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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019
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 31, 2019. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that the recorder is on.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said welcome to the Wednesday, July 31, 2019 agenda. Pete said Gary Di Piazza will be giving the Opening Prayer.

I. Opening Prayer

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

Creator, look after us as we all go through our days.
Let us all be kind and help people as we go.
Look after our fire and our military.
Let us all enjoy these days as they come to us.
Enjoy your life the best that you can.
Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order and the time was not noted.

B. Roll Call

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

T. Guenthardt -Present	C. Champagne -Present	D. Corey -	Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	R. Pete -	Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	D. Lonn - Present	S. Lewis -	Present

Quorum established.

Recorder Di Piazza said nine are present they have a quorum at 10:02.

Others Present: Kelly Maser, Julia Nickleson, Connie Waitner, Tyler Leppanen, Frank Beaver, Bill Willis, Allison Smart, Jennifer Crampton, Lyle Dorr, Gary Lewis, Jason Cross, Steve Wheeler, Lani Rozga.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Patrick Gilles, Caitlin Rollins, Rebecca Liebing, Elise McGowen-Cuellar, Carl Walter.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019 WITH THE FOLLOWING ADD UNDER CLOSED SESSION VII C.2; by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said she thought that the Council as a whole agreed that they were not going to have any late adds. Champagne said this was turned in this.....or they received it this morning. Champagne said they have not had a chance to review it and she has been held accountable to the ten days. Champagne asked why is that not for everyone.

Speaker Pete said him or Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said well it is part of the Fire Suppression System at the Elders Center, which they needed to run that test on that before they can get an Occupancy Permit. Di Piazza said so to put it off another week or two is going to delay the tenants that are going to be moving into that Elder Center. Di Piazza said it is going to delay that for quite a while so.

Councilor Champagne said it looked like just a brief scanning she did on it this started back in June and it is getting on their agenda today. Champagne said one week delay she doesn't think that is going to make that big a difference.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, he doesn't think it.....putting it on the Council is actually should be it is kind of a misnomer because if this was done in June it is poor planning on somebody else's part and not Council just because they didn't get it until today.

Speaker Pete said okay, he just....he just said that he got a phone call late yesterday afternoon and that they were.....he is trying to explain this. Pete said it was that they were not going to be able to occupy the Elder's Center.....

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said.....until this suppression was done and in his opinion, this was an emergency thing that was on there. Pete said he didn't have the information of what was going to go on and so he approved the agenda. Pete said that's.....he takes full responsibility for. Pete asked any other questions. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he is probably going to abstain because he is not sure they went back and had this rigmarole about....within a month he does believe or maybe a little bit longer but it was a vote that they were not going to do this again unless all Council agreed. Crampton said he has to agree that they had.....if they held one to that standard they got to hold them all to that standard.

Speaker Pete said okay so noted.

Councilor Lewis said she did get a chance to review this morning. Lewis said her thoughts are that they do have to consider the well-being of their Elders safety of them so.

Speaker Pete asked any other comments. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well with that then he would ask putting it off for a week what does that.....what harm does that represent to the Elders. Crampton asked what danger does that put them in.

Speaker Pete said then Cindy Champagne had her hand up.

Councilor Champagne said she would just say that the Elders are not in that building yet and yes they are going to be moving in and she agrees this needs to be done but she also thinks that it could have been done in a timely fashion. Champagne said there are other ways of getting this on without putting.....adding it as a late submissional. Champagne said they could put it on an emergency meeting. Pete said okay and recognized George Le Vasseur.

George Le Vasseur, IT Director, said he doesn't normally do this but in this particular case, this was delayed because it was due to internet connections and

telephone connections that needed to be brought into the building. Le Vasseur said the Fire Alarm System cannot be activated until it has a phone line in it and the phone line has to come from a vendor. Le Vasseur said there was confusion about how it was to be ordered and who is to be ordering it. Le Vasseur said also, there were people who were involved who did not realize that a Monitoring Contract was needed to open the building and that is why this has been delayed. Le Vasseur said it was just a little bit of confusion and miscommunication. Le Vasseur thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked George Le Vasseur.

Councilor Lonn thanked George Le Vasseur.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Lewis said she guessed another question would be they have to think about the people that are in transition. Lewis said so if they are going from one household to another where is that going to leave them with a wait. Lewis said just another thing to think about.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said is that speculation or do they actually know of a name of a person that's actually in that position.

Councilor Lewis said well she knows a couple of people but she would prefer for them to give their names. Lewis said she means if they would, like to after she can let him know and he can contact them. Lewis said her concern is where are they going to go in-between that transition and they're Elders so. Lewis said just a thought.

Speaker Pete recognized Tom Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said this is an emergency to get the Fire Suppression to get the building open so they can occupy it. Guenthardt asked why do they have two people that are against it.

Speaker Pete said to Gary Di Piazza he was going to say something.

Recorder Di Piazza said yeah.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Recorder Di Piazza said most people when they are going to move usually put in their notice to their.....going to evict their last residency so who that may be he doesn't know but usually when people do move they give notice that they are

going to be out of that premises where they are at. Di Piazza said so when that timeframe hits are they going to not have any place to go and is that going to cost them more money.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he is done.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, one or two Councilors, nobody is against this and is that his limited understanding of this issue then that is his limited understanding. Crampton said what he is talking about is the process they all agreed upon and held one Councilor to the fire on and now they are going to bend it because some other Councilors want something to go through. Crampton said he is just saying let's hold to the standard.....he means not even a month and a half ago this happened. Crampton said so if they want to show the membership something that.....well.....just.....he said his peace.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Wittenberg said they know when they turned around and wanted to open up the center over there it was being postponed from time to time to time so this ain't the first time it has been postponed or what have them. Wittenberg said if it has been up there since June he wonders why it is coming in so late and he understands why didn't they come up and let them know that. Wittenberg said that is his view on it. Wittenberg said yes they need to get in there and this and that and that and this but still it would turn around and bring something in anything and any, to him, anything more or less can be called an emergency. Wittenberg said while they want to call it an emergency.

Speaker Pete said okay, he is sorry, he didn't mean to interrupt him.

Councilor Wittenberg said if they.....no go ahead.

Speaker Pete asked Ron Wittenberg if he was finished.

Councilor Wittenberg said no. Wittenberg said he is done now.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said all right so. Pete said he said before a couple of minutes ago that he took full responsibility for this and he is the one that also held people to the standards of when the stuff should go on the agenda. Pete said in his opinion that this.....that this is a move as Sandy Lewis said to open it up for Elders that are in transition. Pete said what he was looking for.....as he was looking for is the words of a Monday or Tuesday surprise on the Council stuff that this was in no way going to be an emergency and this was not.....this was in

his opinion an emergency. Pete said he also said that he received a phone call after the meeting last.....yesterday afternoon after the.....

Councilor Guenthardt said District Attorney.

Speaker Pete said.....the attorney meeting and that he was called on there to do this.....to do this on time. Pete said he put it on there and he stands by it so that's enough. Pete asked is there any other comment.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Councilor Crampton said since this is an emergency that might be delaying what is the date that the Elder's Center is scheduled to open.

Councilor Lonn said August 1st.

Speaker Pete replied August 1st.

Councilor Crampton stated tomorrow.

Speaker Pete said tomorrow, yes, tomorrow.

Councilor Crampton said that is physically impossible.

Speaker Pete said it is probably.....probably tomorrow is going to be because they are going to pass this today if they pass it.

Councilor Crampton said if they pass this today.

Speaker Pete said it is not going to open tomorrow.

Councilor Lonn said no. Lonn said Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Lonn said the last time she talked to a couple of the Elders they said it was supposed to be August 1st then they said they thought there would be a couple more delays because of this issue. Lonn said she knows in talking to one she is already packed, she was ready to move, and she has someone to help her so she thinks this is an emergency.

Councilor Crampton said then he just kind of asks if there was that strong of a feeling that this was an emergency there is an Emergency Meeting Procedures Ordinance.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Rebecca Liebing, Unified Legal Department Attorney, started talking from the audience as she was approaching the podium and her comments could not be made out clearly.

Rebecca Liebing said it looks like no, it was only sent to her yesterday so even if they were going to do an Emergency Meeting or request one this meeting was actually earlier that is why they asked for the late add. Liebing said they could ask for a Special Meeting or an Emergency Meeting but given that they got it yesterday they felt like they would just put it forward as a late add and see what happened. Liebing said the standard for a late add is not the same thing as an Emergency Meeting though so that is important to remember, right. Liebing said a late add doesn't have that same language.

Councilor Crampton said yeah.

Rebecca Liebing said okay.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said again, he understands the need to have this come forward as soon as possible timeframe if this is voted down he is willing to save a fuss he will call an Emergency Meeting this afternoon and save everybody a lot of hassle so.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said he would think it could be passed here but if not they can go to an Emergency Meeting and he will call it ASAP.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said he was welcome.

Speaker Pete asked anyone else available for comment. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete said yes sir.

Councilor Crampton said he will.

Councilor Champagne said she will too.

Speaker Pete said he is going to abstain and she is going to abstain.

Councilor Champagne said yes.

Speaker Pete said Shannon Crampton is going to abstain and Cindy Champagne is going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Councilor Lewis asked who supported that Gary Di Piazza.

Speaker Pete said supported by her called it and she supported it.

Councilor Lonn said yes sir.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (6-1-2-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said six in favor, one against and two abstentions the agenda is approved for Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None Submitted

Speaker Pete said onto Tribal Council Minutes there were none submitted. Pete said huh.

Recorder Di Piazza said nothing.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. **Approving the Grant Application for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) FY2020 Allocation Tribal Victim Services (TRBVS) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Solicitation**
Approving Family Services to submit the FY2020 Grant Application.

Speaker Pete said to Jason Cross, yes, he is here to represent this and thanked him.

Jason Cross, Director of the Family Services Department, represented this agenda item. Cross said good morning. Cross said this is 20.....Fiscal Year 2020 Allocation to the VOCA Grant they currently have, it is a formula grant that supports their Victims Services Program.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said that is just a regular grant.....that is a grant that they continually to go.

Councilor Lonn said revolving.

Jason Cross said it is a grant that supports services and staff both.

Speaker Pete said staff both, yes. Pete asked are there any questions.

Councilor Guenthardt said he makes a motion:

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0731-212;
APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (MDHHS)
FY2020 ALLOCATION TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES (TRBVS)
VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT SOLICITATION; by
Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any other comment.

Councilor Lonn said no.

Speaker Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor, Resolution #19-0731-212 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Jason Cross.

Jason Cross thanked them.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Performance Partnership Grant and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-__ in the amount of \$224,010**

The Tribe has received a modification of additional funding.

Speaker Pete asked Bill Willis that he is here to support.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning and thanked Speaker Pete. Willis said as was explained in Agenda Review Monday these are funds from the U.S. EPA. Willis said the program funding is being allocated between the Water Quality Program and the Brownfield Program, which both run through, at least for the current funding, through September 30th of next year. Willis said so they just need to amend the Operating Budget and approve the....the acceptance. Willis said Natural Resource Staff is here if Council has any further questions.

Speaker Pete said okay so he has one question for the Natural Resource Staff, please. Pete asked is this \$224,000 a continuing grant.

Allison Smart, Aquatic Fisheries Biologist, said yeah, this \$224,000 continues the grant funding from.....for the FY let's see it would be the 2019-2020 Federal Fiscal Year so it will run through next September.

Speaker Pete said okay, great. Pete asked any further questions. Pete asked is there going to be a support.

Recorder Di Piazza said they need a motion on it.

Speaker Pete asked a motion on it.

Recorder Di Piazza said he guessed he will do it.

Speaker Pete said yeah.

Recorder Di Piazza said he will make that motion if there is no further questions.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0731-213;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-PERFORMANCE
PARTNERSHIP GRANT AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION
TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-41 IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$224,010; by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked is there any further questions. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor, Resolution #19-0731-213 is passed.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza and Bill Willis.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due: June 2019

Reports received:

A. Financial Report

1. ☐ March 2019

2. ☐ April 2019

☐ None Submitted

☐ None Submitted

May & June 2019

B. Operations Report

C. Health Commission

May 2019

☐ None Submitted

Speaker Pete said under Financial Reports they have received March of 2019 and April 2019. Pete asked is there any discussion on that. Pete said okay May and June of 2019 they have none received.....they have no reports received for the Financial Report. Pete said Operations Report none received. Pete said Health Commission none received. Pete said okay, yes.

Ogema Romanelli asked they are talking about the Financial Reports.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said he is going to pass these down to Tribal Councilors. Romanelli said after last week's meeting there was Face Book comments that was posted regarding the no reports from March on from the Financial Reports. Romanelli said he just thinks it is from Tribal Councilor, past Tribal Councilor person, Janine Sam, who was in the audience and he thinks she knows the process. Romanelli said he thinks it was unprofessional to put it on Face Book. Romanelli said if she had a problem with the reports it would have been very simple to just simply come up during the Public Comment portion and ask a question. Romanelli said he doesn't think.....these are the types of things that

keep this Tribe in an uproar. Romanelli said she was sitting on Council before, she sat as the Recorder, why she would put out an e-mail that talks about a gross negligence, criminal negligence, gross misconduct and malfeasance is beyond him. Romanelli said he just thinks it is.....it's not the way they should....they should be doing things. Romanelli said she could have called, she could have asked the CFO, she makes comments about the CFO why would he do this or do that. Romanelli said he doesn't know why they handle business through Face Book where it goes out to the world wide web and then talk of.....discuss business like this. Romanelli said it is simple.....it is very simple explanation and he just.....he doesn't know why they keep doing this so that is what she put out. Romanelli said there is a couple of copies if Council or if the membership wanted to see what she puts out on Face Book but he gets tired of this year after year. Romanelli said it was a simple issue could have been handled very simply but they put it out on Face Book with accusations. Romanelli said so he just wanted to bring that to their attention.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Ogema Romanelli. Pete said he also was in the CFO Reports for the month and there was a certain someone that was out on leave and they were also doing the Audit Reports and so they fell just a little touch behind and they are catching back up. Pete said he just doesn't....he just scanned this thing and even their bank accounts are reconciled and all this. Pete said he means this stuff.....how do they know there is not major embezzlement going on. Pete said he, he.....this kind of stuff he is throwing this in the trash because that is where it belongs in the trash. Pete said he is just.....he is just speaking for one Council person that gives this kind of thing the benefit it is due to throw in the trash. Pete said Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said just one more comment. Romanelli said since he has been Ogema and since Steve Wheeler has been the CFO they had excellent audits every year. Romanelli asked Steve Wheeler is that correct.

Steve Wheeler responded that is correct.

Ogema Romanelli said no issues whatsoever that are outstanding. Romanelli said so just wanted to bring that to their attention. Romanelli thanked them.

Councilor Lonn said Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she sees her sight and it is terrible what she talks....it isn't just about the CFO or Accounting she is constantly putting down this Tribe. Lonn said she works for Gun Lake and good for her but do not.....this is her Tribe yet she constantly talks about how terrible they are. Lonn said if they are that terrible face her face to face and ask her and talk to her. Lonn said last week she went up

to her and she never said a word to her about any of the trash she is putting on there.

Speaker Pete said okay, Mr.....he means Cindy Champagne. Pete apologized to Cindy Champagne. Pete said he is confused today. Pete said Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said yes, she just.....she doesn't know why they are cutting down a Tribal member at a Council Meeting....

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum.

Councilor Champagne said it is a Face Book thing she thinks they should let that go. Champagne said this is not what they are here for.

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

Councilor Crampton said yeah, he would say that yeah, it's probably wrong what they said but she is not here today to defend herself so he would have to agree with his Elder Councilperson that it is probably not appropriate for Council to be running down a member.

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum.

Councilor Crampton said they do have freedom of speech in this country and he doesn't think it would be an issue if there was a timely submission of the Financial Reports.

Speaker Pete said okay, Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said again, he thinks this is the proper venue and the person is welcome to come back to the meeting and explain the concern or ask about it. Romanelli said he doesn't think Face Book where it goes out to everybody is a place to discuss some of the Tribal business. Romanelli said this is where.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Ogema Romanelli went on to say.....there is freedom of speech he agrees but there is also freedom to respond to that speech that is incorrect or misleading or misguided.

Speaker Pete recognized Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said he can personally see where they are coming from but he believed there is another Council member that puts stuff out too and himself he looks at them with one eye and out the other. Wittenberg said he doesn't take it one way or another. Wittenberg said he just lets it go. Wittenberg said he knows

when they sit in these positions people they can't please everybody and there is no way they can. Wittenberg said for himself he is not going to let it whatever different ones put out there affect him because that their way of thinking and he can't change nobody else's way of thinking no more than a person can change his. Wittenberg said he does look at it with an open mind just like water on the deck let it roll right off of him. Wittenberg said he can understand but that is him.

Ogema Romanelli said they also know that the information that was put out on Face Book recently also he was approached by other Tribal Chiefs who were concerned with misinformation that was coming out this Tribe about the Line 5. Romanelli said he found that very troubling that their name is being disparaged out there because of Face Book posts from some of their Tribal members. Romanelli said so he will address it every time he sees it from now on. Romanelli said he spent three terms listening to it and letting it roll. Romanelli said now he will respond every time he thinks he has a right to.

Speaker Pete said absolutely. Pete asked any other further comments on the Financials. Pete said okay onto New Business.

V. New Business

A. Approval of Re-appointment of Debra Davis to the Gaming Commission

This re-appointment is for Seat #5 with a term ending 9/20/2023.

Speaker Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF DEBRA DAVIS TO THE GAMING COMMISSION; by Lonn; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Debra Davis has been re-appointed to the Gaming Commission.

B. Approval of Re-appointment of Bill Willis to the Gaming Commission

This re-appointment is for Seat #1 with a term ending 9/20/2023.

Speaker Pete recognized Tom Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make that motion.

MOTION TO RE-APPOINT BILL WILLIS TO THE GAMING COMMISSION; by Guenthardt; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is there anyone that is going to abstain. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yes he is.

Speaker Pete said he is going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Councilor Guenthardt said Speaker.....

Speaker Pete said he is sorry.

Councilor Lonn said she would like to know why Mr. Crampton is abstaining.

Councilor Crampton said them guys can hold a.....supposed to hold a vote whether he has a conflict or not but he is involved in a litigation at the moment and Mr. Willis is named in it.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said okay so once again Gary Di Piazza do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Abstain	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor, one abstention, Bill Willis is re-appointed to the Gaming Commission.

Speaker Pete thanked them. Pete said that is concluding their Council business for today.

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, August 7, 2019**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Ogema Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said their Language Camp was held last weekend and by all accounts the numbers were pretty good. Romanelli said he thinks they said 250 plus so he thanks them for holding that again. Romanelli said he was out of town in Lansing a couple of weeks ago and somebody mentioned that they have attended Language Camp. Romanelli said there was a discussion that ensued and apparently their name is around pretty good for their Language Camp all over the state. Romanelli said so just an FYI. Romanelli said their Budget Meeting will be held this Saturday and it will be held in this room. Romanelli said it is going to be live-streamed by all accounts. Romanelli said he has talked with George Le Vasseur and the IT he believed he is able to live-stream it so. Romanelli said that goes from 9:00 to 11:00. Romanelli said as their yearly Budget information that they put out and again ask for questions and concerns from the Tribal membership. Romanelli said so it will be live-streamed. Romanelli said they are also having a problem getting like Maintenance Staff, etc. Romanelli said some of these entry-level jobs are really hard to fill across the street at the Resort and here. Romanelli said so there was some.....they had a discussion yesterday with the Council Roundtable about looking at the possibility of combining Maintenance between the Resort and the Tribe. Romanelli said there is equipment that could be shared and he doesn't know. Romanelli said he doesn't want to lay one more thing on the Resort because he appreciates what they have taken on already but it is something that they could at least look at and consider. Romanelli said maybe it doesn't work maybe they just have to look at what they are paying or whatever the case is but they are having a real hard time with their Maintenance Staff among other things. Romanelli said he knows their C-Store again if they can go down the road and get benefits, educational benefits and advancement offers it is really hard to compete with the Mc Donald's or the Meijer down the street so. Romanelli said they are just looking at different options. Romanelli said it was brought to his attention that some people at the Aki homes are using a back two-track going out to Dontz Road and they are kind of cutting across someone's property and so they are going to handle it within but he just wanted them to know that is an issue that has been brought to his attention. Romanelli said the other thing is he just got a phone.....got off the phone somebody in Muskegon wants to use their Race Track Property for an event coming up next year July-August. Romanelli said what it is is a Cannabis Informational Meeting or group that they want to put on this whole event. Romanelli said he explained to them that he would bring it to Tribal Council. Romanelli said the problem they have is he was going through that met yesterday with the FBI and the Attorney General's Office know that while cannabis and some of this is okay by the state it is still Federally illegal. Romanelli said they have to be careful of what they associate their selves with even if they are just renting out their property. Romanelli said he means Council is free to do what they want to do but he is not sure that is what they want on their property that they are trying to get a casino-hotel on. Romanelli said so he will bring it to them and give them the information if they want to discuss it more maybe at next week's Roundtable that is fine but he just wanted to know that is going on. Romanelli said meanwhile their Muskegon Project is moving forward and he knows they

have been saying that for ten years but those that are involved know where they are at and he is believing by.....well they are talking about in the fall, late fall or early winter, they should have it back from the Department of Interior or the BIA. Romanelli said it has been a long haul but it is working and it is moving forward and they are doing the best they can so. Romanelli said he just would be cautious about this cannabis event.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said his own personal opinion.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli. Pete asked any questions and apologized.

Ogema Romanelli said nope they are good.

Speaker Pete said okay.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Councilor Crampton said last night he attended the Democratic Debate in Detroit. Crampton said there was quite a few people there. Crampton said Al Sharpton was there and there was an absolutely whole plethora of whose who. Crampton said he guessed he talked to quite a few people and mentioned their name. Crampton said one of the things he wanted to point out is he knows that Mr. Sanders was expounding Medicaid for everyone and it seemed to be the battle that was coming back against him was that Union Workers would lose their benefits. Crampton said he doesn't think people were actually taking it into account what he was saying. Crampton said most Union people want to argue for benefits because they know that is the highest cost that they are going to deal with. Crampton said if that money was freed up and they were on a different plan there is a ton of money that they would now have in their pockets. Crampton said so he thinks that needs to be given a lot of consideration and the scare tactics need ____ out. Crampton said that is a good plan. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete asked anyone else.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Pete said that opens it up for Public Comment. Pete said yes, Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he was just going to let everybody know the big frog caper at the Language Camp has been solved. Di Piazza said so everybody relax.

Councilor Lonn asked what's that.

Recorder Di Piazza asked the big frog caper. Di Piazza said some enjoyment for once. Di Piazza said some humor, some enjoyment.

Councilor Lonn said okay.

Recorder Di Piazza said all the frog jokes he had to listen to makeup.

Speaker Pete recognized Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said it is his understanding on the frog thing that one person, a little girl he believed it was showing another one and it jumped on in. Wittenberg said so it wasn't intentionally. Wittenberg said so let's make that clear it was not intentionally. Wittenberg said the frog was on the move.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked them. Pete recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said she just wanted to let the membership know that she believed in a balance in her life and outside of doing Council and family stuff and community stuff. Champagne said she wanted to let them know that she is also going to go to her Spiritual Lodge for Medawin and she will be gone for one to two weeks. Champagne said her three granddaughters are going through ceremony so she is going to be there to support them. Champagne said she will be available by phone. Champagne said she also has every intention of calling in for their work sessions and stuff. Champagne said she was told that she can't call into the meetings out here but there is nothing in the Constitution or guidelines that says she can't so. Champagne said she is not sure why that is but she wanted the membership to be aware of that. Champagne thanked them.

Speaker Pete said that is correct and thanked Cindy Champagne. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she just wanted to remind everybody that the Elders Picnic is this weekend. Lonn said it starts at 11:00 over at the Pow Wow Grounds. Lonn said it is a dish to pass and they hope to see every Elder there.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Julia Nickelson, Tribal #2384, said she would like to say this is getting to be, they know, their Council and all this on Face Book and all this. Nickelson said they know them guys are supposed to be Indians up there. Nickelson said they are supposed to be Council for the Tribe representing the Tribe people. Nickelson

said they are working for them not them working for Council. Nickelson said people have told her to have a seat up here they supposed to be privileged and it is sacred for them to start using it. Nickelson said they need to start thinking not representing just themselves they are representing these people that is why they got them there. Nickelson said this suing each other that has got to stop. Nickelson said they don't do that when they are on Tribal Council they are making them look terrible. Nickelson said suing each other suing anybody that makes a speech that is wrong. Nickelson said they are up there to represent them not to sue them or each other so this has got to stop because it goes on Face Book. Nickelson said people call her and these people are not even Indian what kind of a place are they running up there. Nickelson said so them guys are bringing it on themselves. Nickelson thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Julia Nickelson. Pete asked is there any other comment.

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

Speaker Pete asked for a motion to end.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE OPEN SESSION; by Guenthardt;
supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any other comments. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza -	Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that the recorder is on.

Speaker Pete asked does he have a motion to go into open session.

Recorder Di Piazza said second open.

Speaker Pete said the second open.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN; by Lonn; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Recorder Di Piazza said is anybody going to abstain.

Speaker Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor they are in second open at 11:08.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza if they had anything to move from out here to open.

Recorder Di Piazza said yes they do.

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #19-0731-214; MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY, RESOLUTION #19-0731-215 AND 216; RESOLUTION, MOTION AND ROLL CALL; by Di Piazza; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #8

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor them items.....them two have been moved and the other is just the motion and roll call only.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0731-214,
APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO**

**RESORT AND TRACE 3 AND 2019 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE RESORT'S PHONE SYSTEM;** by
Guenthardt; supported by Lewis.

Roll Call #C-3

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne – Yes
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The following resolutions, motions and roll calls were moved from Closed to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-215,
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT
FORM WITH INTER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ARIZONA, INC.;** by
Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C-4

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne – Yes
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0724-216,
RATIFICATION OF SUMMIT COMPANIES CONTRACT FOR
ELDER CENTER FIRM ALARM MONITORING;** by Lonn;
supported by Guenthardt.

Roll Call #C-5

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

Motion carried (6-1-2-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Pete said before he gets any further ado they would all like to wish Shannon Crampton a Happy Birthday.

Tribal Council wished Shannon Crampton a Happy Birthday.

Speaker Pete said can he get a motion to move out of closed session.....second open.

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

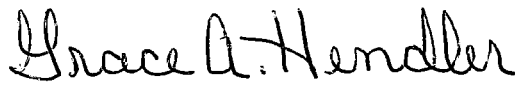
T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor they have adjourned second open at 11:11.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Gary Di Piazza,
Tribal Council Recorder