

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 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 6, 2016. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Sandra De Verney offered the Opening Prayer.

Our Heavenly Father and Creator we ask that your Holy Spirit be with us this day, at this time, that we gather and bring honor not only to you through our words and deeds but through relationship that we have with you.

May your blessings be with us this day and throughout with our families and bring this prayer before you.

In the name of your son, Christ Jesus. Amen.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Jennifer Crampton, Bill Willis, Kenny Pheasant, Frank Figgels, Jason Cross, Bridget Cole, Don Mac Donald.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Drew Jewrick, Officer Ryan Szpliet, Rebecca Liebing, Shayne Machen, Jason Holguin, Sandra De Verney-Mendoza and Husband.

Speaker Johnson said at this point he just wanted to announce to everybody to be with Ron Wittenberg because he had a family member that had taken on ill and believe he is out for a couple of days during this process. Johnson said to keep him in their prayers.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 6th WITH THE HIGHLIGHTED CHANGES; REMOVING C UNDER BIDS & CONTRACTS, ITEM 1; by Riley; supported by Di Piazza.

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

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley noted that the agenda is approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 6/29/16

MOVE TO APPROVE THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF 6/29/16; by Riley; supported by Lewis.

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-Absent	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley noted that the minutes are approved.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

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

B. Budget Modifications

1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-__ in the amount of \$796,397

The Tribe has received a modification for the 2016 Bureau of Indian Affairs Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said Item #1 is acceptance of.....this is actually the fourth allocation of funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs under the 2016 Self-Governance Compact. Willis said this particular allocation is.....the bulk of the money is for Rights Protection implementation. Willis said year to date they've basically.....the majority of the money they received year to date from the Bureau has been for Rights Protection and Public Safety. Willis said they received a little bit of money for what used to be Consolidated Tribal Government Programs so they are anticipating receiving much more money obviously but this is a good start he guessed. Willis said the total is \$796,397.

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0706-189;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING
BUDGET MB-2016-30 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$796,397; by Riley;
supported by Medacco.**

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

Councilor Di Piazza asked Bill Willis if he could tell them how much they have received so far.

Bill Willis replied year to date they have received from the Bureau which would include \$170,882 for Contract Support Costs and the total is \$1,683,994.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item.

Councilor Burger said just looking at the Authority to Obligate Sheet that comes from the Office of Self-Governance it appears as though the CORA Funding for this year was \$250,061 that would be either restricted funds on the Rights Protection for Fishing.

Bill Willis said they are not real sure and are working with Frank Beaver to identify because the one, they will notice, the first entry there for Rights Protection says that it is for the purpose of implementing a joint fisheries. Willis said previous awards have never said that.

Speaker Johnson said no.

Bill Willis said they typically just said that it is a one-time distribution, etc. so they are trying to get Frank Beaver to talk to whoever he needs to talk to and say what is this money given the description because the description is quite odd, frankly. Willis said they were thinking that the \$545,000 is for the Rights Protection and the \$250,000 is for something else so they are just trying to make that determination.

Councilor Burger said she knows back in the 2014 Budget, then 2015, CORA was a specific line item in the Bureau's Budget and had a \$3 million award that she thinks initially in 2014. Burger said so she was just.....the reason she brings that up about the joint fisheries is because that description matches the description in the Green Book so maybe give Sherry Freeman's Office a call to find out. Burger said she doesn't know if Midwest will have that information.

Bill Willis said they were all kind of confused by that reference to the joint fishery thing because they have never seen it before so they are definitely following-up on it.

Speaker Johnson asked if there were any other questions or comments in regards to this item.

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed that Resolution #16-0706-189 passes.

2. Acceptance of grant funds from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-__ in the amount of \$597,492

The Tribe has received a new grant for the Child & Family Development Center.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, and Jason Cross, Director of Family Services, represented this agenda item. Willis said basically these are funds that a grant was written and submitted and these are the funds that they received in response to that grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for the Child & Family Development Center Project and it is only part of the funding that has been sought.

Jason Cross said this is just to accept the funds from that grant that they submitted in the amount of \$597,492. Cross said that amount will go for construction and equipment to supply the center.

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0706-190;
 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE W.K. KELLOGG
 FOUNDATION AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
 OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-31 IN THE AMOUNT OF
 \$597,492; by Burger; supported by Riley.**

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

Councilor Di Piazza asked if they didn't have something coming real soon seminar or something.

Jason Cross said they are having a Luncheon with Tribal Council and the Ogema's Office along with some funders and community support are going to be in attendance also some potential funders are going to be there to show their progress to try to generate some more funding. Cross said that is paid for out of Tribal Council grant as well so there is no Tribal Funds there.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed that Resolution #16-0706-190 passes.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Johnson noted they do not have anything on Item C for Approval of Budgeted Expenditures.

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 they do not have anything under Old Business in regards to reports.

V. New Business

A. Approval for the Tribal Ogema to Execute a Tribal Self-Governance Compact between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and United States of America represented by the Department of Interior

The Tribe chose to become an Interior Self-Governance Tribe in Calendar Year (CY) 2013 and been operating its Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Programs under an existing Self-Governance Multi-Year Funding Agreement (MYFA) with the Bureau of Indian Affairs since Calendar Year 2014.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0706-191; APPROVAL FOR THE TRIBAL OGEMA TO EXECUTE A TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE COMPACT BETWEEN THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REPRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR OFFICE OF SELF-GOVERNANCE; by Burger; supported by Lewis.

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

Councilor Burger said just to give some information for the Tribal membership. Burger said the Tribe has been Self-Governing and has enjoyed Self-Governance status since 2009 when they signed their first compact and Funding Agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services-Indian Health Service. Burger said that was under the law, Public Law 93-638, Indian Self-Determination Education Assistance Act as amended Title V. Burger said the Bureau of Indian Affairs are a little bit different animal than Indian Health Service in that they operate under a separate Title III of the same law and under the Bureau's Self-Governance Process. Burger said the Tribe can become Self-Governance with the Department of Interior through the mechanism of a Funding Agreement. Burger said there is still the need however to negotiate and create a Compact which describes the responsibilities between the Tribe and the United States Government in its relationship under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. Burger said this has been a long and protracted negotiation and she for one is very happy that this has finally hit the agenda and look forward to the Ogema signing the Agreement and the Interior signing the Agreement and having full Self-Governance status between the two primary departments that the Tribe deals with at the Federal Government.

Speaker Johnson asked Recorder Riley if they had a motion on this item.

Recorder Riley replied yes.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other discussion. Johnson said he also wanted the Tribal membership to fully understand is that when.....this update of the Compact was initiated and he will say very respectfully and he really appreciates the work that Councilor Burger did and Councilor Sam were on the ground levels of the negotiations and starting the Self-Governance process. Johnson said they trained the Elected Officials of what it was about and how to move forward in a good way. Johnson said as they moved along it sort of got on the back burner or just got on a holding pattern and he wanted to thank Rebecca Liebing from the Unified Legal Department for getting things stirred up with Interior and getting this thing moving and put this on the front burner and getting it done. Johnson said now they have it in front of them to sign and he wanted to say Miigwech also on getting this thing done and in front of them because it is something that is going to benefit the Tribe for long-term in doing business with the Interior and he wanted to thank them for making this happen. Johnson said with that said is there any other discussion on this item.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed that Resolution #16-0706-191 passes.

B. Approval to Post the Proposed Amendments to the Tribe’s Sex Offender Registration Act (SORNA)-Ordinance #11-400-11 for Public Comment

In order to be compliant with Federal Law, the Tribe was required to make certain amendments to the SORNA Ordinance and other Amendments were made to further protect the community.

MOVE TO POST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TRIBE’S SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT (SORNA) ORDINANCE #11-400-11 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT; by Burger; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said he just wanted to announce to all the membership that there is a lot of changes in this ordinance, a lot of changes, and the reason why there is so many changes is they need to be compliant with the Department of Justice and SMART so they have done so by making the changes to it and it is posted for comment. Johnson encouraged the people to take a look at it and they can’t answer those questions here because of all the changes going on. Johnson reiterated that he encourages them to get in the computer or stop by and see one of

their Councilors that represent them and make their comments to them. Johnson said with that said any other discussion.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley noted that the item is approved for posting.

C. Approval and Authorization to Submit the Tribal Sex Offender Registration Policies and Procedures Manual to the Department of Justice for Review

The Tribe’s Department of Public Safety is required to have a Policy and Procedure Manual that governs the registration and monitoring of Sex Offenders and this manual must be approved by the Department of Justice.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0706-192; RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE TRIBE’S AMENDED SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL; by Burger; supported by Medacco.

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-Absent	V. Johnson - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed that Resolution #16-0706-192 has passed.

D. Approval of Aki Maadiziwin Lot Assignment and Execution of Lease with Tribal Member according to the Residential Lot Lease and Leasehold Mortgage Program

Authorization for Tribal Member Sandra Mae De Verney-Mendoza to enter into a Residential Lease of Tribally owned land, Lot #82 at Aki Maadiziwin, Manistee, Michigan 49660.

Frank Figgels, Housing Department Director, Sandra and Fernie De Verney-Mendoza, to represent this agenda item. Figgels introduced the Mendoza’s to

Tribal Council. Figgels said they are here today to seek authorization from them to enter into a BIA Lease Agreement for Lot #82 at Aki maadiziwin. Figgels said their intent is to build their home there and with that in mind hopefully get their approval to enter into that Lease Agreement with the BIA.

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0706-193;
RESIDENTIAL LOT LEASE AND LEASEHOLD MORTGAGE
PROGRAM: APPROVAL OF AKI MAADIZIWIN LOT
ASSIGNMENT AND EXECUTION OF LEASE WITH TRIBAL
MEMBER; by Burger; supported by Medacco.**

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

Councilor Medacco said he would like to say that he is very happy with this also. Medacco said them being the first ones to build their house up there.

Speaker Johnson said he would like to add to that. Johnson said he knows that this 184 Loan and this 184 Program is the catalyst of getting things started for all Tribal members and he wanted to thank them. Johnson said to say Miigwech, Miigwech for being the champions to moving this thing forward in a good way. Johnson said if there is anything that Council needs to do in the future feel free to reach out to them and talk to them about it such as how to make it better for the next people.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed that Resolution #16-0706-193 passes.

Speaker Johnson said congratulations and what an honor.

VI. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, July 13, 2016**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Speaker Johnson noted the Ogema is in another meeting so he will not be here for the Business Status Update.

- C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Councilor Crampton said just that last week Mark Wayne Mullen and Tom Cole both were the only two Native American Representatives in Congress and both have passed the primary so pull for them.

Recorder Riley said he believed he forgot about Senator Warren.

Councilor Crampton said no she is the Cherokee Princess.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Johnson said he realizes that Kenny Pheasant is not a Tribal member but he works very hard with the Tribe and they are honored to have him up there for comments.

Kenny Pheasant said he would like to take this time to invite Tribal Council to come and participate in their Language Camp again this year. Pheasant said to come and serve food to their guests that are going to be here. Pheasant said this has been going on for about 15 years now and Tribal Council here at Little River has sent a very powerful and a good message to many other communities and Tribes in the Great Lakes area by participating in this Cultural Event. Pheasant said so Historical Preservation Department would like to ask Council if they would come and serve lunch on July 30th at their Language Camp this year. Pheasant said they thank them for what they have been doing in supporting this particular thing. Pheasant said he also wanted to share with them and he did say this in the.....he knows this buzzer is going to go off any second.....but he would like to say that its.....the number of people that have participated in the Language Camp has dropped in the last couple of years, two to three years but the number of Language Camps in the Great Lakes area Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ontario and everywhere around them has increased. Pheasant said they followed the model they have presented to the public and he looked at some of the agendas and they look just like the ones they have so they have not only caused people to have more Language Camps in their area but have more language and cultural events in the Great Lakes area. Pheasant said with that said he reiterated that he would like them to come and serve.....help them serve their guests on Saturday, July 30th.

Speaker Johnson asked if there is any response to Kenny Pheasant's plea. Johnson said he sees smiles on their faces and thinks they are all willing to come forward to do that and he will try to be there on time.

Bridget Cole said she was just going to add to Kenny Pheasant's request that over the weekend she had talked to a bunch of kids and all the kids are very excited about Language Camp and they look forward to it. Cole said she was happy to know that the kids really like it. Cole said she has like a lot that she wanted to cover and she knows she only has five minutes so she doesn't know how this works. Cole asked how do they do it and if they had a timer or something.

Speaker Johnson said they have a timer on there.

Bridget Cole asked when her time starts.

Recorder Riley said it starts when she gets up there.

Bridget Cole said she wanted to talk about the Custer area and that other property that the Tribe has over there. Cole said they haven't put much effort and they don't have a lot of presence there at all. Cole said her family is still there and have always been there. Cole said she doesn't know if they know the history in Custer there but it is an important history to the Tribe. Cole said all of her family is buried in the Custer Cemetery and that when they are looking at Muskegon because she hears a lot about Muskegon-Manistee, and Manistee-Muskegon but Custer is a very important part of their history as Little River Band people. Cole said she thinks that they are doing themselves an injustice by not building there, no housing there, there is not anything in Custer there. Cole said the property that they do have is now blocked off for use and asked if that was correct.

Councilor Burger said correct.

Bridget Cole reiterated that it is part of their history that they need to protect and she hopes that she can count on anybody to make some kind of presence there. Cole said she was doing a quick research there. Cole said there is 80 acres for sale right now on First Street and next to that is 99 acres for sale. Cole said between the two it is \$400,000 less than that for all that property which could be housing or a small casino or card room or Bingo Hall. Cole said they already know that people come there because they have Johnnies and people come from all over to go there. Cole said she would like to see something happen there and some kind of open dialogue for that. Cole said she is going to go quickly here. Cole said employee morale has always been a problem here because they have a lot of employees on all kinds.....having all kinds of different problems weight problems, stress problems, and disorders of all kinds. Cole said they are kind of getting it from both sides. Cole said they are getting it from their grouchy members, getting it from the Ogema's Office, and they are getting it from this Council. Cole said the complaints from membership are through them. Cole said they have to do something about it because their health is failing and they are not healthy people. Cole said they are lacking patience a lot of times and they are rude sometimes but they don't have anything to support them. Cole said they are kind of the red-headed stepchild in the whole scenario here. Cole said she knows because she worked here. Cole said she knows that after she got done working here she didn't want to even look at this place for at least five years. Cole said she had taken time off because of stress here between Council, the Ogema's Office, and they have their members and trying to do their job. Cole said she has some ideas that things that contribute to that. Cole said they have family feuds going on before some of them were even born. Cole said families weren't getting along. Cole said they have new people arrive on the scene and they are really

followed with being shiny and new and people really like them so they just do anything they say. Cole said it is not helping any of this when they have people that have been 15-20 years and they can't present anything. Cole said they are at a loss to be their creative self especially with the Indian people that worked for them. Cole said they have more invested and come here to help for their families to represent their families. Cole said she has some suggestions because she thinks they need to quit listening to non-invested people on how to run their Tribe. Cole said when she says non-invested people she means those people who do not have a membership card and do not have children here because they are not invested. Cole said a perfect example is over the weekend she got a chance to help with the Pow Wow and she had seen the carrying and.....

The timer went off.

Speaker Johnson said what he is going to do here is Councilor Lewis wants to speak and then he can revisit this issue with Bridget Cole at that time.

Bridget Cole said okay and the other thing she was going to ask, because she has a lot of things on her list, things that really need to be said and taken care of. Cole said she wouldn't mind sitting down with them in a private work session, half of an hour.

Speaker Johnson said which is fine and they could do that also.

Councilor Lewis said she just wanted to say that they did have the Youth Dance on Friday and it was a big hit with the kids. Lewis said they enjoyed themselves. Lewis said she wanted to thank Robert Medacco because he allowed for Officer Ryan to come out and he turned on his sirens and lights and started the dance for them. Lewis reiterated that the kids had a great time and it really did what its purpose was because a lot of the kids that did go to their Pow Wow ended up going to the Cherry Festival and they were numerous children that she heard from the adults that they remembered each other from the dance so they seen each other and hung out together. Lewis said she just seen that it was a really big hit and she thanks all of Council for supporting that and the Ogema who also supported it.

Councilor Di Piazza said he just has one thing which should have been done probably at the beginning but on their remembrance today that this is their second year that they lost their Commerce Director, Robert Memberto. Di Piazza said if they would lay some tobacco or say some prayers. Di Piazza said he knows he has made it to where he needs to go and he is in a good place. Di Piazza said he was a good friend to a lot of them and did a lot of good here and got a lot of things motivated. Di Piazza reiterated to say a prayer and lay their tobacco if they would today. Di Piazza reiterated that he was a good friend and missed horrendously.

Councilor Crampton said he would just like to say that he supports Language Camp and thinks all of them do. Crampton said his kids basically grown up there and made a lot of friends and is a very good time. Crampton said he supports it wholeheartedly. Crampton said the other thing he wanted to mention today was if they are going to have a work session with Bridget Cole could they not have a private work session but one that is open to the public.

Speaker Johnson replied yes.

Councilor Crampton said he would like to have some people come in too and talk about things but a lot of the times the perceptions and he feels very strongly that they should have more of these because the perceptions that are out there are not actually true in many circumstances as they all know. Crampton said currently he was approached by a member at their Pow Wow who is blaming the rest of Council saying that a former Council member was telling people that they were responsible for the former General Manager at this Tribe. Crampton said she was shocked to learn that when he had asked her who told her that with the exception of Virgil Johnson none of the current Council members up there hired that General Manager and the person that actually told her had hired that person, had okayed it, not either anybody else on this Council, nobody sit on that contract other than Virgil Johnson so he just wanted the rumors and he wanted to clarify.

Speaker Johnson said to Councilor Crampton that he disagrees with that because that contract was passed by.....

Councilor Crampton interrupted and said 2011.

Speaker Johnson said Wendell Long.....

Recorder Riley said 2013.

Councilor Crampton said the contract was 2013 the second month or March.

Speaker Johnson said there was more than him on that Council.

Councilor Crampton said no he is saying this Council, this current Council right now, that he was the only one sitting when that contract was approved. Crampton said none of them were sitting.

Councilor Medacco said he didn't get appointed until May and that contract went through in February or March. Medacco said it was May 15th.

Speaker Johnson said the contract was approved how long ago three years ago.

Recorder Riley said yeah.

Speaker Johnson said so it could be, yes. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item.

Councilor Crampton said they were going to go back to Bridget Cole.

Speaker Johnson said oh, Bridget Cole and apologized because he didn't see her back there. Johnson said to Bridget Cole that she was more than welcome to come back. Johnson said as Councilor Crampton said they are going to have an open work session if she wanted to do it that way or she can continue on here.

Bridget Cole had spoken from the audience and her comments were not picked up on the tape recording.

Bridget Cole said she is on page two of six, at the beginning of them, so she is just going to go through the main things. Cole said employee programs they have not had a raise and they stuck by the Tribe through tough times and they need stress management kind of programs for them or techniques to be passed on. Cole said a lot of this has to do with the Ogema but maybe they can help him because everybody is supposed to be working together. Cole said she worries about.....she did a little short survey when she worked here in her office that she was working with a multitude of people and the amount of sleeping aids they were using, the amount of caffeine that was needed and the amount of antidepressants was pretty much nine out of ten employees. Cole said her husband belongs to a big Union and what they do for their people is they have every two years they have a full physical, top to bottom, AKG, blood work, everything. Cole said so the employees can stay healthy and know that when something is going wrong. Cole said they have a Clinic so they can do this and it is not that expensive when they have their own facility. Cole said she doesn't understand about the time management that is imposed upon all the employees because a lot of the employees work in service departments where they are not nine to five people. Cole said they are not and never will be. Cole said if they make them be they are not going to be effective and they are cutting off one of their hands to the community. Cole said she wants to talk about the new expenses on the casino and the daycare. Cole said she has been to different meetings where people were talking about the daycare before it happened and she sees they are going on with it. Cole said she has never heard any support from any Tribal members. Cole said she understands that there are not many Tribal member kids even living here within driving distance under 12 so who is the daycare for. Cole said she wants to talk about the state of the children. Cole said the children are being left behind, they are left out of.....this has all happened since she had left.....they are left out of the Per Capita and when they did they didn't realize.....they didn't count.....they didn't put in there as a way to keep their student services intact no matter what. Cole said if they have a bad year and spend a lot of their money because they spend the same amount out of the same piece of pie as their Elders do for health so they are on the.....they are in that dilemma of do they pay for the Elders to have health or pay for their kids to have

education. Cole said that is not a good place to be and they need to do something to change it. Cole said they need orthodontist care they need a program for orthodontist. Cole said they need a denture program or some kind of dental program for just people in general. Cole said she was looking at people's girls this weekend and it was like why they have a great big casino over there and why should they be having problems with their teeth. Cole said she has some ideas about how they can rectify and get the kids...maybe not get them Per Capita but get them something that would be useful for when they turn adults like putting money aside for them quarterly. Cole said setting it aside for future down payments on homes or their education or even legal defense if they get into trouble to be drawn out at 30. Cole said she already said to quit hiring non-invested people to figure out their problems. Cole said she lived in this area and grew up in this area and went to Scottville Schools and knows the people there and she knows everybody there. Cole said she knows the cops, the doctors, she knows who is there and who is on their side. Cole said she is the one.....members like her are the ones that they need to be listening to.....members that came from here and knows what is going on in this area. Cole said a lot of people are moving back to this area because they don't know how it went. Cole said they need.....she didn't get a chance to fill in all those.....that is what she wants to cover in the work session.

Councilor Di Piazza said he just wanted to say Miigwech to Bridget Cole for airing those concerns.

Speaker Johnson said just for Public Comments because he doesn't know why this issue was brought forward in regards to the hiring of Wendell Long however Council cannot act as an individual. Johnson said that roll call vote for his contract was nearly unanimous by Council back then so to bring this forward and only drop his name was inappropriate. Johnson reiterated inappropriate. Johnson said he thinks it is more appropriate to say that the Council prior to whoever was on was voted by but pointing out one person does not do this Council any good.

Councilor Crampton said to Speaker Johnson that he is sorry that he took it that way because it was meant absolutely in the opposite direction and was in defense of the eight other Council members that are sitting here. Crampton said what he was told was that they shall be removed for approving that contract so he just clarified that he was the only still sitting member that was involved in that contract nobody else in this currently seated Council was there. Crampton reiterated that it was in defense of the other eight members and there was no intention of singling him out as the one person that did that because he thinks they are all aware that Council has to do that. Crampton said the vote was almost unanimous but again it was in defense of the other eight Council members that are sitting here and clarifying the truth for the membership.

Speaker Johnson thanked Councilor Crampton. Johnson said using syllogistic reasoning because he dropped his name and he also incorporated removal, with

the suggestion of removal, then it is only Virgil Johnson that should be removed from Council and that is what he got from his last two minutes.

Councilor Crampton said he didn't.....he doesn't want to get into discussion with this and thinks that everybody else can understand that he is taking this personally. Crampton said what was said was that "they" should all, nine people, should be removed for that action. Crampton said his defense was that was her reasoning that she should know the truth that eight people up here were not involved in that scenario. Crampton reiterated eight people.

Speaker Johnson said that would have been fine if he used that approach but he didn't and he dropped his name which made it personal. Johnson apologized.

Councilor Crampton said he is taking it personally.

Speaker Johnson said to Councilor Crampton that he is absolutely right that he is taking it personal because he dropped his name.

Councilor Crampton said well he is clarifying his intentions right here before everybody so they can drop that.

Recorder Riley said yeah he just.....he doesn't even know why they are discussing this because he is long gone and hasn't been here for over a year and this happened three years ago. Riley said it is not productive to even talk about.

Councilor Di Piazza said if it is a concern then they need to come and talk to each of them because no Councilor speaks for him, right or wrong, or indifferent. Di Piazza said if they want to know come and ask him and he will tell them the truth which some may not like what he has to say so be it. Di Piazza said they know where he is at and his phone number hasn't changed, even his cell number hasn't changed, in 25 years, and it is the same cell phone number. Di Piazza said feel free because no Council.....other Councilors speaks for him.

Councilor Burger said changing gears a little bit she wanted to thank Councilor Di Piazza for bringing up that.....it's been a couple of years since they lost their Commerce Director Mr. Robert Memberto-ba and for suggesting that placing some tobacco down in honor of that loss would be a very kind gesture and she wants to take that a little further. Burger said there is no doubt that the previous Commerce Director did a lot of things for the Tribe but her thoughts go to the persons that made his actions possible because he is not alone. Burger said long prior to Mr. Memberto-ba's involvement with the Tribe when she was a mere child there were individuals that were working very hard to create a foundation for the government many of them are no longer here. Burger said their families remain involved however and she just wanted to drop a few names and what their contributions were at this point and time. Burger said first and foremost she wanted to talk about Margaret Chandler who probably single-handedly kept every

record that was necessary for Mr. Clurken’s work and foundation of work to establish the long-term standing government of what evolved into the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Burger said she wanted to thank Katherine Glocheski and La Verne Oren for remaining in the area and being advocates not only with the local community along with the local community governments but when the time came Ms. Glocheski-ba went before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to provide testimony that was necessary for their recognition and reaffirmation. Burger said she would like to thank Mr. John Koon, old John, Jim, and his wife and Grace Koon for being very instrumental in holding together Unit 7 which was part of the evolution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Burger said she would like to thank Doris Wabsis and of course her father Johnny Sam for being here during reaffirmation and establishing their first Language Program. Burger said she would like to thank all of the Grandmothers and Grandfathers of the individuals at this table who are no longer here because they made it possible for them to be here long-term. Burger said they are all here, all working, and all involved. Burger said she would like to thank Martha Case in particular for having a vision a long time ago to add a department that was not popular here and establishing their first Substance Abuse Program as a boot strap effort. Burger said those are the types of people that they need to bring here that they need to cultivate and they need to foster because through their involvement a lot of things happen. Burger said many things happen so while she is very thankful that Robert Memberto-ba was a part of their process he is only one cog in the wheel.

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.

MOVE TO ADJOURN FIRST OPEN AT 10:49; by Riley; supported by Di Piazza.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:58 a.m.

MOTION TO GO BACK INTO SECOND OPEN AT 11:58; by Riley; supported by Lewis.

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

MOVE TO MOVE FROM CLOSED TO OPEN SESSION CLOSED C.2; RESOLUTION, ROLL CALL, VOTE AND C.3, MOTION AND ROLL CALL; by Riley; supported by Burger.

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

Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Speaker Johnson said one other thing before they adjourn is in their First Open in Public Comments they were talking about having a work session on some issues that was presented by a Tribal member and he wanted to make sure.....

Recorder Riley said they are squeezing it in tomorrow.

Speaker Johnson said okay and thanked Recorder Riley.

The following two items were moved from Closed Session to Open Session.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0706-194, APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA AND STAFF TO EXECUTE THE TRIBAL INTERCONNECTION SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES; by Medacco; supported by Burger.

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

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0706-195,
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF
EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH CAITLIN ROLLINS AS
STAFF ATTORNEY; by Burger; supported by Medacco.**

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

Roll Call #C-4

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

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

IX. Adjourn

MOVE TO ADJOURN AT NOON; by Riley; supported by Burger.

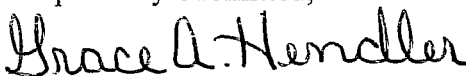
Roll Call #12

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Joseph Riley II,
Tribal Council Recorder