has been funded. LRBOI has been given the opportunity to participate in this already funded effort without being a member of ITC. MOA approval will make \$47,709 available to LRBOI to address Tribal Opioid Treatment and Recovery efforts.

Dottie Batchelder, from the Be-Da-Bin Program, represented this agenda item. Batchelder said she doesn't know where Chuck Fisher is. Batchelder said what this is.....it is like their access to recovery that they have been doing for the last nine years and this will be just for people with an Opiate Substance Abuse Disorder or Substance Use Disorder. Batchelder said they will be billing against this grant like they do for the Access For Recovery it is just going to have a different way that she puts a voucher in and the way she bills it. Batchelder said there are also some different forms that they do that is a better assessment on their opiate addiction. Batchelder said this is just for a one year grant and the beauty of this one is that their Access To Recovery is to last another year when it was going to end next.....in September of this year so they will have some funding available especially for people that need the Residential Treatment and the Out Patient.

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

Councilor Pete said he will make a motion if there are no more questions.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0726-255;
APPROVING THE FINALIZATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF**

AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS (LRBOI) AND THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN (ITC) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A TRIBAL OPIOID TREATMENT AND RECOVERY INITIATIVE (TOTR) AS FUNDED THROUGH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (MDHHS); by Pete; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and are there any further discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0726-255 has been approved.

Speaker Riley said okay onto.....recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he has a question on the funding. Di Piazza asked was that full funding that \$47,000. Di Piazza said he was trying to catch Dottie Batchelder before she took off.

Dottie Batchelder said the \$47,700 is the cap that they can bill against. Batchelder said they don't get that money until they bill it just like with their Access To Recovery they get the check but this time they will get two different checks a month.

B. Budget Modifications

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. **Approval for Councilor Friedel to attend the 2017 2nd Annual Tribal Governments Program Summit**
 The Government to Government Training takes place at the Inter-Continental St. Paul Riverfront on August 29-31, 2017 in St. Paul, Minnesota.
2. **Authorizing Councilor Lewis to attend the U.S. Chamber Small Business Council Meeting and America's Small Business Summit in Washington, D.C. from September 9-13, 2017**
 The Small Business Summit provides an opportunity for over 900 Small Business Owners, managers, and entrepreneurs from across the country to learn, engage, network and grow.
3. **Authorizing Councilor Crampton to attend the U.S. Chamber**

Small Business Council Meeting and America's Small Business Summit in Washington, D.C. from September 9-13, 2017

The Small Business Summit provides an opportunity for over 900 Small Business Owners, managers, and entrepreneurs from across the country to learn, engage, network and grow.

Speaker Riley said it is like there is nothing under C anymore.

IV. Acceptance of Reports

- A. Report of the Tribal Ogema**
- 1. Operations Report** None Submitted
 - 2. Financial Report** None Submitted

Speaker Riley said nothing has been submitted here.

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

- A. Binojeeuk Commission** June 2017
- B. Enrollment Commission** None Submitted
- C. Gaming Commission** June 2017
- D. Health Commission** June 2017
- E. Housing Commission** None Submitted
- F. Natural Resource Commission** None Submitted
- G. Commerce Commission** None Submitted

Speaker Riley said under Acceptance of Commission Reports they have the June 2017 for Binojeeuk, June 2017 for Gaming and June 2017 for Health. Riley said for the record those have been accepted by the Council.

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

- A. Elders Committee Minutes** None Submitted
- B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report** June 2017
- C. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report** None Submitted

Speaker Riley said under VI, Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities, it looks like the Little River Casino Preference Report for June 2017 has been submitted and has been accepted by the Tribal Council.

VII. Old Business

Reports that are due:

- A. Financial Report**
April & May 2017
- B. Housing Commission**
May 2017

Reports received:

- None Submitted
- None Submitted

- C. **Natural Resource Commission**
May 2017 **None Submitted**
- D. **Commerce Commission**
May 2017 **None Submitted**
- E. **LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report**
April & May 2017
May-December 2016 **None Submitted**
- F. **Resolution Prohibiting Discrimination based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity**
Tribal Council seeks to ensure that all persons are treated with Dignity and Respect. This item was postponed from the 7/19/17 Agenda pending a Work Session.

Speaker Riley said under Old Business they still have some reports that are due. Riley said it is April & May for Financial Reports, May for Housing, Natural Resource Commission's May, Commerce Commission for May and the Government Preference Report for April & May and for May through December of last year. Riley said now moving onto New Business.

VIII. New Business

- A. **Continuing the Compensation for the Election Board Members**
The Election Board requests that their compensation be amended back to the old rates for an election/non-election period. Added funding for the staffing of the Election Board Office during an Election/Non-Election Period will be effective once approved by Tribal Council Resolution.

Speaker Riley noted this item was removed from the agenda until the Election is final.

- B. **Approval to Post Proposed Amendments to the Tax and Revenue Administration Ordinance, Ordinance #05-100-08 for 30 Day Public Comment**
On June 13, 2017 a work session was held on the Proposed Amendments to the Ordinance and is now ready to be posted for a 30 day public comment period.

Valerie Chandler, Tax Officer, represented this agenda item. Chandler said they had a work session that reviewed it. Chandler said they are including a Service Tax Proposal and they have also specifically excluded yard sales from the Retail Sales Tax on Tribal Property. Chandler said they have also clearly defined more of the definitions in the ordinance and also Caitlin Rollins was also working to clean up the font and the lay-out to make it consistent ____.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any questions or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said so the main changes to just on the garage sale on Tribal Lands, right.

Valerie Chandler said that and to implement the service tax.

Councilor Di Piazza said right.

Speaker Riley asked how much projected revenue is the government going to generate from the service tax.

Valerie Chandler said that she is not sure she would have to pull out the paperwork and calculate that.

Speaker Riley said okay.

Valerie Chandler said she ___ him on it.

Speaker Riley said to Valerie Chandler if she would and thanked her.

Valerie Chandler said sure.

Speaker Riley asked are there any other questions or a motion. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO POST PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE TAX AND REVENUE
ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE #05-100-08 FOR
A 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT; by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and are there any further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

J. Riley -	Yes	J. Friedel -	Yes	F. Medacco -	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 noted motion has been carried Approval to Post the Proposed Amendments to the Tax and Revenue Administration Ordinance #05-100-08 for 30 Day Public Comment Period.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis and Valerie Chandler.

C. Approval to Post for 30 Days Proposed Amendments to Chapter 1-Eligibility Procedures for Tribal Rental Homes of the Housing Regulations

The Housing Commission has requested certain amendments to Chapter 1 of the Housing Regulations.

Speaker Riley asked Frank Figgels, Housing Department Director, if he was familiar with this or.....

Frank Figgels responded Shayne Machen is the Housing Attorney.

Speaker Riley said if they could just get somebody up here to give a very brief explanation for the record.

Shayne Machen, Unified Legal Department Attorney, said there are a couple of formatting and typographical changes but the main reason for the proposed amendment is that currently if they want to live in a Low Income or Fair Market Value Home they are not allowed to own another home. Machen said there is no clarification on it matters where the home is or if it is in foreclosure or if there is a lien against it and they are paying taxes, there is nothing that kind of regulates that it is just that they can't own a home. Machen said what they have ran up against is that on a number of occasions someone will own a home in foreclosure so they can't live there anymore and they will have to tell them they can't live in Tribal Housing neither. Machen said someone will own a home, for example, that was willed to them, they know, for a parent passing away and there will be a \$20,000 lien on it so they are having to pay on the home but they don't have anywhere to live in the meantime. Machen said what they have done is they have altered the rule that says if they want to live in Low Income Housing they can't own a home because they want someone.....they want people in Low Income Housing who aren't fortunate enough to own other homes. Machen said in a Fair Market Value Home where they are going to pay the same rent no matter how much they make or how many properties they own they have created an exception that says they can live in Fair Market Value as long as they don't own a home or they can own a home but they just have to live in the Fair Market Value Home for at least 10 months out the year so it will stop it from being like a vacation home for somebody or something like that.

Speaker Riley said great and thanked Shayne Machen. Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said okay so she is saying that if she owned a home and she wanted to get into Fair Market Value she could.

Shayne Machen said that is correct.

Councilor Lonn said so she could get the revenue off the home she owns but still live in a Fair Market Value.

Shayne Machen said yep, because the idea is that no matter what her income is in a Fair Market Value Home she would be paying the same rent.

Councilor Lonn said okay.

Shayne Machen said just a reminder this is just for 30 day posting and Council is not voting to approve this right now. Machen said it is just to receive.....just an opportunity to solicit feedback from the membership so.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said so if he owned three properties he would still be eligible, correct.

Shayne Machen said Councilor Di Piazza's hand was in front of his mouth so she couldn't hear him.

Councilor Di Piazza said he said if he owned three properties and housing he would be eligible for Fair Market, correct.

Shayne Machen said correct.

Councilor Crampton said he will still be paying Fair Market.

Shayne Machen said that is correct.

Councilor Di Piazza said right.

Speaker Riley said he has Councilor Pete and then he will get to Frank Figgels.

Councilor Pete said just so.....and he agree just so that ___ has a ___ they also have to live there for 10.....they can't go to Fair Market Value for four months because they want to be here four months in the summer.

Shayne Machen said that is correct.

Councilor Pete said they got to rent it for at least the 10 months and they are paying.....they are not getting discounted, right.....they are paying the full value of the house.

Shayne Machen said they are paying the full value of the house for all 12 months of the lease regardless of whether they are living there for the extra two months or

not however they can't be gone out of that house for more than two months it has to be their permanent physical residence under the term of the lease.

Councilor Pete said oh, okay that is even better and thanked Shayne Machen.

Speaker Riley said any other.....and recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said on the Fair Market Value Homes do they clo.....pay like up front rent for like they do if they were out to go rent a home somewhere else. Lonn said they pay the down payment plus the deposit.

Shayne Machen said there is a deposit that they pay but they don't make them pay first and last month's rent. Machen said that is not what their regulations require.

Councilor Lonn said they do pay deposit.

Shayne Machen said that is correct.

Councilor Lonn said okay. Lonn asked what is the deposit.

Shayne Machen said the deposit is different because in a.....just speaking about low.....

Councilor Lonn said no, Fair Market Value. Lonn asked what is the Fair Market price.

Shayne Machen said usually it is one month's rent.

Councilor Lonn said oh, okay.

Shayne Machen said obviously the Fair Market Value Homes the rent differs because some of the homes have more rooms or.....

Councilor Lonn said right, okay and thanked Shayne Machen.

Shayne Machen reiterated it is about a full month's rent.

Councilor Lonn said to Shayne Machen okay, she answered her question and thanked her.

Speaker Riley said okay and recognized Frank Figgels.

Frank Figgels, Housing Department Director, said maybe to add a little more clarification and give them an example of a situation they have now. Figgels said there is a household that owns a home, they own a home in Texas, however they are here working for the Tribe in Michigan and they have rented that home out.

Figgels said yet they are not able to provide them with housing because they are.....own a home in Texas even though they are here working for them so it kind of makes for unusual circumstance that way.

Shayne Machen said to provide additional clarification they are actually not receiving any rental income on that home. Machen said the tenant that is living there is just paying the taxes because there was a \$20,000 lien when the individual's mother passed away so they weren't able to make any profit from the home during that period of time. Machen said they were not able to provide them any housing yet here they are providing a very valuable service to the Tribe during that same period.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he wanted to just add that this makes a whole, personally for him, this makes a whole lot of sense. Pete repeated a whole lot of sense.

Speaker Riley said okay is there any other.....oh, they still don't have a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said so those people are going to go to the bottom of the list if they get.....eligible. Friedel said as soon as this passes they will go to the bottom of the list is that how it works.

Shayne Machen said no one is on the list currently that owns a home because they are not.....well.....let her rephrase that they can actually get on the list but when the eligibility or the suitability screening comes up they are going to be removed from the list because they own a home but they do allow them on the list. Machen said no one who is already on the list that owns a home is going to change their location on the list. Machen said they will remain on the list where they are.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Pizza said if there are no further questions he will make the motion.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO POST FOR 30 DAYS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 1-ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES FOR TRIBAL RENTAL HOMES OF THE HOUSING REGULATIONS; by Di Piazza; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and are there any further discussion on this.

Shayne Machen said she just had a clarification. Machen said currently if they tell them at the beginning of the process that they own a home they won't get on

the list but there have been occasions where someone is on the list and they then inherit a home or something happens and so at that point they are removed from the list when they find that out so just to clarify.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said so her question too is if they are on the list and they inherit a home that is really not fair to them that they are pulling them off that list then they got to start at the bottom again.

Shayne Machen said they know and they agree.

Speaker Riley said they are changing it.

Councilor Lonn said oh that is why they are.....oh she is sorry. Lonn said okay and thanked them.

Speaker Riley said okay any further questions or discussion on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis noted motion has been approved for the Approval to Post Amendments to Chapter 1-Eligibility Procedures for Tribal Rental Homes of the Housing Regulations.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

D. Approve Posting of new ordinance called Operation of Recreational Vehicles Ordinance, Ordinance #17-500-04a

The Tribal Council has drafted this new ordinance in many work sessions upon request of Tribal Members to expand access to Tribal Property and is ready for 30 Day Posting for Public Comment.

E. Approve Posting of Amendments to the Interim Land Use Regulations Ordinance #00-1212-08 for 30 Day Public Comment

The Tribal Council has drafted amendments to this ordinance in order to resolve any conflicts with the proposed new ordinance for the Operation of Recreational Vehicles (ORV).

Speaker Riley said wow, they are to Concluding Business already. Riley said they are moving along pretty good today.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, August 2, 2017

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

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

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Riley. Romanelli said busy week it seemed. Romanelli said first off Councilor Pete and he made their way to the Partners In Action Meeting in Minnesota and it was a very good meeting he thinks all things considered. Romanelli said again they bring up issues to the BIA and to the Department of Interior. Romanelli said they had a confidential meeting with them which every Tribe gets if they ask for it. Romanelli said with the new changes in the Administration there is some concerns within Indian Country and those concerns were brought to their attention as well. Romanelli said he thinks all and all it was a good meeting and he is sure that Councilor Pete can comment on it later. Romanelli said it was a good meeting and he thinks they are actually in a pretty good space when they think of their application for Muskegon and their Land in Trust. Romanelli said well so Language Camp is going on later this weekend and thinks they are all going to be serving food there on Friday. Romanelli said they have been working on the 2017 Budget. Romanelli said as they know they had a change to the Budget from across the Resort lowering it a little bit and they have been able to compensate for those changes for the most part by looking at their Budget and changing it. Romanelli said the big savings was that there was some jobs that went unfilled so if they went unfilled for six months they could use those intended monies to come back and fill in the blanks so they are doing okay with that. Romanelli said the Personnel Policy Manual is just about ready to be rolled out and has been a long time in the making. Romanelli said he wanted to thank Unified Legal for their work, yes, on it and their staff. Romanelli said also they gave all their employees the right to submit their comments to this document so it is has had a lot of work and a lot of thought out processes. Romanelli said it also took into consideration, which he appreciates from Unified Legal, was that if there was any kind of documents or ordinances that went along with it they changed those at the same time so that they are all going to be basically on the same page so he appreciates that. Romanelli said what else do they have. Romanelli said he thinks that is it. Romanelli said oh, their Budget Hearing for the membership is August 5th which is also the Elders Meeting and his understanding is the week after the Tribal Council is having a Saturday Meeting.

Speaker Riley said yes. Riley said just to add to this a little bit he just want to kind of highlight the fact that the Resort did come to them and say that they weren't going to be able to give as much as what was originally projected but they really have stepped it up and through different things, they know, how the renovation has starting to perform and through some strategic cuts they are actually going to be able to deliver the same if not a little bit more money to the government with the loan payment than what they have last year. Riley said so

that is a positive. Riley said also.....he can't remember where he was and what he was going to say besides that so.

Ogema Romanelli said that is not supposed to happen with him for another decade but.....

Councilor Pete said it just happens to him.

Councilor Lonn said her too. Lonn asked Ogema Romanelli if the new HR Director looked at the manual yet. Lonn asked does she get to see it.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, they forwarded a copy of the Draft to the HR Director.....by the way they have a new HR Director and he is excited about that. Romanelli said she seems to step in with both feet and heading forward. Romanelli said yes she had a chance to review it and then they met yesterday with the Leads and they invited her in to give her comments so they are ready to present to Council here shortly. Romanelli said they have some low minor tweaks that they want to do before they present it to Council.

Councilor Lonn said the reason she asks is because she knows she is going to be working with that a lot so she wanted to make sure she had it.

Ogema Romanelli said she has some prior experience with looking at Personnel Manuals in her background so he thinks that is really good. Romanelli said he thinks the timing was right and that is why they are kind of pushing to get the manual done for when the new HR Director came in so that it is working collectively.

Speaker Riley asked any other questions for the Ogema. Riley thanked the Ogema and said they are moving on.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Riley said he actually has a couple of things. Riley said Councilor Pete and himself are actually going to be out next week. Riley said they will be in Grand Haven representing the Tribe at the Coast Guard Festival. Riley said he thinks that is it for him for right now. Riley asked does anybody else have anything. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to clarify the big scare tactic that happened yesterday with the voting down of Obamacare. Crampton said it really wasn't a vote down it was to begin debates actually what was down played in the news cast was that there was a vote later on in the day to repeal and replace Obamacare which failed. Crampton said it is not getting a lot of press but it did fail and it is looking likely this will fail also so he really doesn't know what they are doing but they are doing it.

Speaker Riley asked anybody else for Legislative Affairs. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said yes, he just wanted to expand a little bit on what Ogema Romanelli said when he was in Minnesota at the Partners In Action that was his first opportunity to sit down with the BIA, the Regional BIA. Pete said they did they were scheduled for a half hour meeting and he made them go 40 minutes. Pete said they got somebody else's ten. Pete said they really did. Pete said the whole room there they got.....his feeling and consensus when they came out there the Regional BIA really supports them in Muskegon, heavily supports them in Muskegon. Pete said they actually got some really good ideas from them to keep this thing on the front burner and he kind of glossed over this thing because under the new Administration getting Fee Into Trust Land when it is off reservation is going to be more difficult but it is certainly.....they gave them.....they certainly are.....his feedback from them was it certainly is a long ways from impossible and it can be done so they are really.....he is really excited. Pete said he is more excited now from that meeting into moving this thing forward because it would be such an absolute ace for this Tribe to get Muskegon and start putting benefits down in Muskegon. Pete said even an Elders Meal Program and maybe if they can get this thing up and running for a few years and do some different projects down there like Health Services.....better Health Services and so on. Pete said he just wanted Council to know and the audience to know that he is very.....he is much more excited about this project than he has been in years. Pete thanked them.

Speaker Riley said just to add onto that a little bit. Riley said they know a lot of people will look and they will say well it was the same person under Bush and nothing went into trust. Riley said Kasen said himself that it wasn't necessarily that they were forbidden from taking things into trust it was part of the legislative strat.....or litigation strategy that they had for Cobell to not take anything into trust well that suit was going on. Riley said Kasen isn't against the Trust Application process at all so. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to add onto that and he is hopeful for the project himself but he didn't want to build up member's hopes too much because this Administration doesn't really have to back it or back away from it all they have to do was prolong it. Crampton said most of the things that were grandfathered in under the Obama Administration have a finite life and they are going to be turned with the Governors leaving office then they have to start the process over again. Crampton said so this Administration doesn't have to come out against it or for it they just have to prolong it which they are doing right now.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley recognized Councilor Friedel. Riley said to Councilor Friedel that he has an item here.

Councilor Friedel said this item here is attending the Annual Governance Program Summit which is for the OVW Violence Against Women. Friedel said this will be in Minnesota. Friedel said all this is paid through the grant and they want one of the Tribal Leaders and one of the Tribal Coordinators to represent the Tribe here so.

Speaker Riley said okay and thanked Councilor Friedel. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete apologized and said this is all he has to add. Pete said in all due respect and does agree with Councilor Crampton that this Administration is going to be more difficult to make this happen but from his chair he is always the guy with the glass at 7/8's full so he is going in with the optimism that they are going to win this game at all costs. Pete said he is hoping that.....and he does believe in what the BIA told them. Pete said fortunately for them even though they are tougher there their application process is sitting on the top of the pile so they are hoping with some hard fourth quarter press that they are going to start initiating here shortly is that like he said he is hoping the glass ends up getting the other eighth filled. Pete thanked them.

Speaker Riley asked anything else for Legislative Affairs.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley asked is there anything for Public Comment.

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.

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to end first open at 10:33.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:33; by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

XI. Open Session

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

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

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

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said alright they are in open.

Speaker Riley asked anything to move to Open Session from Closed.

Recorder Lewis responded no.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

There were no items to be moved from Closed to Open Session.

XII. Adjourn

Speaker Riley asked does anyone want to do a motion to adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Crampton; supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was going to.

Speaker Riley said Councilor Di Piazza is going to abstain. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned and the time was not noted.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder