

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on June 13, 2018. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Lewis said to Speaker Riley that the recorder is on.

Speaker Riley said good morning everybody and welcome to their June 13th Tribal Council Meeting. Riley said they are going to get started with an Opening Prayer and Frankie Medacco is going to lead them in that.

I. Opening Prayer

Frank Medacco, Tribal Councilor, offered the Opening Prayer.

Father God, Creator, we just thank you for this day that you have blessed us with today.

We thank you for the opportunity that we have to just be able to gather here, Lord, and just be able to come together and communicate and talk with one another as we go upon our work in this agenda to move things forward better in a good way for the Tribe.

We just ask for healing for everybody that has some kind of ailment today.

We ask that you look over them, Lord, and just heal them in your timing.

We ask for prayers for the Vizenor Family today, Lord, that you just look over them and just give them strength and healings to their minds, body and their soul.

We thank you for our Troops wherever they are located, Lord.

And our First Responders and our Police Department, Lord, and our Officers.

We just thank you that there is opportunity just to grow as one and become a stronger Nation.

We just thank you and we just give you all this in your name. Amen.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to please do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Lewis confirmed that they had a quorum.

Others Present: Matthew Chandler, Alan Tyler, Boo Battice, Jennifer Crampton, Bill Willis, Jason Cross, Frank Beaver.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Drew Jeurink, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Umlauf, Officer from Public Safety, Elise McGowen-Cuellar, Caitlin Rollins, Rebecca Liebing, Alanna Lahey.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF IV A. REMOVE, V C. POSTPONE AND VII C.1. IS AN ADD; by Lewis; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Riley asked is there any discussion on the agenda. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis said for Wednesday, June 13, 2018 approval for the agenda has passed.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 6/6/18

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 6/6/18 FOR FILING; by Medacco; supported by Pete.

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

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis said approval for the Tribal Council Minutes for 6/6/18 has been approved.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Riley noted there was nothing under Grants & Contracts.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Child Welfare Social Services (CWSS) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-__ in the amount of \$2,332**

The Tribe has received funding for the 2018 CWSS Title IV-B Grant.

Speaker Riley said Bill Willis their Budget Coordinator and Jason Cross their Family Services Director are here to represent this and they have the floor.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning. Willis said these are funds that the Tribe has received for several years now from the Title IV B Program under the Department of Health and Human Services. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget. Willis said Jason Cross is here to answer any questions should Council have any.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete asked Jason Cross if he could please explain what these funds are for so that the membership knows.

Jason Cross said yes, these funds are used specifically to support their children.....Tribal Children in Foster Care. Cross said to support educational needs or clothing or things like that.

Councilor Pete said okay. Pete said to Speaker Riley that he is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0613-183;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-CHILD
WELFARE SOCIAL SERVICES AND APPROVING A
MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-35 IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$2,332; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

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

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0613-183 has been approved.

Councilor Medacco thanked Jason Cross.

2. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Nutrition Services Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-___ in the amount of \$7,181

The Tribe has received a modification for year two funding of this program.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said these funds as well have been received by the Tribe for several years now. Willis said these funds help supplement or compliment the Elders Meal Program if they will so. Willis said once again they just need to accept the funds and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said okay if there is no further discussion he is prepared to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0613-184;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-
NUTRITION SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION
TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-36 IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$7,181; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

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

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0613-184 has been approved.

- 3. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-2018 Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2018-__ in the amount of \$22,039**
The Tribe has received additional funding for this program.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said yes these are additional funds they have received. Willis said this is an ongoing program as Council is well aware that they have had for a number of years. Willis said once again they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he is prepared to make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0613-185; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-2018 LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE (LIHEAP) AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2018-37 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,039; by Pete; supported by Lonn.

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

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0613-185 has been approved.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval for Joseph Riley II to attend the Majority Trust Retreat at Martha’s Vineyard June 22-24, 2018

This is the Annual Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee for the Members of the Democratic Caucus.

Speaker Riley asked do they have a motion. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said okay if there isn’t any discussion on it he would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE FOR JOSEPH RILEY II TO ATTEND THE MAJORITY TRUST RETREAT AT MARTHA’S VINEYARD JUNE 22-24, 2018; by Pete; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked are there any abstentions. Riley said he will be abstaining from this. Riley asked is there any discussion on this. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (6-0-1-2)

Recorder Lewis said okay approval for Joseph Riley to attend the Majority Trust Retreat at Martha’s Vineyard June 22-24, 2018 has been approved.

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due:

Reports received:

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| Remove: A. Accounting Report
March & April 2018 Due | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| B. Enrollment Commission
April 2018 Due | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| C. Natural Resource Commission
April 2018 Due | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Riley asked Grace Hendler if the Accounting Reports are the ones she received this morning.

Grace Hendler replied that those are removed.

Speaker Riley said oh, they are removed, okay. Riley said he was going to say he thought they had them. Riley said Enrollment Commission for April is due, Natural Resource Commission is due for April. Riley asked is there any discussion on these.

V. New Business

A. Amendment to Article 11 of the Hunting, Trapping and Gathering Regulations for the 1836 Ceded Territory to Ban the Baiting of Deer
Pursuant to the recommendation of the Natural Resource Commission and the Natural Resource Department Amendments to Article 11 shall ban the baiting of deer on lands within the jurisdiction of Tribal Laws and Regulations.

Speaker Riley said their Natural Resource Department Director, Frank Beaver, is here to represent this.

Frank Beaver, Natural Resource Department Director, represented this agenda item. Beaver said good morning. Beaver said so they have had a number of meetings at the Natural Resource Commission level on this. Beaver said the commission has made a recommendation to ban baiting of deer by their members during the upcoming Hunting Season. Beaver said since their last work session it has been brought to his attention that the DNR.....the State DNR is also proposing to do this. Beaver said there was a proposal submitted on June 6th to the State Natural Resources Commission to similarly ban baiting of deer so.

Speaker Riley said according to the Consent Decree if they ban it then the Tribe has to.

Frank Beaver said that is correct.

Speaker Riley said well he guessed his concern is that if they, and the DNR may resolve this, but his concern is that they ban it on Tribal Land and it is not banned on State Land all it is going to do is cause the herds to move over to State Land where the food is more readily available so. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he has some ques.....he has to tell Frank Beaver something honestly he may not know him but he doesn't even own a gun so. Pete said in talking to Tribal members and stuff like that a few of them at least his concern is what Speaker Riley brought up if it is not banned on the State so is the State Ban coming and is that a for sure thing that is going to happen.

Frank Beaver said no sir.....

Councilor Pete said they don't even know that is going to happen, correct.

Frank Beaver said correct.

Councilor Pete said so if the State Ban doesn't come, he means, they're.....he has to tell him he is on the fence on this he just doesn't know.....he means he is going to vote because he is not going to abstain. Pete said he doesn't have nothing to abstain for but did the entire commission vote to.....the Resource Commission did they vote.....they passed this to ban this and is he correct.

Frank Beaver said that is correct.

Councilor Pete said okay, and there are hunters on that commission he would assume.

Frank Beaver said he would assume.....yeah he would assume.

Councilor Pete said okay just.....this one just tugs at him is all he is saying. Pete said he has to tell him this tugs at him.

Councilor Lonn asked Frank Beaver didn't he say that there wasn't really any found.....deer around here that were found contaminated at this time in this area. Lonn said it was somewhere down south.

Frank Beaver said it was within the Ceded Territory but it is not any further north than Montcalm County he thinks was the last it was the furthest north contamination. Beaver said he has a list of counties here but no there are none that are in quote unquote their area.

Councilor Lonn said okay.

Frank Beaver said they have members who hunt all over the Ceded Territory so yeah absolutely.

Speaker Riley said Councilor Crampton he believed he had a motion.

Councilor Crampton said yeah he was going to say there is a certain kind of irony that it is the bait piles in the first place but he is not even going to go there. Crampton said he would say he has a lot of constituents against this and if they have to do it because of the State he would like to make a motion.....

MOTION TO POSTPONE PENDING ACTION FROM THE STATE; by Crampton; supported by Pete.

Councilor Pete said he supports that because he was going to do that. Pete said he is concerned if that the State doesn't do it then.....if the State doesn't do it then what have they really gained. Pete said if the State does it he would have an easier time with this even if they get some hunters that go kicking and screaming because, they know, the other thing would be to devastate a herd which would not

be a good thing either so he knows he was kind of leaning for this thing but then the more he had a chance to sleep on this or drive on this in his case it was.....

Frank Beaver said hopefully not both at the same time.

Councilor Pete said well he has done that one time, just ask Charmaine Stone. Pete said at any rate he would really support that motion also to postpone this until they kind of get more information from the State if that is okay.

Speaker Riley said he has a motion to postpone this pending action from the State. Riley asked are there any abstentions on this or any further discussion. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis said the motion has carried to postpone Item V A.

Frank Beaver thanked Tribal Council.

Speaker Riley thanked Frank Beaver.

B. Resolution in Support of Collecting Indian Child Welfare Act-Related Data in the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System in accordance with the Final Rule Published on December 14, 2016

On December 14, 2016 the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) issued regulations that require collection of data relating to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) compliance through the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System (AFCARS). On March 1, 2018 DHHS published a proposal that may negatively affect the December 14, 2018 ICWA data collecting requirements set to take effect October 1, 2019. This Resolution is in support of ICWA data collection requirements in accordance with the December 14, 2016 issued regulations.

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

Jason Cross, Family Services Director, represented this agenda item. Cross said good morning. Cross said this is a resolution requesting support from Tribal Council regarding the regulations.....the Federal Regulations that were passed in 2016 to collect data regarding Indian Child Welfare Act Children to allow them in their department to do a better job of tracking them and holding the State accountable for doing what they are supposed to be doing in short.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked Jason Cross. Pete said he is glad this is coming forward. Pete said to Speaker Riley if there isn't any more discussion he will make a motion.

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Pete to go ahead.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0613-186;
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COLLECTING INDIAN CHILD
WELFARE ACT-RELATED DATA IN THE ADOPTION AND
FOSTER CARE ANALYSIS REPORTING SYSTEM IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE FINAL RULE PUBLISHED ON
DECEMBER 14, 2016; by Pete; supported by Lonn.**

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

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0613-186 has been approved.

Jason Cross thanked Tribal Council.

Speaker Riley thanked Frank Beaver.

C. Amending the approved Family Services Organizational Structure to include Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health

The Family Services Department is requesting a modification to the Organizational Structure of the department to more efficiently serve those clients with co-occurring disorders.

This item was postponed pending a work session.

D. Authorizing the Use of Tribal Logo to the Fury Futbol Club Fruitport Youth Soccer

The Tribal Council made a donation to this organization at their June 6, 2018 Meeting by Resolution #18-0606-175 and needs to authorize the use of the Tribal Logo for advertising purposes.

Speaker Riley asked do they have a motion. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he will make a motion. Pete asked Speaker Riley if this was just a motion or is this a resolution.

Councilor Medacco said it is a resolution.

Speaker Riley confirmed it is a resolution.

Councilor Pete thanked Councilor Medacco.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-0613-187;
AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE TRIBAL LOGO FOR THE
FURY FUTBOL CLUB-FRUITPORT YOUTH SOCCER; by Pete;
supported by Wittenberg.**

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

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #18-0613-187 has been approved.

Speaker Riley thanked Recorder Lewis.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, June 20, 2018

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

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

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Riley. Romanelli said first question though they were.....Item C. was postponed and do they know why that was. Romanelli said he thinks they had a couple of work sessions on that so he just wanted to.....

Recorder Lewis said there was only one work session that she remembers and a few more people wanted clarification and have another work session. Lewis said it was agreed upon by everybody.

Ogema Romanelli said so those departments will be providing more information.

Recorder Lewis said yeah....yeah.

Ogema Romanelli said okay and thanked Recorder Lewis. Romanelli said what do they have. Romanelli said they recently met with the Attorney General Office of the Western District and he thinks it was a good turnout and everybody seemed to be there, Council, Ogema, his staff and attorneys. Romanelli said he thinks it was very good and they meet on a regular basis or an annual basis. Romanelli said it includes all law enforcement, Attorney General Office and discuss problems that are relevant and concerning to the Tribes and to the State and to the Federal Government so that they did. Romanelli said they are working on the 2019 Budget already so if there are any things that they want to change. Romanelli said he thinks their Annual Meeting with the Membership is in August so they are already getting a jump on that. Romanelli said he understands that court made a decision and that there will be some changes. Romanelli said with those changes they have the person who is going to be installed, Dave Corey, also sits on their Gaming Commission and currently they have no applications for the Gaming Commission to replace. Romanelli said they will be down to two people possibly and just for their information. Romanelli said what else. Romanelli said he thinks that is it. Romanelli said oh, the Informational Meeting there has been some questions that is going to happen on Saturday and it isn't only for Tribal Members and it is like every other meeting and they are welcome to bring a spouse or whatever. Romanelli said it is an Open Meeting. Romanelli said yes.

Recorder Lewis said apologies, she is not going to be able to make it Saturday. Lewis said she had a close family member that had surgery so she has been helping to take care of them.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Recorder Lewis thanked the Ogema.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said also question for Ogema Romanelli. Pete asked if that was from 10:00 a.m. and is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. if necessary.

Ogema Romanelli said yes he believed so. Romanelli said it is going to be a very light lunch to save costs and he thinks hopefully they can work right through the lunch which would be nice so they have plenty of time so. Romanelli said okay and that is it.

Councilor Pete thanked the Ogema.

Speaker Riley thanked the Ogema.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Riley asked does anybody have anything for Legislative Affairs at this time. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he just wanted everyone to know that yesterday the State Legislature and the House of Representatives passed their On-line Gaming vote in the House by 68 to 40. Pete said it is going to move on from there in the Fall to the Senate so with a vote of 68 to 40 he is not sure where the Senate lays but he thinks that they have to really prepare for that because he believes it is coming so. Pete said that is all he has.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to mention a few things. Crampton said there is a new movie getting put out to celebrate finely the life of Jim Thorpe and being produced by Angelina Jolie. Crampton said last Thursday there was a Bi-partisan Bill called the Strengthening the 10th Amendment through Entrusting States Act. Crampton said what it does is despite Federal Law will give Tribes and States the right to determine their own Marijuana Laws.

Speaker Riley said he just wanted to bring up something that was mentioned earlier this week the No Safe Harbor Act. Riley said that is something that he thinks so far they are going to be actively opposing because they don't.....they'd rather have the Federal Government work with them to retrieve criminals maybe hiding on their land rather than just coming in and doing whatever they want without their permission or their knowledge. Riley asked anything else for Legislative Affairs.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley asked do they have anybody for Public Comments. Riley recognized Matthew Chandler.

Matthew Chandler, Citizen #1687, said the National Congress of American Indians has come out with a Tribal Work Force Development and decision-training tool kit made of different case studies throughout Indian Country on the development of a Tribe's Greatest Resource which is its citizens. Chandler said some of the case studies include the culture, the leadership, citizen engagement and removing the obstacles that their citizens might have to get into the work force rather than working for an employer or becoming an employer themselves. Chandler said some of the key issues in it was the identity of the individuals. Chandler said he knows last week he encouraged the Leadership to start using Tribal Citizens instead of Tribal Members and it ties directly in with a person's identity. Chandler said back years and years ago, centuries ago, they were all Anishinaabek. Chandler said then the Jesuits came and they divided them into three different categories. Chandler said they were Ojibway, Potawatomi and Ottawa. Chandler said then the Great Occupation came and then they were just

Indians. Chandler said sometimes drunken Indians is what they would call them. Chandler said then the 60's and 70's came and they were indigenous and they were Native Americans. Chandler said then Kevin Costner came and they became American Indians then finally they were recognized as a Tribe and they became Tribal members. Chandler said so they can see how just that one key identity and they chipped, chipped, and chipped away to it from a great Nation to just an individual Tribal member. Chandler said it keys right into how they build up their citizens and how do they give them that self-worth and the key is their identity. Chandler said when they give a person the skills to get a job or become a business owner they are giving them self-worth. Chandler said they are giving them a reason to wake up in the morning so that they are not relying on quote unquote "handouts" from the Tribe but become productive citizens. Chandler said so again he would encourage.....it has taken him three to five years to take that word membership out of his vocabulary and sometimes he still messes up but as Leaders it is their obligation to start bringing that self-worth to their citizens. Chandler thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Matthew Chandler. Riley recognized Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Matthew Chandler for bringing that up. Romanelli said they had that discussion in the past since he has been Ogema and there was talk about citizen verses member. Romanelli said he can't remember completely what all the discussion was but does remember there are some legal ramifications. Romanelli said he also remembers that there were people who wanted to be referred to as members. Romanelli said again where it ended up he is not sure but he could probably do some research. Romanelli said part of the issue though if he remembers correctly is almost like a rebranding that if they change from member to citizen they would then have to change their Constitution starting there because it refers to members and they would have to replace the wording in there. Romanelli said they would also have to go back to their compacts with the Federal Government and State Governments and change the wording there. Romanelli said he is not opposed to it himself and understands the reasoning behind it but it wasn't just a simple process it is time. Romanelli said it doesn't mean that they can't bring up this discussion again and try and make it work and maybe.....they have an In-house Legal Staff. Romanelli said he is not sure of the legalities is behind it and they bring it up in discussions as well to say okay what are their views on this and what are the benefits or the negatives if there are any negatives and go from there. Romanelli said thanks for bringing that up on the table again.

Speaker Riley thanked the Ogema.

Matthew Chandler made a comment from the audience and it wasn't picked up on the recorder.

Speaker Riley said absolutely.

Matthew Chandler said he thanks the Ogema for enlightening them on the legal ramifications but yeah they can get into the whole legal jargon of it as far as their compacts go and their Constitution. Chandler said what he is talking about is just an attitude or something that is inside them and something that they don't have to change their Constitution to change the word that they use every day. Chandler said while they are discussing here he doesn't know how many times he has heard people say Tribal member, Tribal member and Tribal member. Chandler said just because their Constitution says Tribal member doesn't mean that he can't say Tribal citizen or if they make a resolution they use the word Tribal citizen or if they make an ordinance Tribal citizen. Chandler said he doesn't think that would have any impact on their Constitution or their compact because it is their own laws that they are doing. Chandler said he is not talking about changing that he is talking about changing the person, changing the individuals. Chandler said their perception is their reality and if they consider themselves just a member and not a citizen then that is their reality. Chandler said so again thanks for your comment and enlightening him and he kind of knew there would be a huge process if it was to do the compacts and stuff. Chandler said it is too long but they can start now by just the word of changing.

Ogema Romanelli said he appreciates that too and to each their own and if people want to.....they know again it starts that movement that they are citizens the more power to them. Romanelli said again he prefers that himself but as the Ogema he is going to follow what he needs to follow but Matthew Chandler is right if Council determines that that is doable within resolutions and ordinances he is good with it. Romanelli said again he thinks they should defer to their legal thing so they don't get into anything like that. Romanelli thanked Matthew Chandler.

Matthew Chandler said Miigwech.

Speaker Riley said he is just going to say from his point of view if they were to craft a law that said they had to use it one way or the other he would personally feel that is compelled speech which is a violation of their Constitutional right to free speech so. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he would actually like to look for maybe if they are going to go down this road somebody who speaks the language and find out what they call it because citizen was basically a Greek word adopted by the French which means city dweller so it is not even their word.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah he can understand on all views of what one calls themselves whether it be a member or a citizen. Wittenberg said himself it goes right into their ___ who are Anishinaabe or Anishinaabek. Wittenberg said he

would love to see that but that is what he introduces himself so it does have one's preference. Wittenberg said on that he doesn't have nothing against one that turns around and says what they are because that is them. Wittenberg said with him though that is how he came into this world he is Anishinaabe so looking at it with an open mind to all ways and to all things. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Wittenberg. Riley said alright anyone else for Public Comment. Riley recognized Boo Battice.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he just wanted to kind of comment on that. Battice asked is it possible to add and/or on their half and leave the member then they can have member and/or on their half so they satisfy those people above and those people below because they can still refer inside as citizen and/or member. Battice said he doesn't know because they have to keep member in there probably of the past but they can also blend it. Battice said anyway he was just wondering if that is possible and he was just coming to say "thank you" for holding that bait ban until they get further information and that's all. Battice thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Boo Battice. Riley said okay if there is no other public comments they will now be going into closed session.

Councilor Crampton said he has one more public comment. Crampton said to Councilor Medacco Happy Birthday Frankie.

Councilor Medacco thanked Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Pete said Happy Birthday to Frankie.

Councilor Medacco said they don't have to do all that.

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

Tribal Council recessed at 10:34 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:04 a.m.

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

Quorum established.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Riley asked do they have anything to move from Closed to Open.

Recorder Lewis replied yes they have.

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #18-0613-188; MOTION, ROLL CALL AND VOTE ONLY; by Lewis; supported by Medacco.

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

Roll Call #10

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

Recorder Lewis said Resolution #18-0613-188 has been approved to move to Open; Motion, Roll Call and Vote.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 18-0613-188, APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF MASTER AGREEMENT FOR TRIBAL EVENTS WITH JOSHUA WILSON; by Medacco; supported by Pete.

Riley asked if there were any abstentions.

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Riley asked do they have a motion to adjourn at 11:06.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:06; by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley said to Recorder Lewis to count her down when she is ready.

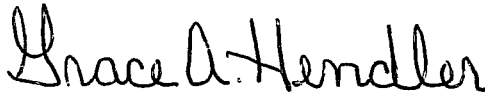
Roll Call #11

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

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder