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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019  
LITTLE RIVER BAND  
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on June 19, 2019. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Acting Recorder Lonn. Di Piazza said welcome to their Council Meeting for Wednesday, June 19, 2019. Di Piazza said Mr. Ron Wittenberg is going to lead them in an Opening Prayer.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Ron Wittenberg, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shagaaash.

We thank you for this day.

We ask that you be with us, be with all of us.

Help guide our minds, our hearts and our thoughts so that we may walk in a good way.

We say Chi Miigwech for all the things that we have and all the things above us, with us, below us, and that is what is within.

Ahaaw. Miigwech, Miigwech, Miigwech, Miigwech.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn to do a roll call please.

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

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Lonn confirmed there is a quorum.

Others Present: Lyle Dorr, Jennifer Crampton, Bob Sanders, Shayne Machen, Bill Willis, Daryl Wever.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Patrick Gilles, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Caitlin Rollins.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked does he have a motion to approve the agenda.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JUNE 19, 2019  
WITH THE FOLLOWING REVISION TO III A.2. AND III A.3; by  
Lonn; supported by Lewis.**

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any discussion on the agenda. Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, he has a problem with Closed Item under C; Approving of Shoreline Funding. Crampton said Closed Session are for business matters, Bids and Contracts which are considered privileged and he thinks this is just refunding. Crampton said he doesn't believe it belongs in Closed. Crampton said in fact he dug up the last time they did this and it was on April 10<sup>th</sup> in Open Session.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Shannon Crampton would he like to move it to Open.

Councilor Crampton replied however them guys want to deal with it but he will be voting no on the agenda approval because he doesn't think that is appropriate....that is in the appropriate spot.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said let the item be moved out of Closed into Open....in Second Open.

Councilor Crampton said after the vote he is stating that it doesn't belong in there in the first place.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said um....can it be moved or.....

Grace Hendler said she thinks they can include it in the motion.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said pardon.

Grace Hendler repeated that she thinks they can include it in their motion. Hendler asked do they want her to go get Kathleen Bowers.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yeah, if she would please.

*Grace Hendler left the meeting to get Kathleen Bowers.*

Councilor Lewis attracted Acting Speaker Di Piazza's attention.

Councilor Guenthardt asked Acting Speaker Di Piazza didn't that have to do with something with a contract or something on that Shoreline.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza explained it is moving funding and it is for the Shoreline. Di Piazza said the funding has already been appropriated and they are just moving funding. Di Piazza said to Kathleen Bowers good morning.

Kathleen Bowers said good morning.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said there was a question, his apologies. Di Piazza said under Closed, Approval of Shoreline Funding. Di Piazza asked can that be moved to Open.

Kathleen Bowers said Shoreline isn't usually moved to Open it is totally up to Council but.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said April 10<sup>th</sup> Open Session Meeting, Approval of Budget Modification MB-2019-\_\_\_ Authorizing modification of Strategic Gaming Budget in the amount of \$335....\$344,000.

Kathleen Bowers said okay.

Councilor Crampton said the next item is Budget Mod for the Strategic Gaming Fund in Open Session in the same amount.

Kathleen Bowers said then it should be fine.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said so the question being they move Closed Session C. to New Business D. Di Piazza asked would the motion maker like to include that or restate for the approval of the agenda.

Councilor Lewis asked so do they just want to add that to Open D.

Acting Recorder Lonn said after they already made a motion can they still do that.

Councilor Lewis said yeah, she made the motion so just say that she wants.....

Acting Recorder Lonn said okay, she wants to take C.1, Bids and Contracts, Approval of Bike Time Agreement.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said nope, Shoreline.

Councilor Lewis said yes, X C.1.....

Acting Recorder Lonn said X C, Approval Shoreline Funding from Closed into Open under D, New Business.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked if she still supports.

Councilor Lewis said okay, support.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JUNE 19, 2019  
WITH THE FOLLOWING REVISION TO III A.2. AND III A.3,  
ALSO X C, APPROVE SHORELINE FUNDING FROM CLOSED  
INTO OPEN UNDER D, NEW BUSINESS; by Lonn; supported by  
Lewis.**

Acting Recorder Lonn said she is going to need a second on that.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn if she would; to do a roll call please.

**Roll Call #1**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said eight in favor, one absent.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said ah, he forgot to ask if anybody was going to abstain. Di Piazza said his apologies.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes    ☐ 6/5/19    ☐ 6/12/19**

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Sandy Lewis.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
FOR 6/5/19 AND 6/12/19 TO BE MOVED FOR FILING;** by Lewis;  
supported by Lonn.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any discussion on the minutes. Di Piazza asked is anyone going to abstain. Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn to do a roll call on the minutes please.

**Roll Call #2**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said eight in favor, one absent.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Acting Recorder Lonn.

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

**1. Approval to Submit an Application to participate in the  
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) with the  
U.S. Department of Agriculture**

The Natural Resource Department would like to submit this application to apply for funding from the USDA to conduct invasive species removal and reforestation activities on the 80 acres at the Custer Parcel.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he believed Bob Sanders is here to represent that.

Robert Sanders, Senior Wildlife Biologist from the Natural Resource Department, represented this agenda item. Sanders said yep, good morning. Sanders said this is an application to apply for funding to the U.S. Department of Agricultural Natural Resource Conservation Service and it due to invasive species removal work on the new 80-acre parcel and this is just an application. Sanders said if it is approved at that time, the District Conversation employee and himself will work to come up with a prescription on how to get it done. Sanders said then they will take it back in front of Council to get approval for that.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any..... Di Piazza recognized Dave Corey.

Councilor Corey asked Robert Sanders if he could just explain what....what type of work they are applying to get done when they.....he knows the end product he guessed for everybody watching today.

Robert Sanders said yeah sure. Sanders said so the parcel that they are talking about, he is guessing around 40.....35-40 years ago, was planted as a Christmas Tree Farm, and the trees were never harvested and just left to grow. Sanders said they are all Scotch Pine and there is a lot of Honeysuckle in the understory which are two non-native invasive species. Sanders said so this grant application would....would remove those species. Sanders said they get X amount of dollars through the NRCS Program to do that and then they get X amount of dollars to reforest it with different tree species and native grasses. Sanders said so that is essentially what they would be doing.

Councilor Corey thanked Robert Sanders.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any further questions. Di Piazza asked is there any discussion on the item. Di Piazza asked is anybody going to abstain.

Councilor Corey said they didn't.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said they need a motion on the item.

Councilor Corey said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0619-164;  
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO APPLY FOR FUNDING  
THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES  
PROGRAM (EQIP); by Corey; supported by Lewis.**

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any further discussion. Di Piazza said okay and thanked Grace Hendler.

Councilor Corey said they are not talking loud enough.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yeah, they are going to have to speak a little louder. Di Piazza said they have some technical difficulties with their recording device lately and they are using an external recording.....recorder just in case the machine doesn't catch the actual voice recordings. Di Piazza said please everybody speak up as loud as possible. Di Piazza said anyways that being said. Di Piazza asked is there any further discussion on the item. Di Piazza asked is anyone going to abstain. Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn to do a roll call please.

**Roll Call #3**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said eight in favor, one absent. Lonn said it is Resolution #19-0619-164 approved.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Acting Recorder Lonn. Di Piazza said yeah, Ron Pete is out this week and he will be back Monday so.

**2. Approval of Grant Application Request for Indian Health Services (IHS) Small Ambulatory Program (SAP) to establish a Dental Clinic & Pharmacy-Medical Clinic**  
There are no matching dollar requirements.

Lyle Dorr, from the Grants Department and Daryl Wever, from the Health Clinic, represented this agenda item.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he believed Lyle Dorr and Dr. Wever are here to represent these two items, two and three both. Di Piazza said good morning.

Lyle Dorr said good morning.

Acting Recorder Lonn said good morning.

Lyle Dorr said the first grant opportunity, both of them are pretty unique, and good opportunities as far as funding goes. Dorr said the first one is an Indian Health Services Grant for expansion of Medical Health Services and they are looking to.....it is a \$2 million grant that is available to them. Dorr said they are looking to put a Clinic and Pharmacy down in Muskegon and they are looking into Dental at this location here.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked are there any questions. Di Piazza recognized Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, according to this on here it says permission to apply IHS for Small Ambulatory Program SAP funding to establish a Dental Clinic in Muskegon and Pharmacy. Wittenberg said there are no matching dollars but he knows when they were talking about that was in the air because they didn't want to mislead the people. Wittenberg said there were certain things they wanted to do first so can they clarify that.

Lyle Dorr said yeah. Dorr said sort of discussions over the last couple of times that they met he has been able to make adjustments. Dorr said there are no matching dollars required for the grant but he has come up.....because of their discussions especially with the clinic to BIA Roads Funds and some others so in the grant he is counting those as matching dollars and so they should get credit for that which is good. Dorr said it will help them get more points toward the grant.

Dorr said also the property for the building that they would have is another piece that would be matching they already own that. Dorrr said Steve Parsons helped him get some numbers for that.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Ron Wittenberg again.

Councilor Wittenberg asked Lyle Dorrr if he was talking about the building down there or getting it. Wittenberg asked or are they talking about.....

Lyle Dorrr said the potential for a building here, the Dental, correct. Dorrr said it depends on which direction they go but if they go they know he can count that towards right now so he did.

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum. Wittenberg said it was just that when he was looking at it there was nothing said about here so that is the part that he was inquiring about.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he shared a little bit of information last night.....

Councilor Wittenberg said oh, in Manistee.....okay she just brought it to his attention.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said they were thinking of building the dentistry and maybe eyeglass on the property here. Di Piazza said where he doesn't know.

Daryl Wever said correct, correct, yeah correct sorry and introduced himself. Wever said yeah that is the intention is a \$2 million grant and he spoke with Indian Health Services yesterday at a conference with Chris Pools, Brian Crump, Jason and there was another gentleman. Wever said these funds can be utilized in any location; it is a Health Service Project that is occurring. Wever said the plan is, hopefully, after speaking with a few individuals yesterday they have the dental in the Health Center down here but that section was never.....there is no plumbing and it was just raw foundation down there. Wever said they spoke with George Le Vasseur and they went to the blueprints and so the \$2 million would be distributed between a Dental Facility here and they are looking at the property here. Wever said they can utilize it out in this direction over here so it is a 2,000 square foot Dental Building. Wever said a Contractor has already been contracted and it roughly is half a million to construct the building brand new, \$80 to oversee it and with the equipment is all set. Wever said so the equipment is already around \$300-400,000 so that building here, the Dental Facility is for Mus....Manistee. Wever said this really should be the Health Sub.....Hub here. Wever said in his mind he feels like they should have a Dental Building, Vision Center and they can also have like Physical Therapy, Chiropractic, and Massage Therapy in a building. Wever reiterated this really should be the hub so to keep the Manistee and Muskegon to service, they know, branch out. Wever said the location in Muskegon is kind of ideal because it is right across from



Tribal.....hopefully where the casino will go in so it will have a Clinic, Pharmacy and the Providers will go back and forth that are here. Wever said the Pharmacist will go back and forth so that they have the staffing and for that currently. Wever said so yes it is a \$2 million in the Manistee location would be the Dental Building that would be freestanding then the Clinic and Pharmacy in Muskegon to utilize and kind of basically, really the Pharmacy is crucial down there for the members because there is a good 648 in Muskegon. Wever said there is 240 some in Kent County so it is a heavily populated area of Tribal members so that is what this grant would utilize that \$2 million is to have the Dental Building here and also a Clinic in Muskegon.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, other than the title can they show him the resolution where it says anything about building anything in Muskegon because he is looking at the RESOLVE and the WHEREAS and it is only mentioning a Dental Clinic. Crampton said it doesn't say anything about Muskegon, it does in the title, but it is crossed off on the resolution he has to establish a Dental Clinic in Muskegon. Crampton said the FINAL RESOLVE to establish a Dental Clinic and services for Tribal members throughout their service area. Crampton said he doesn't see anything about Muskegon other than the title that was crossed off.

Lyle Dorr said from what he understands he believe this is permission to apply for the grant. Dorr said in the application what they describe is what they are going....what their.....at this point based on discussions the direction they are going with it so he doesn't know in relationship to.....in the RESOLVE if it does need to be specifically mentioned that way. Dorr said it is in the title of it if they need to adjust it somehow he doesn't know if it can be done right now.

Councilor Crampton said they are aware.....he thinks more of the point is they are aware of the confusion that was done. Crampton said the membership kind of got between Council and Council not really knowing what was going on and they talked about that.

Lyle Dorr said right.

Councilor Crampton said so he wants to try and get this as clear to the membership as possible and when he is reading this RESOLVE he doesn't see anything like he said at the FINAL RESOLVE anything of a Muskegon Building.

Lyle Dorr said he guessed it would be up to Council in the direction he doesn't know if it can be amended at this point or added into the final one but the grant is due next Friday. Dorr said it is potential at Council's Meeting next week that it could be postponed and voted on at that time with a change to it.

Councilor Crampton said he is not asking for a change or anything he just wanted to clarify to the membership that when the title says something than the actual RESOLVE at the end says.

Lyle Dorr said sure, okay.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any more questions. Di Piazza said the one RESOLVE has been revised establishing a Dental Clinic in Manistee and a Pharmacy/Medical Clinic in Muskegon to better serve Tribal members.

Councilor Crampton said yeah it is in the title but when....the FINAL RESOLVE tells them what they are going to do.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he believed the intent was to.....

Lyle Dorr said this is the one they are looking at electronically right now.

Councilor Crampton said okay that is better. Crampton said this is the revised one that he has obviously it is not updated..... Crampton apologized to Lyle Dorr.

Lyle Dorr said no that is no problem he gets it.

Councilor Crampton said no that is perfect, that's perfect.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Shannon Crampton if he was all set.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, that is perfect. Crampton said no if it says it right there and he is good with it.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said well if there is no further questions and he forgot to read the title at the beginning. Di Piazza read the Approval of Grant Application Request for Indian Health Service (IHS) Small Ambulatory Program (SAP) to establish a Dental Clinic and Pharmacy/Medical Clinic. Di Piazza said anyways if there is no further questions would somebody like to make a motion.

Councilor Corey said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0619-165;  
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION  
TO THE FY2019 TRIBAL INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES (IHS)  
SMALL AMBULATORY PROGRAM (SAP) TO FUND A DENTAL  
CLINIC IN MANISTEE AND PHARMACY/MEDICAL CLINIC IN  
MUSKEGON; by Corey, supported by Lonn.**

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

**Roll Call #4**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said eight in favor, one absent Resolution #19-0619-165 has been approved.

Daryl Wever thanked them.

**3. Approval of Grant Application Request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds to create additional affordable housing at Aki**

There are no matching dollar requirements.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said to Lyle Dorr that he had the floor.

Lyle Dorr, from the Grants Department, represented this agenda item. Dorr thanked them. Dorr said this is another unique opportunity that has come about. Dorr said they have been waiting for this for over a year. Dorr said they heard news that it might be coming and it has finally arrived. Dorr said it is a grant from Indian Housing Block Grant and it is for \$2-2.5 million available to them. Dorr said they have been having the discussions with Council as far as the type of housing whether it is going to be additional apartments or going to be housing. Dorr said he knows they are going forward with that to look at direction they are going to go. Dorr said this grant is due August 8<sup>th</sup> and so he is working with Michelle Pepera on the figures for that and other parties with everything else. Dorr said as soon as this current grant they just finished here talking about is complete then he can jump in after the Housing Grant focusing on that. Dorr asked questions.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked does anybody have any questions or any discussion. Di Piazza said with that being said. Di Piazza asked would somebody like to make a motion on that item. Di Piazza recognized Sandy Lewis.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-0619-166;  
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION  
TO THE FY2019 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT (HUD) INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT**

**(IHBG) TO FUND ADDITIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON TRIBAL PROPERTY AT AKI MAADIZIWIN;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any further discussion or anybody going to abstain. Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn to do a roll call please.

**Roll Call #5**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said eight in favor, one absent, Resolution #19-0619-166 has been approved.

Lyle Dorr thanked them.

**B. Budget Modifications**

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development-2019 Indian Housing Block Grant and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-\_\_ in the amount of \$323,446**  
The Tribe has received a grant.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he believed Bill Willis is here to represent that. Di Piazza said to Bill Willis that he had the floor.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning and thanked them. Willis said he first wanted to apologize for not being in attendance at Agenda Review he had a prior commitment in Tribal Court for a housing related matter. Willis said this is the annual Block Grant that the Tribe.....that the Tribe's Housing Department receives which is a result of an Indian Housing Plan again submitted annually. Willis said they originally requested around \$265,000 but as they can see, they were awarded a little more than that which is always a good thing so. Willis said about 38% of this is dedicated towards staffing needs of the department. Willis said the rest is, they know, identified in the Housing Plan some of which is to replace the decks, the aged decks on the Elders Homes, the 12 original Elder Homes and there is also some money in there to install cameras at the entrance of Housing, at the pavilion and he thinks there is a couple of others places. Willis said so to make a long story short they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Acting Recorder Lonn said she has a question.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Diane Lonn.

Acting Recorder Lonn asked Bill Willis is those decks going to be wood again. Bill Willis said no he thinks they are looking at a composite type thing that is really low maintenance and lasts quite a bit longer than the traditional lumber and \_\_\_\_.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Dave Corey.

Councilor Corey asked did them guys consider just pouring concrete patios.

Bill Willis said to Dave Corey nothings.....nothings been finalized yet but they could definitely look at that. Willis said they do want something that is obviously, they know, low maintenance and will last quite a bit longer than the current decks so.....

Councilor Corey said well when they did.....

Bill Willis said.....if he has some recommendations.

Councilor Corey said when they started doing the.....when they started spending down all the back Housing Stock Reserve, that was Muschigon days, they went with concrete patios and decks on everything that they produced so that they didn't have to do this.....

Bill Willis said okay.

Councilor Corey said....in the future.

Bill Willis said yeah, he would be willing to sit down with him and look at his recommendations, definitely.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked any further questions. Di Piazza said hold on he lost his....spreadsheet here. Di Piazza said if there are no further questions. Di Piazza asked is anybody going to.....they actually need..... Di Piazza asked would anybody like to make a motion on this item.

Councilor Corey said sure he will. Corey asked do they like the number read first then....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said usually.

Councilor Corey said all right.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said they usually do the number first.

Councilor Corey said the Gaming Commission is backwards so.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no that is fine. Di Piazza said whatever is comfortable.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0619-167;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT-  
2019 INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT AND APPROVING A  
MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-35 IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$323,446; by Corey; supported by Wittenberg.**

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is anybody going to abstain off of this. Di Piazza asked is there any further discussion. Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #6**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said eight in favor, one absent, Resolution #19-0619-167 has passed.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Bill Willis.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

**1. Approval for Councilor Wittenberg to attend the Region 5  
Strategic Planning Summit on July 9-11, 2019 in Minneapolis,  
Minnesota**

The Tribal Wellness Training will take place at the Radisson Blu Mall of America in Bloomington, MN.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, this is concerning Tribal.....the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Training in technical assistance with the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council. Wittenberg said it is concerning the misuse of Opioids, Methamphetamines, alcohol, and the different challenges that follow these unhealthy behaviors. Wittenberg said they have Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota all coming to this gathering. Wittenberg said it also through this that

the Tribe will pay his way but they get reimbursed so that makes it pretty nice where it is not coming out of Tribal Funding so. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there.... Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to say that originally he was sent this e-mail from Associate Tyler La Plaunt and what he was doing was he was trying to grab a consensus from all the Tribes in the Bemidji area to go forward with the Strategic Planning and they noticed that Little River wasn't represented so he sent him the e-mail and Councilor Wittenberg has been their Point Man for the Opioids so he forwarded it to him. Crampton said he is correct the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council will reimburse up to three people and it doesn't have to be an Elected Official anybody from the area.

Councilor Corey said so there is two more openings, huh.

Councilor Crampton said yes, there is two more openings.

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum.

Councilor Crampton said they will reimburse them for the costs.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said okay. Di Piazza said with that being said.

*Tribal Council Members were talking all at once and their conversation was not picked up on the tape recording clearly.*

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said it is just a motion.

Acting Recorder Lonn agreed that it was just a motion.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked can he get a motion on this item.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

Councilor Crampton said go ahead.

**MOTION TO APPROVE COUNCILOR WITTENBERG TO  
ATTEND THE REGION 5 STRATEGIC PLANNING SUMMIT ON  
JULY 9-11; by Guenthardt; supported by Crampton.**

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any further discussion or is anybody going to abstain. Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn to do a roll call please.

### Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said eight in favor, one absent, motion passed. Lonn said motion was approved for Councilor Wittenberg to attend the Region 5 Strategic Planning Summit on July 9-11, 2019 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Acting Recorder Lonn.

#### IV. Acceptance of Reports

##### A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

1. Operations Report ☐ May 2019
2. Financial Report ☐ None Submitted

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said it looks like the Operations Report is in for May 2019. Di Piazza said the Financial Report is none submitted right this minute.

#### V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

- A. Binojeeuk Commission ☐ May 2019
- B. Enrollment Commission ☐ None Submitted
- C. Gaming Commission ☐ May 2019
- D. Health Commission ☐ None Submitted
- E. Natural Resource Commission ☐ May 2019

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said the Binojeeuk is submitted, Enrollment there is none submitted, Gaming is submitted, Health Commission none submitted and Natural Resources is getting caught up.

#### VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

- A. Elders Committee Minutes ☐ May 2019
- B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report ☐ May 2019

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said Elder Committee Minutes for May 2019 and the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report have been turned in. Di Piazza said reports will be filed and there is no action on them items. Di Piazza asked any questions on them at all.

#### VII. Old Business

Reports that are due: April 2019

Reports received:



- A. **Financial Report**  
**March-April 2019** ☐ **None Submitted**
- B. **Natural Resource Commission** ☐ **January 2019**

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said the Financial Report for March and April and Natural Resources January 19 he thought it was caught up but eventually they are getting closer. Di Piazza said with that being said they will move on.

### **VIII. New Business**

- A. **Amending the Shoreline Project Task Force Members**  
After the 2019 Election a Tribal Council Member needs to be appointed to the Shoreline Project Task Force.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza explained this will be appointing Sandy Lewis to the Task Force. Di Piazza asked would somebody like to make that motion. Di Piazza said it is a resolution also.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make one.

Acting Recorder Lonn said Tom Guenthardt.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said pardon. Di Piazza said oh, Tom Guenthardt.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0619-168;  
AMENDING THE SHORELINE TASK FORCE MEMBERS;** by  
Guenthardt; supported by Corey.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there discussion on this item. Di Piazza said no discussion. Di Piazza asked is anybody going to abstain.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, he is going to abstain.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said okay. Di Piazza said with that being said and asked Acting Recorder Lonn to do a roll call.

#### **Roll Call #8**

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said seven in favor, one abstained, and one absent, Resolution #19-0619-168 has passed.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Acting Recorder Lonn.

**B. Drawing of Names for Elected Officials Ethics Board**

Tribal Council approved the Elected Officials Ethics Ordinance #14-100-01 creating the Ethics Board to hold hearings on allegations or unethical conduct by Elected Officials to develop and recommend further regulations deemed necessary to meet the purposes of this ordinance.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said if only Kathleen Bowers is here.

Acting Recorder Lonn drew the names for the Board.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Diane Lonn and Kathleen Bowers.

**C. Motion to Post Proposed Amendments to the Children's Protection Code, Ordinance #98-900-01 for a 30-Day Public Comment Period**

Tribal Council was presented with seven proposed amendments including guaranteeing a Right to counsel, amending mandatory reporter requirements, and clarifying jurisdiction. In an effort to get community input, and in order to comply with Administrative Procedures Act, the proposed amendments must be posted for days.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said Shayne Machen is here to represent that.

Shayne Machen, Tribal Prosecutor, represented this agenda item. Machen said it didn't make \_\_\_\_ on Tribal Council. Machen said before them they have a motion to post proposed amendments and there are seven amendments. Machen said they did have a work session about this and Council agreed to move forward to posting the amendments. Machen said if they would like she could just give the gist and summary of what they are.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said if she would, please.

Shayne Machen said sure. Machen said so they are replacing the word ethnic throughout the ordinance with the word Tribal which is how members of the Tribe have historically referred to themselves. Machen said they are creating a one judge philosophy which means that families won't have to go to multiple judges to deal with the same issues they can just go to one. Machen said they are extending the jurisdiction to take full jurisdiction of what Federal Law allows. Machen said they are guaranteeing every parent to spacing of Neglect and Abuse Cases and the right to an attorney regardless of whether they are native or non-native. Machen said they are removing the Tribal Protection Team and assigning its responsibilities to the MDT Team which already does similar responsibilities. Machen said they are changing the definition of a Mandatory Reporter and they are clarifying the Adoption Jurisdiction the Tribe has. Machen said there was a typographical error that existed is now being clarified.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any further questions. Di Piazza said with that being said he is looking for a motion.

Councilor Corey said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO POST PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
CHILDREN'S PROTECTION CODE, ORDINANCE #98-900-01  
FOR THE 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD;** by Corey;  
supported by Lewis.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any further discussion or anybody going to abstain. Di Piazza said with that being said and asked Acting Recorder Lonn will she do a roll call please.

**Roll Call #9**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said eight in favor, one absent. Lonn asked was that a resolution.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no, that was just a motion.

Acting Recorder Lonn said motion passed.

**D. Approve Shoreline Funding**

The Shoreline Task Force is requesting additional funding for Contract with AES. The payment will be paid out of the Budgeted Accounts assigned to the Shoreline Task Force.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza explained they had moved the Shoreline Funding from Closed Session X B.c. to New Business D. for Open. Di Piazza said the money has already been put in the Budget for this and this is just moving the additional money to take care of some outstanding bills from his understanding. Di Piazza asked is there any questions.

Acting Recorder Lonn asked do they make just an approval.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no, that is a resolution number, 169.

Acting Recorder Lonn said she didn't have anything.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said 169 and that is a resolution.

Acting Recorder Lonn said just a minute there is not on there so she is just going to write it.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said there are extra sheets in back.

Councilor Lewis said there is no extra. Lewis said so it is easier to do it before and she can just put it here.

Acting Recorder Lonn said okay.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said if there is no discussion he is looking for a motion.

Councilor Corey said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0619-169;  
APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL \$200,000 FOR ANALYTICAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; by Corey; supported by Guenthardt.**

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any further discussion or is anybody going to abstain. Di Piazza said seeing none. Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn to do a roll call please.

**Roll Call #10**

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said six in favor, two against, and one absent. Lonn said motion passed for Resolution #19-0619-169.

**IX. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, June 26, 2019**

**B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Ogema Romanelli thanked them very much. Romanelli said just to update everybody they did receive word that they have a \$700,000 grant that was received. Romanelli said this is for the Food Commodities area where they are trying to expand the building and expand the services. Romanelli said he wanted to thank Ken La Haye but he wanted to thank Lyle Dorr their Grants person, Grants Director for the work he has done on this. Romanelli said they said they did an excellent job putting it together so. Romanelli thanked Lyle Dorr and thanks to Food Commodities. Romanelli said he thinks this is good. Romanelli

said the expansion that they are doing now are excellent so good job. Romanelli said he also wants to thank Brad Pringle, as they know they had an audit of the Next Generation Learning Center and in their first Round Table Meeting, their first real Round Table Meeting with Council and Ogema, they discussed it and he thinks he did a good job putting it together. Romanelli said he appreciates Jason Cross also coming to explain the situation and some of the numbers that came out of the audit. Romanelli said so he appreciates both of them bringing that forward and concluding....basically concluding it. Romanelli said there was a little more information than they like to get. Romanelli said they did have their first Round Table Meeting yesterday between Council and Ogema. Romanelli said he thought it went very well. Romanelli said he looks forward to meeting on a weekly basis. Romanelli said Brad Pringle came back in the room so. Romanelli said to Brad Pringle thanks for his work on the audit that he is doing.....did on the Next Generation but also the other work that he is doing. Romanelli said he appreciates his work. Romanelli said what else did they have going. Romanelli said their Muskegon Casino Project and thanked them for the additional money that went into the.....that \$200,000. Romanelli said it is a lot of money and it is a lot of work. Romanelli said they have been on it for ten years plus between buying the land and putting this forward. Romanelli said, as they know their Muskegon Casino Project.....the packet actually went in on.....in 2015 but they all know that it takes a lot of time and a lot of work. Romanelli said other casinos have taken a dozen years or more so they are right in the ball game. Romanelli said there was some recent information he guess that has been going out stating that the Department of Interior has denied their Two-part Determination and that is not correct at all. Romanelli said as a matter of fact they are still looking pretty good all things considered. Romanelli said he doesn't know where the information comes from but it is just incorrect. Romanelli said he thinks people put it out there intentionally at times but the project is very good. Romanelli said he also wants to thank them for putting Sandy Lewis on the Shoreline Committee. Romanelli said he thinks she is going to be a valuable addition. Romanelli said she already is.....she already has been to a few things and been on the committee but he appreciates her being put on. Romanelli said he looks for good things to happen. Romanelli said, as they know they are kind of in the final stretch in his opinion with the Muskegon Casino Project although they bought the land ten years ago, he thinks they are now at a point where within the next couple of years they are going to know if they have it or they don't have it. Romanelli said hopefully it is even sooner than that. Romanelli said they have....it's being looked at by the Department of Interior still. Romanelli said there was an open comment period and that is closed now they are reviewing all the comments that have been received. Romanelli said they expect something hopefully by the end of this year which means it will come back to the State. Romanelli said when it comes back to the State the House Senate and the Governor need to sign off and they expect that to be short order hopefully. Romanelli said they believe they have support on both sides of the aisle. Romanelli said the Governor has not given full support yet they haven't approached her directly but the feeling is that the last two Governors; Governor Granholm was supportive and Democratic

Governor when this started and she showed her support. Romanelli said they had a Republican Governor and Governor Snyder and again he showed his support. Romanelli said again he was not a casino person but he was a jobs person and an economic development person and he could see the benefits of both of those so he could give his support. Romanelli said they see nothing different in Governor Witmer and he thinks she has been pretty reasonable to date. Romanelli said they have had some meetings with her not necessarily on their Muskegon Project directly but other issues and they look for good things to happen there so. Romanelli said the project is in full speed and full speed being at a turtle's pace because of politics and the way governments work but it is actually going very well so. Romanelli said he thinks that gives them the updates they need. Romanelli asked any questions.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked are there any questions at all.

Acting Recorder Lonn said no.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said with that being said they will move on.

*This part was added on after the Ogema's Update because he had forgotten to mention it before and said something under Legislative Affairs Updates.*

Ogema Romanelli said oh, oh.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yes sir.

Ogema Romanelli said he was just reminded if he doesn't mind. Romanelli said during the Round Table yesterday before that the idea was brought up to give recognition to their Tribal Employees and he really appreciated it because this really started with the Tribal Council. Romanelli said he talked with the Leads of the Tribe and himself they all discussed it. Romanelli said the idea was to give July 5<sup>th</sup> off for Employee Recognition and he thinks they have all come to the agreement that should happen. Romanelli said July 4<sup>th</sup> is on a Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> would be Friday and it will give the employees a full four day weekend. Romanelli said he just wanted to say that he appreciates the recognition from Tribal Council. Romanelli said they have a lot of good employees in their Tribe and they work hard and so they have jointly all agreed that that will happen so. Romanelli said he will be sending out notices this afternoon that July 5<sup>th</sup> will be Employee Recognition Day to give at least two week's notice to everybody that this is going to happen so he wanted to thank Council for that as well. Romanelli thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said Miigwech. Di Piazza said with that being said who is having the BBQ at their house on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Acting Recorder Lonn said him.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said ah, bummer.

### **C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked does anybody have anything for that. Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said many times when the Trump Administration is moving a lot of the headlines it tends to boggle people's minds but it is minutia that people should really be paying attention to. Crampton said several western Tribes have agreements with the State to accept nuclear waste on their properties President Trump is actually seeking to redefine high level waste into low level waste. Crampton said so those western Tribes might be in for a little bit more surprise than what they thought.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked any other Legislative Updates. Di Piazza recognized Dave Corey.

Councilor Corey said Line 5 the Enbridge is continuing with a geal technical borings that they were approved for and they are going to be doing that throughout summer up there to get all the engineering data that they wanted. Corey said it is a \$40 million project on a \$700 million project that they have proposed right now so. Corey said it is something to watch.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said Miigwech for keeping up on that. Di Piazza asked any other updates at all. Di Piazza said if there is none they will move on.

### **D. Public Comment Period**

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said is there.....pardon oh, he is sorry. Di Piazza recognized Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said he would like to say Miigwech Larry Romanelli for sharing that with July 5<sup>th</sup>. Wittenberg said he knows that many people here are really.....now they can really plan their weekend....they're four day weekend is awesome so again he wanted to say not only Miigwech but Chi Miigwech.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said anyways public comment. Di Piazza said seeing none they will move 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.***

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said with that being said can he get a motion to close First Open.

**MOTION TO CLOSE FIRST OPEN;** by Corey; supported by Lewis.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn if she would do a roll call please.

Acting Recorder Lonn said yes.

**Roll Call #11**

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

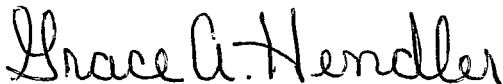
Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

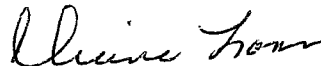
**XI. Open Session**

*Tribal Council did not vote on going back into Second Open Session and that part of the Meeting Minutes is not included here.*

Respectfully Submitted,



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Transcribing Assistant



Diane Lonn,  
Acting Council Recorder