



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on June 14, 2017. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Speaker Riley said good morning everyone and he would like to welcome everybody to their Council Meeting for June 14th.

I. Opening Prayer

Councilor Wittenberg offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and English.

We thank you for this day, Creator.

We ask that you watch over us.

Help us in our hearts to make the right decisions.

Be with all that is above us, with us, below us and that is what is within.

We thank you for all we have and all that we don't have.

Ahaaw. Miigwech, Miigwech, Miigwech.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

Speaker Riley said Recorder Lewis actually has a couple of announcements that she would like to make before they get started here.

Recorder Lewis said okay, due to the passing of Stella Whitepigeon their Tribal Council will be out this afternoon for the funeral services and that will be located at 2724 West Maw Gaw Ne Quong. Lewis said Councilor Di Piazza is out right now and he is at the fire attending that. Lewis said anybody that would like to go and support the family and she asks that they keep their prayers for her family. Lewis said anybody that wishes to attend it will be over there starting around

noon and then they will be taking her down to Custer. Lewis said at 3:00 there will be a luncheon over at Aki.

Speaker Riley said to Recorder Lewis alright can she do a roll call to establish quorum.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: John Pabami, Mike Walter, Jason Cross, Jennifer Crampton.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Paul Mooney, Caitlin Rollins, Shayne Machen, James Smith.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JUNE 14th, 2017 WITH NO CHANGES; by Lewis; supported by Friedel.

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

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said it has been approved to accept Tribal Council.....or the agenda has been approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes 6/7/17

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to approve these minutes. Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 6/7/17 FOR FILING; by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

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

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said okay it has been passed.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Riley noted nothing under Grants & Contracts.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2017-__ ; Authorizing the transfer of funding from the Family Services Department Budget to the Child & Family Development Center Budget in the amount of \$10,500**

Tribal Council must approve any change in the scope of a program, such as the elimination of program activities.

Jason Cross, Director of Family Services, represented this agenda item. Cross said good morning. Cross said they would like to request to move \$10,500 from the Family Services Employee Insurance Line that isn't going to be used this year to the CFDC Operations Utilities Line to be utilized to cover the cost of phone and internet services to the center.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Medacco.

Councilor Medacco said with this transfer of funds will this cover for the rest of the year.

Jason Cross replied yes it will.

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

Councilor Medacco said if there is no discussion he would like to make a motion.

Speaker Riley said okay.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0614-201;
 APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2017-34;
 AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDING FROM THE
 FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT BUDGET TO THE CHILD &
 FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT
 OF \$10,500; by Medacco; supported by Lonm.**

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

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0614-201 has been approved.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due:

- A. Financial Report
March & April 2017**
- B. Enrollment Commission**
- C. Elders Committee Minutes
March & April 2017**
- D. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report
April 2017
May-December 2016**

Reports received:

- None Submitted**
- April 2017**
- None Submitted**
- None Submitted**

Speaker Riley said it looks like they have the Enrollment Commission Report from April 2017 and they will be accepting that. Riley said they are missing a couple of other reports. Riley said onto New Business.

V. New Business

- A. Authorizing the Donation of \$500.00 to the Town of Kaleva**
 Tribal Leadership has determined that donations to organizations which contribute to our community are appropriate for the purposes established by the Revenue Allocation Plan and the restrictions imposed by IGRA.

Speaker Riley said that is to help them cover the costs of their fireworks. Riley said at this point he will entertain a motion or discussion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said if there is no discussion he will make a motion.

Speaker Riley said okay.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0614-202;
AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$500.00 TO TOWN OF
KALEVA FOR FIREWORKS;** by Friedel; supported by Medacco.

Councilor Friedel said he will say that the resolution that is on file right now has a different date and it will be changed.

Speaker Riley said okay so they are amending that date. Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and are there any further questions on this item. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0614-202 has passed.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Friedel.

Councilor Friedel said he just wanted to make sure that the donation was done by Council and Tribal Ogema. Friedel said it was a half and half donation. Friedel thanked them.

Speaker Riley said alright onto Concluding Business. Riley said this one is going quick.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, June 21, 2017

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

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

Ogema Romanelli thanked him very much. Romanelli said seems like Wednesdays come sooner than every seven days doesn't it, every three days they have a Council Meeting. Romanelli said there is really nothing new to report.

Romanelli said the Gathering Grounds Construction is on schedule so he thinks they are all set for their Pow Wow and going from there so. Romanelli said he wanted to thank Council for their.....the discussions they have been having over the last week or so. Romanelli said just on a different note they are looking at the Budget and the talk of the Gathering Grounds then the needs that they have within the Tribe. Romanelli reiterated his thanks for that. Romanelli said this is going to be one of the shortest Council Meetings in a long time. Romanelli thanked them and asked if there were any questions.

Speaker Riley thanked the Ogema.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Riley said onto Legislative Affairs Update. Riley said he just actually wanted to take a minute to welcome the Mayor of Manistee to the audience here. Riley asked if there was anything he would like to share while he is here.

James Smith, Mayor of Manistee said he would like to personally and for the City thank them for the generosity in the Revenue Sharing and the many contributions that the Tribal Government has made to the community as a whole. Smith said the many things that they would not be able to do in Public Safety without those funds without impacting the services of the City Government so his appreciation is great for their contributions and thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked the Mayor of Manistee for his kind words and that it has been a pleasure working with him on their end as well. Riley said anything else for Legislative Affairs. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said just recently the Government Accountability Office which is GAO recently targeted five programs or actually three as high risk for the BIA. Crampton said that would be the Indian Education, the Department of Human Services and Health Services. Crampton said the reason they placed them in high risk is because nothing is getting done in these areas and if it keeps going the way it is or does and they don't get things done then there will be some cuts to those programs.

Speaker Riley said alright if there is nothing further for the Legislative Affairs Update they will move onto Public Comment.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she just wanted to update everyone they did receive a "*thank you*" card from the girls over at Manistee High School for the Cheerleading sponsorship for gymnastic mats and they will go ahead and get that also to the

Ogema because they were thinking everyone. Lewis said very happy those girls were.

Speaker Riley said okay, good. Riley asked anyone else for Public Comment.

Councilor Crampton said oh he just wanted to mention something.

Speaker Riley said okay and recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well this last Saturday he attended the Sugar Ray Concert that they had there. Crampton said his daughter got to go back and meet him and she gifted him a necklace that was made by his cousin from GTB. Crampton said he was just overly ecstatic and mentioned it several times in the show but what he felt that was odd back there was there was only like ten people back there to meet this very gracious band who embraced their culture and did such a great show. Crampton said he means they should look at maybe even having someone representing the Ogema somebody meet with him beforehand to show them their appreciation and tradition because he noticed that some of these shows that doesn't happen and maybe there was like four or five people back and these guys go out and do a great show for them. Crampton said just something like that.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

Recorder Lewis said she did want to state about that. Lewis said she thought that was very honorable of Sara Crampton that she gifted him the necklace, a beaded necklace that said Sugar Ray. Lewis said she did make a statement to him that is the Odawa way, the Ottawa way, is to gift someone when they come into the area so she just wanted to say "thank you" to her that was very honorable to do that.

Speaker Riley said okay, last call for Public Comment. Riley said alright at this point they will be moving into Closed Session.

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

Speaker Riley said at this point he will entertain a motion to end First Open at 10:13.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:13; by Crampton; supported by Friedel.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

Speaker Riley said he will entertain a motion to go into Second Open at 11:05.

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:05 a.m.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 11:05; by Friedel;
supported by Pete.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said okay they are in open.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any items to move from Closed to Open Session.

Recorder Lewis said yes.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #17-0614-204, EIGHT IN FAVOR HAS PASSED AND MOVED INTO OPEN; by Lewis;
supported by Crampton.

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

Roll Call #7

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

R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes
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Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Lewis said alright it is in open.

The following item was moved from Closed to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0614-204,
 RATIFICATION OF DR LAB SERVICES, LLC FOR
 CALIBRATION OF UTILITY DEPARTMENT LAB EQUIPMENT;
 by Medacco; supported by Friedel.**

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

Roll Call #C-5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

B. Ratification of 2017 Jiingtamok Contracts

The Tribal Council has received contracts from the following
 Individuals to provide services:

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| Frank Lewis | George Martin | Phillip Memberto |
| Lorraine Shananaquet | | David Shananaquet |
| Walker Stonefish | Gordon Nicotine | Mike Medawis |
| Brian More | Gary Lewis | Gabriel Memberto |
| Shawn Stalzer | Hunter Genia | |

This item was postponed at the 6/7/17 Tribal Council Meeting.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0614-205;
 RATIFICATION OF 2017 JINGTAMOK CONTRACTS; by
 Medacco; supported by Friedel.**

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

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0614-205 has been approved.

IX. Adjourn

Speaker Riley said alright he will entertain a motion to adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN; by Friedel; supported by Pete.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned and the time was not noted.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Sandra Lewis,
Tribal Council Recorder